

## **RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 8, 2025**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT 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 3, 2025.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 8, 2025 and emailing a copy to the Star Ledger on January 3, 2025.

### **STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION**

### **SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Walter Barbero  
Councilman Thomas Laureys

### **ROLL CALL**

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

### **SELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Council Appointment

Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ Council president

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief Robert Popelka  
Assistant Fire Chief Jeffrey Jozowski

**RESOLUTION 2025-21 TO RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

(Mayor's Recommendation with Advice & Consent of the Council)

Finance & Insurance:                   J. Nametko                   J. Sylvester

Economic Development:               T. Morton                   J. Nametko

Public Safety:  
(Police, Fire, Rescue)               J. Sylvester                   W. Barbero

Dept. of Public  
Works & Utilities:               M. Eddy                   T. Laureys

Recreation:                           W. Barbero                   T. Morton

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

Motion to approve the above listed committee assignments.

**MAYOR APPOINTMENTS** (Requires Advice and Consent of the Council)

Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer: Ralph Blakeslee (1 Year)

Assistant Administrator/Deputy Zoning Officer- Richard Proctor (1 Year)

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer: James Arbolino (1 Year term)

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer: Charles Kranz (1 Year term)

Deputy Borough Clerk: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Tax Collector: None

Sewer Collector: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Sewer Collector: Cynthia Eckert

Water Collector: Ralph Blakeslee

Deputy Water Collector: Cynthia Eckert

Assessment Searcher: Cynthia Eckert

Recycling Coordinator: Joseph Fiorello

Clean Communities Coordinator: Timothy Hess

Fire Official: Mark Sylvester – Cert. #177302 (1 Year term)

Fire Prevention Inspector/Fire Investigator: Michael Pellek – Cert. #101410 (1 Year term)

Fire Prevention Inspector: Kyle Boylan -Cert. #184010 (1 Year term)

Special Police Officer (Class II) None

Police Matron: Shannon Bock

School Crossing Guards: (N.J.S.A.40A40:9-154.1-1 yr. terms)

Renee Anthony  
Irene Lindner  
Ken Post  
Will Stark  
Melissa Sylvester

Alternates:

Wayne Anthony  
Shannon Bock  
Donna Crawn  
Monika Kielblowska

Motion to Approve the Above Listed Appointments.

Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board: None

Board of Health: Olivia Nametko -(3 Year Term Exp. 12/31/28)

Motion to Approve the Above Listed Appointment.

Planning Board: Class 1 – Mayor Elmer Still (1 Year term-No Action Required)

(Mayor Appointments – No Vote Required)

Class 2 – Wayne Anthony (1 Year term)

Class 4- Kelly Stephens (4 Year Term Exp. 12/31/29)

Class 4 –Theresa Vervaet (4 Year Term Exp. 12/31/29)

Alternate #2–Katherine Koeberl Trackim (2 Year Term Exp. 12/31/27)

(Council Appointment)

Class 3 – Joseph Nametko (1 Year term) Council Representative

Motion to approve the Class 3 Appointment.

Recreation Commission: (Mayor Appt.-No vote required)

Recreation: Renee Anthony - (5 Year Term Exp. 12/31/30)

Walter Barbero – Council Liaison (1 Year term) (Council Appointment)

Motion to approve Council Appointment:

### **COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Appointments for 2018:

Todd Morton - (Appointment by Mayor)

Ralph Blakeslee, Alternate - (Appointment by Mayor)

Jack Sylvester - (Appointment by Governing Body)

Motion to approve the above listed appointment.

Alternate Animal

Control Officer: Joseph Fiorello (1 Year term)

Motion to approve the above listed appointments

### **SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF NETCONG BOROUGH, INC.**

#### **Appointment of Trustees:**

Joseph A. Nametko, Mayor Representative, Ex Officio

Todd Morton, Council Representative (Appointed by Council - 1 year term)

Leigh Ann Von Hagen Pietz - Borough Resident (Appt. by Mayor – 2-year term –Expires 12/31/27)

Motion to adopt the above referenced appointments.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution #2026-1 To Honor Volunteers
2. Resolution #2026-2 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Borough Attorney, Anthony M. Bucco, Esq. for 2026.
3. Resolution #2026-3 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for Special Tax Counsel, Fred Semrau, Esq. for 2026.
4. Resolution #2026-4 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for Borough Auditor, Valerie Dolan of Nisivoccia LLP for 2026.
5. Resolution #2026-5 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Borough Engineer, Denis Keenan of French and Parello Associates for 2026.
6. Resolution #2026-6 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Services for the Bond Council to Steven Rogut of Rogut McCarthy, LLC
7. Resolution #2026-7 Depositories for 2026 as Follows:  
Fulton Bank Inc.  
Valley National Bank  
TD Bank  
New Jersey Cash Management Fund
8. Resolution #2026-8 Official Newspapers as Follows:  
Daily Record and The Star Ledger
9. Resolution #2026-9 Resolution Designating Newspapers to Receive Notices and Fixing Charges.
10. Resolution #2026-10 Fixing Rates of Interest (8%) and Penalty on Delinquent Taxes, (18%) Assessments and Other Municipal Charges.
11. Resolution #2026-11 Authorizing Investments by the Borough in Certain Bonds and Other Obligations.

12. Resolution #2026-12 Regular Public Meeting Dates and Work Session Dates of the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong.
13. Resolution #2026-13 Authorizing Temporary Appropriations as Provided by N.J.S.A.40A:4-19.
14. Resolution #2026-14 To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee and Elmer Still, As Commissioner and Alternate for the Morris County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund.
15. Resolution #2026-15 To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee as Public Agency Compliance Officer.
16. Resolution #2026-16 - To Appoint the Vozza Agency as the Borough of Netcong's Risk Management Consultant.
17. Resolution #2026-17 – To Appoint Ralph Blakeslee as Housing Liaison Officer
18. Resolution #2026-18 - Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
19. Resolution #2026-19 - For the "Waiving" of the Claimant Certification as Allowable in Certain Circumstances Based Upon N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 (c) and N.J.A.C. 5-31-4.1
20. Resolution #2026-20-Authorizing the Appointment of a Vacant Property Registration Company and Award of Professional Service Contract in Connection Therewith

Motion to Adopt Resolutions 2026-1 to 2026-20

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion to close the meeting to the public.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**