

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 7, 2025 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Still at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting as defined by the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided by:

1. Posting a notice of said meeting in the space provided for such announcements at the Borough Hall on January 21, 2025.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 21, 2025 and emailing a copy to the Star Ledger on January 22, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Eddy, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Nametko, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Still. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Seeing no one stepping forward: A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of August 14, 2025.

1. **Minutes** – July 11, 2024

A Motion was made to approve the minutes by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Ordinance Adoptions** – None presented
3. **Correspondence** – Resignation Letter – Zachary Leader
4. **Old Business** - None presented
5. **New Business** – None presented
6. **Resolution 2025-76-** To Hire Temporary Part Time DPW Laborer

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

7. **Resolution 2025-77-** Amended Resolution Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys to approve this resolution.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

8. **Resolution 2025-78-** Appointing Anthony Coppolella Acting Police Chief and Officer in Charge.

A Motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

9. **Ordinance Introduction** – None presented

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Nametko thanked everyone for their efforts at National Night Out

Councilman Sylvester asked about the status of the meeting for park expansion. Mr. Blakeslee provided an update. Mr. Bucco will be contacted.

Councilman Morton discussed the status of the recreation events; Lanterns Festival, Netcong Day update, tree for tree relighting and s'mores night in the park August 29. Also discussed were the red pavers near the street and maintenance of the sidewalks

MAYORS COMMENTS

National Night Out went well and the mayor thanked many parties for their efforts and he enjoyed the ice cream. He discussed the pipes at the Tony Tanks easement. Mr.

Blakeslee provided some history about the property. Councilman Nametko asked about getting an estimate. Discussion continued regarding this topic among the Council.

PROCLAMATION

None presented

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

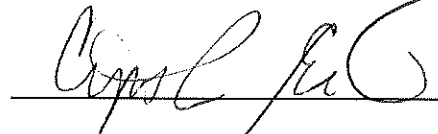
CLOSED SESSION

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys at 7:53 PM.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Eckert', written over a horizontal line.

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION #2025-76

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of
Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The following appointment is hereby made:

William Koster as Temporary Part Time Laborer on call as needed for the
Department of Public Works effective July 21, 2025 at a salary of \$17.00 per
hour, payable semi-monthly.


2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 8/11/25

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the
foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough of
Netcong at a meeting held August 7, 2025


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Amended Resolution Authorizing a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorized the creation of the Trail Construction Grant Program (hereinafter "Program") to provide funding to any of its 39 municipalities for recreational trail construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Program is funded through the Morris County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and requires a 20% match from applicants through a financial contribution or in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong is submitting a grant to the Morris County Trail Planning and Design Grant Program for a project entitled Netcong Greenway Trail Completion.

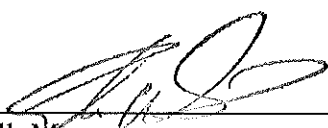
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Trail Construction Grant Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant through Capital Projects Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mayor and governing body of the Borough of Netcong acknowledge the grant program will operate on a reimbursement basis only and agree to provide full advance funding to complete the proposed project.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 8/11/25

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on August 7, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

Resolution #2025-78

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointment is hereby made by Mayor Elmer Still with the Advice and Consent of the Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey:

1. Anthony Coppolella is hereby named "Acting Chief of Police" and "Officer in Charge" of the Netcong Police Department.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately and will end at midnight, December 31, 2025.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 8/11/25

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a meeting held on August 7, 2025

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk