

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 2, 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 Hathaway, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Nametko and Mayor Still. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mrs. Michelle Franchi Ruocco of 39 Main St., is here on behalf of the Ruocco family to thank everyone who helped them with the 83 Main St. issue. They have hired an attorney for this situation. They have "left the door open." Steve Lange is their attorney.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Nametko.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**CFO Presentation on Water/Sewer Rates**

Mr. Gabloff stepped forward to discuss a rate increase for water/sewer. He thanked the Council for their time. He explained that sewer rates have not been increased since their inception in 1997. The utility is in good shape, however increases in services and possible improvements in the system are posing a need for increases in the rates. He stated that

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when updating the ordinance, that the wordage be put in the ordinance to enable the Council to change rates by resolution. He then explained the need for increases in the rates. The debt service is starting to eat into the reserve; therefore, rate increases are needed. They only need to increase the base rate, not the usage rates. Councilman Nametko stated in most other towns rates are increased yearly. He stated PFAS repairs will be coming down the pike that will have a very large cost. He noted that the Council did its best to keep rates at a minimum, but lead line replacements and PFAS costs are causing the increases. Councilman Hathaway asked if we will be looking at these changes every year. Mr. Gabloff stated the Solid waste rates will have to be looked at every year. The Council thanked Mr. Gabloff for his time.

A Motion to prepare an ordinance for these changes was made by Councilman Nametko 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 October 9, 2025.***

- 1. Minutes** – Agenda Meeting – September 4, 2025  
Regular Meeting – September 11, 2025

A Motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the Minutes.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. Ordinance Adoption - Ordinance 2025-8-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 268, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULES, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON KOCLAS DRIVE AND DELL AVENUE

This will be carried to the October 9th meeting.

- 3. Correspondence** - None Presented
- 4. Old Business** – None presented
- 5. New Business-** None presented
- 6. Resolution 2025-91-** Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Samurai Contractors to Rebuild the Roof at Well House #5.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**7. Resolution 2025-92-** Appoint Wayne Anthony as an Alternate Crossing Guard

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**8. Resolution 2025-93-** Authorizing the Refund of Taxes to Lereta, LLC Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-3.32

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

Councilman Nametko asked if Councilman Sylvester will be here next week. He has a comment regarding a vehicle that parked on the opposite side of the street facing the wrong way on the bend of Koclas Dr. He received several complaints about this. He would like someone to let them know they cannot do that. The mayor asked Mr. Coppolella to address this. He stated this was not legal. He will have his guys check on this issue. Councilman Hathaway asked that the DPW put the sign there in the right direction.

Councilman Hathaway reported that a letter was received from Landmark (St. Mikes project) that there may be some inefficiencies with the Mott MacDonald relationship. He stated French and Parillo cannot handle this as there is a conflict. He stated that what was needed was to hire a different engineering company to handle this case. Mr. Blakeslee stated we should make a resolution for this change. He stated we should have a conflict engineer appointed. The mayor asked for a resolution next week to appoint someone. It was suggested VanCleaf be asked to step into this role. Mr. Blakeslee has contacted them.

Councilman Morton wanted to remind everyone the Lantern Festival will take place this Saturday. There are already 300 people signed up. The proceeds will go to the lake board.

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**MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Still is looking forward to the Lantern Festival.

**PROCLAMATION**

None presented

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mr. Wayne Anthony of 24 Dell, requested an update on the Allen St. project (Chetan-Village Place). The planning board secretary has sent all the plans to French and Parello so they can monitor it. Mr. Anthony had several comments on what had been going on there. Mr. Blakeslee explained the original engineer Chetan had hired was fired. He is now handling this himself. Mr. Anthony is concerned about flooding when this area will be paved. He noted water in his basement. He thanked the Council for their time.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Mayor Nametko expressed concern about the tall weeds on the property on the corner of Main St. and Maple Ave.

**CLOSED SESSION**


A Closed Session was not held this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and passed by unanimous voice vote at 8:00PM.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO  
SAMURAI CONTRACTORS TO REBUILD THE ROOF AT WELL HOUSE #5**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Superintendent of Public Works solicited quotes for rebuilding the roof at Well House #5; and

**WHEREAS**, the three (3) quotes were received; and

**WHEREAS**, Samurai Contractors, 69 South Street, Andover New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive quote pursuant to the Borough's specifications for the above-referenced contract; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project was provided for in the 2025 Water Utility capital budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to award the contract to Samurai Contractors in accordance with its August 20, 2025, quote in the amount of \$14,800; and

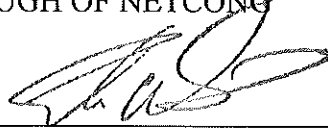
**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Netcong has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, 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. A contract for replacing the roof at #5 well house is awarded to Samurai Contractors, 69 South Street, Andover NJ, 07821 in accordance with its lump sum quote in the amount of \$14,800.00.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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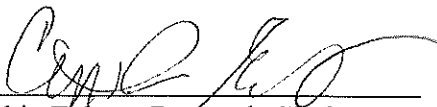
By:

  
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 10/3/25

### 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 October 2, 2025.

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION #2025-92**

**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 be and is hereby made:

Wayne Anthony, as an Alternate Crossing Guard effective, October 6, 2025 at a salary of \$18.31 per hour, payable semi-monthly.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 10/3/25

I, Cynthia L. 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 on October 2, 2025.

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF  
TAXES TO LERETA, LLC, PURSUANT  
TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32**

**WHEREAS**, Vance Reid, 25 Hillside Ave., Netcong, New Jersey, Block 7, Lot 26 on the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Netcong, was certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as 100% disabled as of November 21, 2024 in accordance with the Veterans Affairs Rating Schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, Vance Reid applied on January 17, 2025, for a tax exemption on his home known as Block 7, Lot 26 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, the Governing Body of a municipality, by appropriate Resolution, may return all taxes collected on property which would have been exempt had a proper claim in writing been made therefore; and

**WHEREAS**, Lereta, LLC erroneously paid 2025 third quarter property taxes for Vance Reid. It is recommended that the Borough refund property taxes paid by Lereta, LLC on the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that it is fair and equitable to allow for a refund of taxes to Lereta, LLC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby directed to refund an amount of \$2,741.24 to Lereta, LLC, 901 Corporate Center Dr. Pomona, CA 91768 representing a refund of property taxes paid on property known as Block 7, Lot 26, also known as 25 Hillside Ave., which represents a refund of third quarter 2025 taxes paid.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



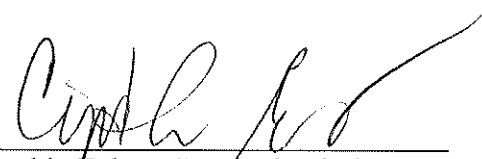
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