

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2026**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD JANUARY 8, 2026 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 Barbero, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Nametko, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Still. Also, present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Proctor, Assistant Borough Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting – December 4, 2025
- Regular Meeting – December 11, 2025

A Motion was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the minutes.

Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Barbero

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

None presented

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter – St. Cesario Society

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Proctor, Assistant Administrator provided the highlights of the administrator report. The Council thanked Mr. Proctor for his report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Insurance: J. Nametko J. Sylvester

Councilman Nametko read the finance report with 2025 totals. He thanked Jennifer for her hard work with the health insurance change.

For the month of December 2025, the Borough had a total income of \$517,570.62 as compared to \$523,314.06 in 2024.

For the month of December 2025:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA):

In 2025 the Borough received \$3,151.00 compared to \$2,224.00 in 2024.

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:

The Borough received \$29,418.29 in 2025 compared to \$26,653.08 in 2024.

State Aid:

We received \$19,834.64 in 2024 and 2025.

Grants in Aid:

We received \$18,737.00 in 2025 and \$36,672.58 in 2024 for Grants in Aid.

Taxes Collected:

The Borough collected \$74,996.62 in 2025 compared to \$72,722.33 in 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility:

The Borough collected \$364,106.78 in 2025 compared to \$357,397.11 in 2024.

Solid Waste Utility:

The Borough collected \$7,326.29 in 2025 compared to 7,810.32 in 2024.

Total Current Fund Year to Date:

The total Current Fund Income Year to date for 2025 is \$13,516,904.96 as opposed to \$12,590,500.07 in 2024.

Total Water and Sewer Utility to Date:

The total Water and Sewer Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$1,750,510.62 as opposed to \$1,716,077.16 collected in 2024.

Total Solid Waste Utility to Date:

The Solid Waste Utility Income Year to date for 2025 is \$291,246.21 as opposed to \$256,393.02 collected in 2024.

Total of all Funds to Date:

Total collected from all funds Year to date is \$15,603,661.79 in 2025 compared to \$14,562,970.25 in 2024.

Economic Development: T. Morton J. Nametko

Councilman Morton will have a report next month. Mayor Still requested a meeting to help with the transition.

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

Councilman Sylvester put his reports on the record. He will read the year's end next month.

Police Report: December

Total Calls: 772

Motor vehicle Check or Stop: 114

Radar Detail: 56

Check Property: 142

Check Business: 37

Administrative: 57

Ambulance Corps

Total Calls: 42

Total Patients: 25

Total Trips to Hospital: 17

Miles Travelled: 468

Hours Volunteered: 111 hrs, 54 min.

For the 2025 year:

Total Calls: 546

Total Patients: 334

Total Hospital trips: 239

Fire Prevention

Total Inspections:58

Total Violations: 41

Permits Issued: 2

Penalty Money Collected: \$500

Admin: 6

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

M. Eddy

T. Laureys

Councilman Eddy put his reports on the record.

Water: Pumped 1,287,600 more gallons in 2025 than 2024.

Recreation:

W. Barbero

T. Morton

Recreation is having their snowman contest which has started and will continue to the end of March.

Public Services:

T. Laureys

M. Eddy

(Human Services

Recycling & Solid

Waste Disposal)

The mayor requested that Councilman Laureys attend the Board of Health Meetings.

Dial A Ride Report for December

Days of Service: 21

Miles:884

Of Stops:74

Nutrition: for 1: 13

Food Shopping:29

of Meals on Wheels:8

Medical Appointments: 45

Other Appointments:29

People Using Services:31

Cancels:7

Denials:0

Units:212

Hours:85

For the month of December, 98.63 tons of garbage was collected which included 43 bulk items.

Total income year to date is \$291,246.21 and total expenses year to date are \$247,126.82.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Nametko welcomed Councilman Barbero to the Council and welcomed Councilman Laureys on his return.

Councilman Laureys had several reflections and he has learned we must learn to listen to the people in the community.

Councilman Barbero thanked the Council for the warm welcome and offers of assistance. He is looking forward to working with everyone. He is excited to join the Council.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

This will be a busy year since it is the 250th anniversary of the country. He wants the Council to step up this year. We need to work on the downtown to make it as it was back in the 50s and 60s.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 2026-22-** Establishing a Special Projects Oversight Committee for The Borough of Netcong

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. **Resolution 2026-23-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 25-00005- 2 Cross Street

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy to approve this resolution.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

Ordinance 2026-1- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 75, "Special Improvement District", of The Code of The Borough of Netcong and Adding an Additional Member to The Board of Trustees of The District Management Corporation

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2026-01- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2026-02- on First Reading was made by Mr. Nametko seconded by Mr. Morton.

Councilman Laureys had several comments regarding this ordinance. He is concerned about the structure of this change. He is making a motion to make changes to this ordinance

Councilman Sylvester motioned to table the proposed change on this ordinance. Mr. Bucco explained how this process works. Mr. Nametko seconded the motion to table the changes.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2026-01- on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes No: Councilman Laureys

Ordinance 2026-2- An Ordinance Amending Chapter 227 of The Revised General Ordinances of The Borough of Netcong and Abolishing the Board of Recreation Commissioners, and in its Place, Creating a Recreation Committee

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2026-2- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Barbero and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2026-02- on First Reading was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Ordinance 2026-3- Authorizing The Chief of Police to Execute an Application for a Charitable Solicitation Permit for Netcong Volunteer Fire Company No. 1's "Coin Drop" Friday, May 22nd, 2026, Saturday, May 23rd, 2026, July 10th, 2026, Rain Date Saturday, July 11th, 2026 And Friday, August 21st, 2026, Rain Date Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, Friday, October 9th, 2026, Rain Date Saturday, October 10th, 2026 At The Intersections of Allen Street and Ledgewood Avenue and Main Street and Route 46 And Route 183 in The Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2026-03- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Barbero.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2026-03- on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Barbero.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Ordinance 2026-4- AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2026-04- and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2026-04- on First Reading was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Proclamations

None presented

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 Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

A Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton at 8:18 PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975

permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances;
and

Whereas, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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. The public shall be excluded from the remaining portion of this meeting.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at this time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Attorney Client Privilege -Potential Litigation Fire Co # 1

The Council came out of closed session and resumed the regular meeting at 8:23PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton at 8:23PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE
BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council recognize the need for coordinated oversight, guidance, and review of major initiatives and special projects undertaken by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the effective management of such projects sometimes requires input from citizen representatives, members of the Borough Council, and the Borough Administration to ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility, and alignment with Borough priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to establish a Special Projects Oversight Committee to assist in monitoring progress, evaluating impacts, and providing non-binding recommendations to the governing body.

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 a Special Projects Oversight Committee be and is hereby established as follows:

1. Committee Composition

The Special Projects Oversight Committee shall consist of the following members:

- One (1) citizen representative, appointed by the Mayor;
- One (1) member of the Borough Council Economic Development Committee;
- One (1) member of the Borough Council Finance Committee; and
- The Borough Administrator, who shall serve as the coordinating officer for the Committee.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Special Projects Oversight Committee is to provide advisory review, oversight, and strategic guidance for major Borough projects and initiatives as assigned by the Mayor and Council.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Special Projects Oversight Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. Review and Monitor Project Progress

- Receive regular updates from Borough staff, consultants, and contractors.
- Track timelines, deliverables, and milestones for assigned projects.
- Identify delays or obstacles and recommend corrective actions.

B. Provide Strategic and Policy Guidance

- Ensure that projects align with Borough goals, master plans, and adopted policies.
- Advise the Mayor and Council on potential impacts, opportunities, and risks.
- Assist in prioritizing tasks and resources.

C. Evaluate Financial Implications

- Review budgets, cost estimates, and funding sources for assigned projects.
- Monitor expenditures and financial reporting.
- Recommend adjustments to maintain fiscal responsibility.

D. Support Public Communication

- Assist with preparation of public updates and informational materials.
- Offer guidance on community engagement when appropriate.
- Promote transparency and public understanding of major initiatives.

E. Coordinate Interdepartmental and External Collaboration

- Facilitate communication among Borough departments involved in project execution.
- Coordinate with outside agencies, consultants, contractors, and stakeholders.

F. Provide Recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council

- Submit periodic reports regarding project status, challenges, and accomplishments.
- Offer recommendations on next steps, resource needs, and policy considerations.

4. Scope and Authority

The Committee shall serve in an advisory and oversight capacity only. All final decisions regarding project approval, policy adoption, or expenditure of funds shall remain with the Mayor and Borough Council.

5. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

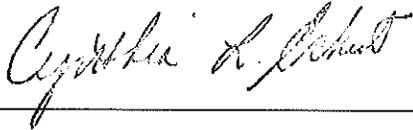
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By: 

Elmer Still, Mayor

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 January 8, 2026.



Cynthia Eckert, Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-23

TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE 25-00005

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong held a Municipal Tax Sale on November 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Block 22 Lot 1, assessed to Paula and Paula Gail Tardive was listed on the tax sale in the amount of \$879.40 and was sold to ProCap8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, the title company processing the mortgage on the property wishes to redeem this lien in the amount of \$1,913.11; and

WHEREAS, the bank processing the mortgage for the property has provided payment to the Borough with bank check number 1100582635 in the amount of \$1,913.11 for the redemption of the above-referenced tax sale certificate; and

WHEREAS, the redemption was calculated to January 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the purchaser at the tax sale is entitled to payment with interest calculated to the date funds are authorized and delivered to them.

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 Finance Assistant is hereby authorized to disburse \$1,913.11 to the order of Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank in accordance with the redemption of the above-referenced Tax Sale Certificate.

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By: 
Elmer Still, Mayor

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