

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 13, 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, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Still. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PROCLAMATION

**PROCLAMATION HONORING OFFICER ROBERT DIBERNARD
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Officer DiBernard began his distinguished service to the Borough of Netcong in **August 1980**, when he was appointed as a **Class II Special Police Officer**; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Officer DiBernard demonstrated unwavering commitment, professionalism, and integrity in the performance of his duties, faithfully serving the residents and visitors of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Officer DiBernard was recognized with a **commendation for 200 plus hours of unpaid volunteer service**, exemplifying his dedication and selfless contribution to the safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Officer DiBernard participated in numerous town events, including the **St. Cesario Festival** and the **Feast of the Assumption**, ensuring that these cherished community traditions were celebrated safely and enjoyed by all; and

WHEREAS, in **2010**, Officer DiBernard continued his commitment to public service by becoming a **Class I Police Officer**, further serving the Borough of Netcong as an **Alternate School Crossing Guard**, protecting the children and families of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the **Mayor and Council of the Borough of Netcong**, on behalf of the citizens of this community, do hereby extend their **deepest appreciation and gratitude** to **Officer DiBernard** for his decades of loyal and dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation shall serve as a lasting testament to Officer DiBernard's exemplary commitment to the Borough of Netcong and its residents.

Chief Coppolella said a few words of thanks for his service.

Jeff Colsen, former Police Lt., stepped forward to say a few words about Mr.

DiBernard's service to the borough.

Council President Nametko had a few words for Mr. DiBernard.

The mayor thanked him for his service.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 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 Read Ordinance 2024-9-by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Mr. Wayne Anthony, 24 Dell Ave., would like to know who he should call if he sees his neighbors' blowing leaves into the street. It was noted that Mr. Blakeslee is to be called.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Councilman Nametko had several comments on this issue. He is concerned that some residents do not pick up their leaves at all. He feels this ordinance should include that. Mr. Bucco stated that cannot be done.

Councilman Laureys asked if contractors blow leaves on a neighbor's yard should Ralph be called. The answer was yes. There was further discussion on this issue.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2024-9 was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CORRESPONDENCE

None presented

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Councilman Sylvester thanked Mr. Blakeslee for getting the corner of Maple and Main cleaned up. Now we just get to have Rt. 46 done. Councilman Laureys asked about the bollard that got knocked over. It was reported that the DPW has already repaired it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: J. Nametko J. Sylvester

Councilman Nametko highlighted that the state aid increased this year. He offered details on where the increase in funds came from. \$40,000.00 from Bud to Bloom. PILOT over \$400,000.00. The school received all of their funds. He is meeting with the CFO tomorrow

to discuss creating a fund to pay down debt. He would like the governing body to consider using some of these unanticipated funds to pay off some debt.

For the month of October 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$889,223.39 as compared to \$859,059.63 in 2024.

For the month of October 2025:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2025 the Borough received \$14,369.09 compared to \$6,610.75 in 2024.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$30,616.89 in 2025 compared to \$24,960.89 in 2024.

State Aid:

We received \$90,895.29 in 2025 and \$59,503.91 in 2024.

Grants in Aid:

We received \$731.00 in 2025 and \$18,900.62 in 2024 for Grants in Aid.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$575,507.59 in 2025 compared to \$557,911.87 in 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$52,967.65 in 2025 compared to \$86,963.71 in 2024.

Solid Waste Utility:

The Borough collected \$35,914.20 in 2025 compared to \$21,290.75 in 2024.

Total Current Fund Year to Date:

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$11,192,825.05 as opposed to \$10,336,343.84 in 2024.

Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$1,331,677.22 as opposed to \$1,324,851.62 collected in 2024.

Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$272,532.10 as opposed to \$232,784.88 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$12,797,034.37 in 2025 compared to \$11,893,980.34 in 2024.

Economic Development R. Hathaway J. Nametko

Councilman Hathaway spoke briefly about the PILOT revenues and how they will be increasing over time. He agrees with Councilman Nametko that some of these funds should be used to pay down some of this debt. These decisions were made to ensure a future for Netcong.

Councilman Sylvester asked when the downtown will start. He does not have an update at this time. It should have started by now.

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

Councilman Sylvester read his reports.

Police Report

Total Calls for Service: 1036
Motor Vehicle Check or Stop: 215
Radar Detail: 106
Check property: 245
Administrative: 71
School Crossing Detail: 54

Police Dept. had no shave November and funds collected will be donated to a local family in need.

Mr. Bucco stated he has heard the county has 1.6 million dollars on the agenda to fix the tower/radio issues.

Fire Department

The following is a list of all activities for Netcong Fire Department for October, 2025.

Calls: 12

- General Alarms: 9
- Commercial Structure Fire: 1
- RIC Assignments: 1
- MVA: 1

Total Members: 23

Time Volunteered: 41 Hours and 50 Minutes

Drills: 6

Total Members: 26

Time Volunteered: 141 Hours

Administrative Details: 12

Total Members: 45

Time Volunteered: 282 Hours and 30 Minutes

Monthly Total:

47 Members

Time Volunteered: 465 Hours and 20 Minutes

Fire Prevention

LHU Fire Inspections Performed: 4
NLHU Fire Inspections Performed: 61
Complaint Inspections Performed: 3
LHU Reinspection's Performed: 9
NLHU Reinspection's Performed: 9
Residential Smoke Inspections: 2
Total Inspections: 88
Total Violations Found: 80
Fire Safety Permits Received: 2
Fire Safety Permits Issued: 5
PENALTIES Issued: 1
Penalty Money Issued: \$750
Penalty Money Collected: \$500
Fire Dept. Follow-Ups: 6
Educational Programs: 2
Fire Investigations: 0

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

M. Eddy

R. Hathaway

Road Department:

- Grass collection: 2 employees, 32 hours; Brush collection: 2 employees, 32 hours
- Trimmed roadsides and removed low-hanging brush
- Repaired 7 storm basins
- Cleaned and checked catch basins prior to heavy rain event
- Serviced Police Department vehicles
- Serviced Department of Public Works vehicles
- Repaired eyewash station per JIF inspection
- Dropped off and picked up truck from A&K for repairs
- Began fall catch basin cleaning program
- Performed Main Street clock service
- Removed and cleaned out flower pots around town
- Removed fallen tree and repaired fence at Park & Ride
- Scraped roadsides for leaf collection
- Removed fallen tree from Marc Court
- Completed leaf cleanup behind Police Department

Water Department:

- 1 employee, 16 hours: filled flower pots
- 1 employee, 40 hours: hydrant flushing
- Completed mark outs

- Met with hydrologist regarding new well
- Repaired water leak on Water Street

Buildings and Grounds:

- Disposed of old paint and expired chemicals at hazardous waste facility
- Cut grass at all Borough-owned properties

Other: Removed weed harvester from lake

Recreation: T. Morton T Laureys

Councilman Morton reported that in October the trunk or treat served over 400 hot dogs and 150 pretzels. It was a successful event. He thanked the police and the DPW for their assistance. A Halloween decoration contest was also held.

They are getting ready for the Holiday Parade. Applications are coming in slowly.

Public Services: T. Laureys M. Eddy
Recycling & Solid
Waste Disposal

Dial A Ride Report for October

Days of Service: 21

Miles: 1063

Of Stops: 62

Nutrition: for 1: 12

Food Shopping: 33

of Meals on Wheels: 9

Medical Appointments: 34

Other Appointments: 28

People Using Services: 31

Cancels: 6

Denials: 0

Units: 222

Hours: 89.75

For the month of October, 76.98 tons of garbage were collected. That also included 49 bulk items.

Total income year to date is \$272,532.10 and total expenses year to date are \$198,610.42.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Jose Bailly Firefighter for Fire Co. No.1

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve this appointment.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President wanted to thank everyone who is working on the insurance changes. The FOP has accepted the new plan. The state has forced our hand on this change.

Councilman Laureys noticed that while coming out of Jenny Lind onto Main St., it was hard to see due to the cars parked on the road. He is concerned accidents may happen there. It will be discussed at a public safety meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The mayor thanked Jennifer Meehan for her hard work with the insurance transition.

RESOLUTIONS

None Presented

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Ordinance 2025-10**– AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 276, WATER, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY INCREASING VARIOUS WATER RATES

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2025-10 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2025-10 on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Ordinance 2025-11**- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 238, SEWERS, ARTICLE II, SEWER RENTS OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG", COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2025-11 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2025-11 on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. **Bond Ordinance 2025-12-** BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TITLE AND SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 AND 11 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2024-16) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$786,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED ON MAY 9, 2024.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2025-12 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Councilman Sylvester stated this has to be done due to change orders for work done at the Firehouse. He wants to know what protection the borough has in these types of situations when the borough gets stuck paying for a contractor or professional's mistakes. Councilman Hathaway had commented on this. He feels the change orders were inevitable since the original plans were not accurate. He had commented about the professional that was involved in this project and the problems that occurred because of their lack of proper work. He feels the Council should have changed professionals sooner than now. He is suggesting we do not wait so long to make changes. Mr. Bucco asked if anyone talked to the professional about the inadequacies that were made. Mr. Bucco stated by the time a complaint is filed and the legal process is complete it will cost the borough as much or more as the cost to fix the project. Councilman Hathaway feels at least a letter should be sent to the former engineer. Mr. Bucco stated the borough representatives should bring the former engineer in to explain the deficiencies in these projects and try to come to a solution on this issue. Councilman Hathaway stated the contractors doing the projects could not complete the project due to poor design by the engineer. Mr. Blakeslee suggested he would like to sit down with Mr. Bucco and the current engineer to discuss the deficiencies so Mr. Bucco can get a better understanding of this problem. Councilman Nametko suggested maybe an architect should be designing these projects, not the engineer. Councilman

Sylvester stated there was no walk through done before these projects were bid. The mayor suggested we hire a clerk of the works to prevent this happening in the future. Mr. Blakeslee had commented on this issue. The mayor stated we have not had that many projects like these in the past. Councilman Hathaway stated other towns have check lists for these types of projects. Councilman Hathaway stated some of this issue is on the Council. Things need to change going forward. Mr. Blakeslee stated we are meeting with an architect tomorrow about changes to the Council chambers which have already been budgeted. He gave detail on this potential architect. There was further discussion on this issue. Councilman Nametko stated we may pay more upfront but save in the long run. Mr. Bucco stated this can be done on a case-by-case basis. It is decided this would be a prudent motion. Councilman Hathaway stated we should hire an architect in the beginning of the year as a professional just like the engineer.

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2025-12 on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Eddy.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

REPORTS

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

BILLS

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Councilman Sylvester asked about the acquisition of the Roxbury property. Mr. Bucco asked Mr. Blakeslee to send him the map of this property. The borough wants to annex the property they do not want to purchase. The mayor is concerned this will not go through. Mr. Bucco will contact the commissioner.

CLOSED SESSION

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Sylvester at 8:24PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**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**

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 247 "Street Obstructions", Section 247-23 Prohibited Acts", is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 247-23. Prohibited acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, other than employees and contractors operating under the supervision of the Borough of Netcong:

1. To damage streets by disturbing or tearing up any street surface by locking wheels of any vehicle or attaching a drag or other mechanism to the same or by any other means likely to cause damage to a Borough street.
2. To shovel, blow, plow or otherwise place, or cause to be placed, any snow or ice within the right-of-way of any public thoroughfare, howsoever the same may be designated.
3. To place any earth, dirt, stones, grass cutting, leaves, water or any other material or articles upon any road maintained by the Borough.
4. To obstruct or damage any stormwater apparatus or drain along any Borough road maintained by the Borough by throwing, placing or filling the same with dirt or any materials or otherwise causing the normal flow of waters along this infrastructure to be stopped or diverted from, or caused to overflow, the stormwater collection systems or drains along Borough roads.

Section 2. Chapter 225 "Property Maintenance", Section 225-8 "Exterior Maintenance",

Subsection C, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- C. Sidewalks and driveways. All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair and maintained free from hazardous conditions. All sidewalks and curblines shall be free of grass, weeds or other impediments in or on the abutting sidewalk and gutters.

Section 3. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Section 4. 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.

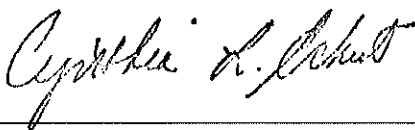
Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. 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 9th day of October, 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 13th day of November, 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:



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

By: _____


Elmer Still, Mayor

Ord. No. 2025- 10

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 276, WATER,
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF
MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY INCREASING VARIOUS WATER RATES**

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 276, Water, Section 276-5, Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§276-5. Rates.

A. Residential water charges.

- (1) Commencing in the first quarter of 2026, for all houses and apartments, the metered rate per quarter shall be \$95.75 for the first 12,000 gallons used and \$5.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 12,000 gallons.
- (2) Commencing in the first quarter of 2027 and thereafter, for all houses and apartments, the metered rate per quarter shall be \$100.75 for the first 12,000 gallons used and \$5.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 12,000 gallons.
- (3) Where more than one dwelling unit is served by one meter, the aforesaid quarterly minimum charges and rates based upon gallons used shall apply to each dwelling unit.

B. Commercial water charges.

- (1) Five-eighths-inch to one-inch line. For all commercial uses supplied by a five-eighths-inch to a one-inch water line, the metered rate per quarter shall be as follows:
 - a. Commencing in the 1st quarter of 2026, \$105.50 for the first 12,000 gallons used and \$5.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 12,000 gallons.
 - b. Commencing in the first quarter of 2027, \$110.75 for the first 12,000 gallons used and \$5.75 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 12,000 gallons

(2) One-and-one-fourth-inch to one-and-one-half-inch line. For all commercial uses supplied by a one-and-one-fourth-inch to a one-and-one-half-inch line, the metered rate per quarter shall be as follows:

- a. Commencing in the first quarter of 2026, \$263.25 for the first 28,000 gallons used and \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 28,000 gallons.
- b. Commencing in the first quarter of 2027, \$276.50 for the first 28,000 gallons used and \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 28,000 gallons.

(3) Two-inch line. For all commercial uses supplied by a two-inch water line, the metered rate per quarter shall be as follows:

- a. Commencing in the first quarter of 2026, \$434.00 for the first 40,000 gallons used and \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 40,000 gallons.
- b. Commencing in the first quarter of 2027, \$455.75 for the first 40,000 gallons used and \$6.00 per each additional 1,000 gallons used in excess of the first 40,000 gallons.

(4) Minimum water charge. Notwithstanding the above, there shall be a minimum charge for all commercial uses, as follows:

Sizes of Line (inches)	Minimum Quarterly Charge		
	2026	2027	
5/8 to 1	\$105.50	\$110.75	
1 ¼ to 1 ½	\$263.25	\$276.50	
2	\$434.00	\$455.75	

C. Fire standby service. For each fire standby service, the quarterly charge per year shall be as follows:

Size of Building in Square Feet	Quarterly Charge		
	2026	2027	
Less than 10,000	\$279.25	\$293.25	
More than 10,000	\$558.25	\$586.25	

D. Additional charges. The hourly rate to be charged for water service repair or maintenance shall be \$75.00 per hour, per employee. "

SECTION 2. Chapter 276, Water, Section 276-8, Meter readings, Paragraph B. is hereby amended to read as follows:

"B. Unscheduled meter readings. At the request of an owner, and upon 48 hours notice, the borough may perform an unscheduled meter reading. There shall be a \$50 charge for any such unscheduled meter reading. If such an owner desires to terminate service as of the date of said unscheduled meter reading, charges shall be prorated in accordance with **§ 276-68.**"

SECTION 3. Chapter 276, Water, Section 276-10, Service connection; fees, Paragraphs A and C are hereby amended to read as follows:

"A. Standard service connection. The tapping of the main shall be done and the corporation stop and the service lines from the main to the curb and the curb stop to the curb box shall be furnished and installed by the Water Department or its agent for a service connection fee of \$2,875 which shall be payable in advance. This charge includes the furnishing and installation of a five-eighths-inch water meter, unmetered water for a reasonable period during construction, an inspection of the customer service line and any road resurfacing required in connection with the tap installation. The owner shall install the line from the curb stop to the structure in accordance with **§ 276-11.**"

"C. Capacity charge in lieu of standard service connection. A capacity charge of \$1,380 shall be paid per each residential unit newly constructed and connected to a water distribution system not presently connected to the municipal system and installed at the developer's sole cost and expense, or to a water supply and distribution system not presently connected to the municipal system and installed at the developer's sole cost and expense."

SECTION 4. Chapter 276, Water, Section 276-16, Fire hydrants, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§276-16. Fire hydrants.

A. No person shall take water from any public fire hydrant, hose plug, street washer or fountain pipe, except for fire-fighting purposes or use by the Fire Department. No public fire hydrant shall be used for sprinkling streets or lawns, flushing sewers or gutters or for any other purpose not connected with the fighting of fire, except with the approval of the Water Superintendent. It shall be

unlawful to cover, hide or obstruct any fire hydrant with shrubs, fences or other objects.

B. Where fire hydrants are located outside of the municipal boundaries and provide service to other jurisdictions, the annual rental fee to be charged to that jurisdiction shall be \$100.00."

SECTION 5. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

SECTION 6. 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 7. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elmer Still, Mayor

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk
Introduced: November 13, 2025
Adopted:

Ordinance 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 238, SEWERS, ARTICLE II, SEWER RENTS OF THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG", COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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 238, Sewers, Article II, Sewer Rents, Quarterly rents; annual charges for schools, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Each and every unit shall be charged the sum of one hundred thirty-seven dollars and 50 cents (\$137.50) per quarter for the collection, disposal and treatment of sanitary sewage starting in 2026 and one hundred forty-four dollars and 50 cents (\$144.50) starting in 2027.
- B. In the event that the water consumed by any commercial, industrial or institutional unit is in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons per quarter, there shall be an additional charge for that unit of seven dollars and sixty-five cents (\$7.65) per thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof consumed in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons per quarter. The excess of water consumed over fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons shall be measured by the reading of water meters.
- C. All schools, both public and private, shall be charged for the collection, disposal and treatment of sanitary sewage the sum of two dollars seventy cents (\$2.70) for each pupil, each member of the faculty and administration and each member of the maintenance custodial staff in said school. This shall be an annual charge."

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: November 13, 2025
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BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The title of Ordinance No. 2024-16 originally entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$786,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 9, 2024 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to increase the total amount appropriated for the ordinance from \$786,000 to \$886,000 (an increase of \$100,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$886,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

Section 2. Section 4 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to: (A) (i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.B. from \$481,000 to \$581,000 (an increase of \$100,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.B. from \$23,475 to \$28,475 (an increase of \$5,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.B. from \$457,525 to \$552,525 (an increase of \$95,000); and (B) (i) increase the aggregate appropriation and estimated cost for Section 4 from \$786,000 to \$886,000 (an increase of \$100,000); (ii) increase the aggregate down payment appropriated for Section 4 from \$38,000 to \$43,000 (an increase of \$5,000); and (iii) increase the aggregate amount of bonds and notes authorized in Section 4 from \$748,000 to \$843,000 (an increase of \$95,000); and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (3) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each

such purpose, and (4) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) various improvements to the restrooms at Fire House No. 1, including ADA improvements; (ii) replacement of the retaining wall at Fire House No. 2; (iii) design and permitting phase for the construction of the Lake Musconetcong Shore Trail; and (iv) various improvements to the DiRenzo Park playground. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$305,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 14,525
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$290,475
Period of Usefulness	15 years

B. Undertaking of the following public improvements: (i) reconstruction of the Department of Public Works/Fire House No. 1 parking lot, including drainage improvements; (ii) installation of a central fire alarm system for Borough buildings and facilities; and (iii) planning and design phase for the Bank Street Municipal Parking Lot Project.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$581,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,475
Bond and Notes Authorized	\$552,525
Period of Usefulness	10 years

Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$886,000
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 43,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes	

Authorized

\$843,000."

Section 3. Section 5 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the estimated amount of statutorily permitted expenses included in the amount appropriated from \$131,250 to \$151,250 (an increase of \$20,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$151,250 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law."

Section 4. Section 6 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the down payment appropriated from \$38,000 to \$43,000 (an increase of \$5,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 6. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$43,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$43,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes."

Section 5. Section 7 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bonds authorized from \$748,000 to \$843,000 (an increase of \$95,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 7. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$843,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted."

Section 6. Section 8 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of bond anticipation notes authorized from \$748,000 to \$843,000 (an increase of \$95,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 8. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$843,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum

first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding."

Section 7. Section 10 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 11.94 years to 11.72 years (a decrease of 0.22 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 10. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of said purposes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 11.72 years computed from the date of said bonds."

Section 8. Section 11 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to increase the amount of gross debt of the Borough shown on the Supplemental Debt Statement filed for the ordinance, as amended, from \$748,000 to \$843,000 (an increase of \$95,000), and shall hereafter read as follows:

"Section 11. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$843,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law."

Section 9. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this amendatory bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

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

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elmer Still, Mayor

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

Introduced: November 13, 2025

Adopted: