

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 9, 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. For the record: Mr. Bucco arrived at 7:35PM.

**Presentation on Health Benefits**

Mr. Dave Vozza stepped forward to give his presentation. Due to the high increase in state health benefits, he has been working with the borough administrator to find better coverage. He explained in detail the NJ employee benefits fund for a savings of over \$80,000.00, saving 9%. He went over the printed presentation. He discussed the coverage that was available. NJHIF (North Jersey Health Insurance Fund) is the fund available to Netcong. He continued by explaining the state benefits that will continue to have large increases in their fund. It is possible to get returns on investment. He also provided information on the fund. The fund is partially self-funded which is cost effective. He discussed the fund functions. There is very little commercial insurance in the function of this fund. If there are claim problems which are rare, they are handled through the fund. Aetna is the insurance that processes the claims. There are wellness programs and other benefits. He asked if the Council had any questions. Councilman Nametko asked if employees would continue to pay a portion of the premiums. The response was "Yes, they will." Mr. Blakeslee commented on the benefits of this fund. He will be reaching out to the fund commissioners to see if we can extend our time to sign up for several months to be sure this is good for all employees. Mr. Gabloff, CFO stated this is a no brainer from

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a budget standpoint. He is concerned about the time frame of the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. He would like a side-by-side explanation for the employees to see. He stated the borough and employees would benefit from this plan. The greatest concern is the time frame. There was discussion on the time frame. Mr. Blakeslee and Mr. Gabloff know many of the fund commissioners and would like to contact them before a decision is made. Councilman Hathaway asked about the dividend history which is 5% over the time of the fund. Councilman Hathaway asked for a gross cost of the state fund as opposed to the NJHIF. Mr. Vozza provided the numbers. Mr. Gabloff needs to look carefully at the numbers to have accurate comparisons. Councilman Hathaway stated there are always additional costs to a new system. He wants to be sure the savings are significant. Mr. Vozza also stated one must look at what is coming down the pike in the future. The mayor asked what the loss will be if we hold off a month or two instead of the first of the new year. Mr. Blakeslee stated we have reached out to current towns using this plan to see what their experience is. Councilman Hathaway stated if we choose this plan we should have a special meeting to get this done. Councilman Nametko asked how many towns are in the HIF. There are many. Mr. Vozza gave details on some of the towns that are using the health coverage and how long they have been in the fund. Councilman Nametko asked about the financial health of the fund. Councilman Hathaway asked if this is mutual based on consumption. Mr. Vozza stated "yes" on consumption. There are no preexisting condition clauses. Employees will be given information so they can check for their doctor's participation. A special meeting would have to be held on or before October 30<sup>th</sup> to meet the 60-day deadline. Mr. Blakeslee will get due diligence done as soon as possible. Mr. Vozza thanked the Council for their time. It was noted that Mr. Vozza put considerable time into getting this set up.

**Jason Gabloff – CFO- Best Practices**

Mr. Gabloff stepped forward to give a report on best practices. He explained the best practices check list. If you score properly, state aid will continue. He stated we are above the required points needed. We are in compliance with best practices. This has been in place for the last 10 years. There were no questions from the Council. Mr. Blakeslee stated Mr. Gabloff has been working hard on the health benefits.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None presented.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mr. Joe Amendola, from the Assumption Society is here to discuss a situation on the Assumption property regarding storm water management. He is concerned that the borough storm water pipes are dumping water on the Assumption property. He wants this to be on the record that water needs to get to the lake which is not happening. He feels the property owner should not be responsible for water that is generated from another property. He feels this system problem should not be the responsibility of the Assumption. He provided information of where the problem is taking place. He wants the borough to

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fix this problem. He offered ideas of how to solve the issue. He stated there have been two concrete slabs used to cap this hole. Councilman Hathaway stated this is not an unfamiliar topic. Mr. Amendola wants to be clear this is not a problem for the Assumption. Councilman Hathaway stated it is the opinion that this should be maintained by the borough. They will need an easement to accomplish this. There was a brief discussion on this subject. The mayor stated the borough will take care of this once the easements are done. Mr. Amendola had several suggestions on how to alleviate the problem. Mr. Blakeslee stated this is a high priority so this will not continue to happen. Mr. Amendola thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

1. **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**

A Motion to Read Ordinance 2025-8 - by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2025-8 was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Laureys.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None presented.

**BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Blakelsee stated he attended the Lantern Festival; it was one of the best events he has attended.

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**Rental Registration Report 10/2/25**

**September 2025 Report**

157 rental inspections completed during the month.

8 COH resale inspections completed

14 COH tenant change inspections completed

**Year-to-Date Report**

495 rental units issued (260 of these are apartment complex units issued)

495 rental units in-progress\* (460 of these are Netcong Heights and they are currently being inspected)

6 units not responded yet (0 of these are apartment complex units)

996 rental units total (720 apartment complex units)

\*in-progress means one of these statuses: paid, scheduled inspection, failed inspection, getting missing information, under construction.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                      J. Nametko                      J. Sylvester

Councilman Nametko read his reports. He stated the mayor has been wanting to change the insurance for some time. Hopefully this will happen now. The borough is in good fiscal shape at this time.

For the month of September 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$628,917.77 as compared to \$609,488.69 in 2024.

For the month of September 2025:

**Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):**

In 2025 the Borough received \$4,718.50 compared to \$2,066.25 in 2024.

**Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:**

The Borough received \$31,968.46 in 2025 compared to \$45,944.44 in 2024.

**State Aid:**

We received \$119,007.83 both in 2025 and 2024.

**Grants in Aid:**

We received \$800.00 in 2025 and \$1,308.40 in 2024 for Grants in Aid.

**Taxes Collected:**

The Borough collected \$263,547.13 in 2025 compared to \$260,144.69 in 2024.

**Water and Sewer Utility:**

The Borough collected \$352,153.74 in 2025 compared to \$330,601.24 in 2024.

**Solid Waste Utility:**

The Borough collected \$13,216.90 in 2025 compared to \$18,742.76 in 2024.

**Total Current Fund Year to Date:**

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$10,392,483.51 as opposed to \$9,585,538.67 in 2024.

**Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:**

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$1,278,709.57 as opposed to \$1,237,887.91 collected in 2024.

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Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$236,617.90 as opposed to \$211,494.13 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$11,907,810.98 in 2025 compared to \$11,034,920.71 in 2024.

Economic Development:            R. Hathaway            J. Nametko

Councilman Hathaway reported that on this evening's agenda, we have a resolution for a conflict engineer due to the St. Mike's property. It was apparent that our previous engineering relationship was not following up appropriately on this project. Our current engineer French and Parelio have a conflict so we have managed to have Van Cleef engineering. He added that they met with Rock Solid and will be ready to apply for permits this quarter. They will probably not start until next year.

Public Safety:                            J. Sylvester            T. Morton  
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Councilman Morton read the public safety reports as Councilman Sylvester was absent. He gave some details on current safety issues and programs being handled by the police.

Police Report

Selective Enforcement Traffic: 37

Radar: 85

Traffic Enforce/ Stop: 130

Building Property Check: 225

Property Check School Facilities: 34

Assisting other police departments: 19

Administrative Duties: 86

Total Calls: 872

Fire Department

Calls: 15

- General Alarms: 5
- Mutual Aid: 7
- RIC Assignments: 1
- Car Vs. House: 1
- MVA: 1

Total Members: 23

Time Volunteered: 82 Hours 10 Minutes

Drills: 6

- Total Members: 32
- Time Volunteered: 123 Hours

Administrative Details: 4

- Total Members: 50

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- Time Volunteered: 174 Hours 30 Minutes

Monthly Total:

- 50 Members
- Time Volunteered: 379 Hours and 40 Minutes

Fire Prevention

Total Inspections: 21

Total Violations: 26

Permits Issued: 8

Penalty Money Collected: \$1,000

Fire Dept. Follow up: 1

Bureau Monthly Hours: 33

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

M. Eddy

R. Hathaway

Road Department:

2men 40 hours grass collection, 2 men 40 hours brush collection, took down American flags from Main St and Maple Ave, Clean and organize DPW buildings, 1 man 16 hours filling flower pots, Repaired 9 catch basins. Dug and installed electric conduit for shed at Firehouse 1, Removed items off DPW property for Revax to pave, made temp repair to sidewalk Dell Ave from 18-wheeler accident, Top soiled and seeded Fred Obrien's yard (area affected from project), Town wide pot hole repair. Picked up all 65-gallon trash cans from Mt. Olive, Painted No parking areas Prospect St. and Dell Ave. Painted Parking lines at parks and Borough Hall.

Water Department:

Mark outs, shut off water for 4 properties for plumbing repairs.

Sewer Department:

Inspected man holes on Railroad Ave due to odor complaint.

Buildings and Grounds:

Mowed all properties every other week. Prepped Arbolino Park for Netcong Day and Lantern Festival.

Parks and Recreations:

cleaned and stocked bathrooms weekly.

Recycling:

empty recycling containers at parks and Boro Hall every Thursday, clean and crush recycling center weekly.

Other:

Had JIF inspection of DPW and recycling center.

We pumped 832 800 gallons more in 2025 than in 2024.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

None presented.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The Council President stated that many years ago, there was an environmental commission. These did not draw a lot of residents. He was impressed with the amount of people that came to the Lantern Festival. This event brought many out-of-town people. He stated next year we should have our local businesses participate.

Councilman Laureys wanted to congratulate the recreation commission on the great success of the Lantern Festival event. It was a great event. He is looking forward to it next year. He notices many out of town people in attendance.

Councilman Hathway stated he would like to echo the success of this event. He thanked Jennifer Meehan and Cindy Eckert for their contribution to this event as well as the police, DPW and volunteers and how they made this such a special event. He was impressed with the way it brought the community together. He was impressed with the artwork on these lanterns. It truly was incredible. The next event is the Christmas Parade. The platform for the cut tree has become a problem. This will have to be fabricated. He gave detail on this issue. There will be an additional cost for this. It was determined this is a necessity.

Councilman Eddy stated the recreation department has been knocking it out of the park this year.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

He was very impressed with the Lantern Festival. He thanked all the employees for all the work they did to make this event a success. Everyone had a great time.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2025-94-** A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Modular Bathroom Structure to Be Installed at Drenzo Park Through the Interlocal Purchasing System Contract No. 24020201

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Resolution 2025-95-A** Resolution Authorizing the Update, Adoption and Implementation of The Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual of The Borough of Netcong



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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 3. Resolution 2025-96-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Certapro Painters to Paint the Exterior of the Municipal Building

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 4. Resolution 2025-97-** A Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the "Conflict" Engineer

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

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION**

- 1. ORDINANCE 2025-9-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 247 "STREET OBSTRUCTIONS" AND CHAPTER 225 "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2025-9 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2025-9 on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Laureys.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**BILLS**

Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

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**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

Mrs. Michelle Franchi Ruocco, 39 Main Street, would like to know if cameras can be installed on Main Street at some point. She is concerned about some things she is seeing happening on Main St. There are children riding down Main St. on their electric bikes with no helmets. There are people running over the bump outs. There are people who speed. There are tractor trailers. Mr. Blakeslee stated the prior police chief had looked into this. There were some logistical issues on this.

She had one more question: if a piece of property goes from commercial to residential and privately owned, could it be flipped back to commercial at some time or is it forever residential. Mr. Blakeslee asked for clarification. He stated this would have to be part of the planning board approval process. If one wanted to return it back to commercial, it would have to have another site plan going back to the planning board. Mr. Bucco provided an explanation of the rules and regulations for HOA's. He stated that the individual unit of an HOA cannot just change, it would have to be voted on by the HOA and the site plan would have to be amended. Councilman Hathaway added direction on what a condominium association is and how it operates. She thanked the Council for their time.

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


**CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway second by Councilman Morton and moved by unanimous voice vote at 8:48PM.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**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**

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 268, Vehicles and Traffic, Article VIII Schedules, Section 268-18, Schedule 1 – No Parking, is hereby amended and supplemented by amending the parking restrictions on Koclas Drive and Dell Avenue by deleting the existing restrictions and replacing them with the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Koclas Drive	East and North	From the northerly side of Allen Street to the intersection with Lake Street.
Dell Avenue	North	Between the intersection of Dell Avenue and Lake Street and the intersection of Dell Avenue and Allen Street

**Section 2.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

**Section 3.** All Ordinances of the Borough of Netcong which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.


**Section 4.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

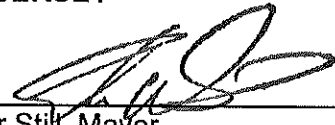
**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, publication and the posting of the appropriate signs as required by law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced in writing at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on the 11 day of September, 2025 introduced and read by title and passed on the first reading and that the said Governing Body will further consider the same for second reading and final passage thereon at a meeting to be held on the 9 day of October, 2025 at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Municipal Building in said Borough, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By:   
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Elmer Still, Mayor

Introduced: 9/11/25  
Adopted: 10/9/25

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MODULAR  
BATHROOM STRUCTURE TO BE INSTALLED AT DIRENZO PARK  
THROUGH THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM CONTRACT NO.  
24020201**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Netcong wishes to purchase a new modular bathroom structure for DiRenzo Park using funds from the 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, said structure can be purchased through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), Contract No. 24020201; and

**WHEREAS**, public bids are not required when the purchase is made through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the contract is \$64,600.00 and the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to authorize the award of the contract for the purchase of said structure.

**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 is hereby awarded to Wilmont Modular Structures, Inc. of 5812 Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162 for the purchase of a new modular bathroom structure for DiRenzo Park in an amount not to exceed \$64,600.00

2. The Contract is awarded in accordance with the unit pricing, terms and conditions contained the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), Contract No. 24020201.

4. Any and all municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever actions may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

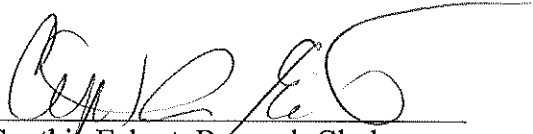
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By:   
Elmer M. Still, Mayor

Dated: 10/10/25

**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 9, 2025.

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UPDATE, ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong wishes to update the Borough's existing Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual to comply with current Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has undertaken the process of updating the Borough's Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual ("Manual"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has provided the Mayor and Borough Council with a copy of the updated Manual containing the revised policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council have reviewed the revised policies and wish to update the existing Manual.

**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 revisions to the policies in the updated Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual are hereby adopted and shall replace and supersede any prior existing policies which may be inconsistent with same; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to implement said policies as the official Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Borough and to provide copies of the updated Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual to the Borough Clerk for distribution to all permanent full and part time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the updated Personnel and Procedures Manual shall take effect immediately.

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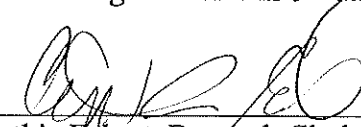
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Dated: 10/10/25

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Dated:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO CERTAPRO PAINTERS TO PAINT THE EXTERIOR OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to have the exterior of the municipal building at 23 Maple Avenue be painted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Superintendent solicited quotes from various paint contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, CertaPro Painters at 45 South Park Place, Morristown New Jersey provide the lowest quote; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project will be provided for from the 2025 Capital Budget; and

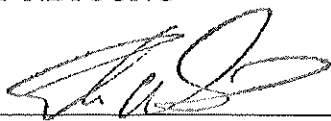
**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to award the contract to CertaPro Painters in accordance with their July 17, 2025, quote in the amount of \$10,317.53; and

**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 the painting of the exterior of the municipal building be awarded to CertaPro Painters of 45 South Park Place, Morristown New Jersey in accordance with its lump sum quote in the amount of 10,317.53.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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By:   
Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 10/10/25



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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE "CONFLICT" ENGINEER**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Netcong has a need to obtain the services of a "Conflict" Engineer to handle matters when the current Borough Engineer has a professional conflict and has determined to award the contract as a professional service without obtaining competitive bids or quotations pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined and certified in writing that the value of the service will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Vreeland, PE, PP, CME, of Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC, has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the services of "Conflict" Engineer at an hourly rate of \$160.00 per hour for services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Vreeland, PE, PP, CME has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that he has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Netcong for the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit him from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this contract.


**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 Borough of Netcong hereby appoints Mike Vreeland, PE, PP, CME as "Conflict" Engineer and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a contract with Mr. Vreeland in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value associated with this contract be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the legal newspaper of the Borough of Netcong as required by law.

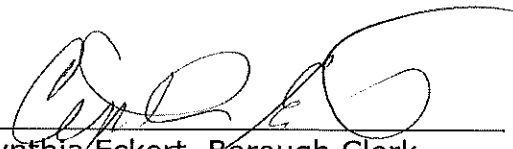
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