

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD FEBRUARY 5, 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 9, 2026.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 14, 2026 and emailing a copy to the Star Ledger on January 9, 2026.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Eddy, Councilman Barbaro, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Nametko, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Still. Also, present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Borough respectfully asks that each person limit their comments during public participation to three (3) minutes or less.

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

Roll Call: 6 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 February 12, 2026.

1. **Approval of Minutes** – January 8, 2026 Reorganization Meeting
2. **Approval of Minutes** – January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

3. **Approval of Minutes** – December 31, 2025 Special Meeting

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy to approve the three sets of minutes noted above.

Roll Call: 6 Yes, January 8, 2006 Regular and Reorganization Meetings

Roll Call: 5 Yes, December 31, 2025 Special Meeting- Abstain: Councilman Barbero

4. **Ordinance Adoption – 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

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

Councilman Laureys had a question about ordinance 2026-1.

5. **Ordinance Adoption – 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

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

6. **Ordinance Adoption – Ordinance 2026-3** – AN ORDINANCE 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 22, 2026, SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 2026, JULY 10th, 2026, RAIN DATE SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026 AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st, 2026, RAIN DATE SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2026, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026, RAIN DATE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

7. **Ordinance Adoption – 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

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

8. **Correspondence** –Lake Board 2025 Annual Report

9. **Old Business** – None presented.

10. **New Business** – Social Affair Permit – Growing Stage - OZ Benefit Concert

A Motion was made by Councilman Nametko and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve the permit.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

11. New Business – Special Project Committee Appointments

RESOLUTIONS VOTED BY BLOCK

12. Resolution – 2026-24 - Authorizing the Award of a Contract to McCabe Environmental Services, LLC to Conduct Post Abatement Asbestos at Firehouse No. 1.

13. Resolution -2026-25 – Authorizing the Adoption of the 2025 Morris County, New Jersey Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

14. Resolution -2026-26 – To Apply for the 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

A Motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy to approve the three resolutions shown above.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

15. Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2026-5 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 5TH, JUNE 6TH 2026 AND ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, AND SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2026 AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET AND ROUTE 46 IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This ordinance was carried to the February 12th meeting.

16. Proclamation - None presented.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

The Council President wanted to address the 250th anniversary of our country. He noted that there are components among different groups. Fireworks are being considered. He would like to talk about the budget for this. The mayor stated \$15,000 would provide a good show. Mr. Blakeslee spoke with Garden State Fireworks. July 1-5 is fully booked. Any time after that there are openings. They are also available July 30th. They will discuss this at the task force meeting tomorrow. The recreation was thinking of July 3rd for this. Councilman Nametko stated it may be better to do this later in the month since other towns will be having them on July 4th. There was discussion on coordinating this with the concerts in the park. They are considering July 10th. Councilman Nametko asked if this

will be tax deductible. Councilman Sylvester said he also has a contact for rides for the children. There was further discussion on the best time to have the fireworks. Councilman Barbero said he can phone in for the task force meeting if needed. Councilman Eddy asked if there would be a dunk tank. There was discussion on this as well. The Mayor stated letters will go out to the businesses for donations. Councilman Sylvester suggested several. Councilman Nametko stated there was discussion among the finance committee on how to fund this special event. The Council has decided July 10th or 11th will be best. The Council continued discussion on how to get additional funding for this event.

Councilman Nametko had a comment on the town after the large snow storm we had. He is very happy with our roads. The DPW did a great job! The Council agreed. Councilman Barbero had commented on this as well. There was discussion among the Council on this subject. The mayor agreed. He gave several comments on this subject. Councilman Sylvester had commented on people putting snow back in the street after they had been cleared. There was a brief discussion regarding this.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The mayor had no comments at this time.

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Pat Marsico, 41 Koclas Dr. asked about plans for the boardwalk on the lake. She is concerned about the construction of it and neighbors in the area are not happy. This included the potential of weeds being trapped if the boardwalk is built on pilings. She provided details why she feels this way. She stated so much work has been done to the lake and it is in great shape. She stated she had read minutes from a previous meeting about a bulk head. She thought this was a great idea. She continued to detail her concerns. Councilman Sylvester stated the railings were just a concept. There are no permanent plans. He detailed what the pilings would be like. He provided further detail on other options including a sea wall. He stated the boardwalk will probably not go out into the lake; it will hug the shore. She asked for further detail on the railings. Mr. Blakeslee stated there was a kickoff meeting held today about this project. The borough has the green light to start designing this boardwalk. He said they will consider involving the lake front owners for their opinions. He stated Ms. Marsico's comments are timely. He gave further comments on this subject. She also asked about a potential sidewalk in front of her property. Mr. Blakeslee explained the borough does have a right of way for this purpose. He noted the road easements and sidewalk installation. There was discussion on other options for these sidewalks. The mayor stated the sidewalks would be put in for safety which is the most important thing. She also asked about the possible ICE facility. The mayor had no comment since it is not in our town, it is in Roxbury. She thanked the Council for their time.

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

CLOSED SESSION

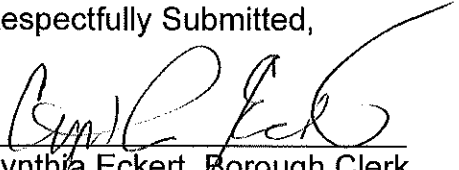
None.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Eddy at 7:57PM.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO McCABE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC TO CONDUCT POST ABATEMENT ASBESTOS AIR TESTING AT FIREHOUSE NO. 1.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Netcong is required to obtain the services of an environmental services company to conduct air testing after the asbestos abatement work at Firehouse No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has secured a proposal from McCabe Environmental Services, LLC, to perform this work; and

WHEREAS, the price quoted is below the bid and quote threshold as set by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, McCabe Environmental Services, LLC is licensed and certified to perform this work in the state of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to award a contract to McCabe Environmental Services, LLC in accordance with the terms and conditions of its proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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 Asbestos Abatement Air testing be awarded to McCabe Environmental Services, LLC in accordance with its proposal in an amount not to exceed \$5,985.
2. The Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with McCade Environmental Services, LLC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

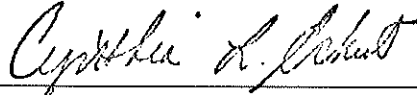
By:


Elmer Still, Mayor

Dated: 2/6/26

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 February 5, 2025.


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Morris County have exposure to hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Morris County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Morris County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Netcong:

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2025 Morris County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the "Plan") as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

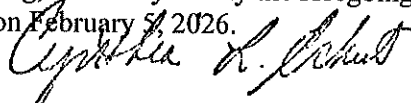
BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:  _____

Elmer Still, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

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Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

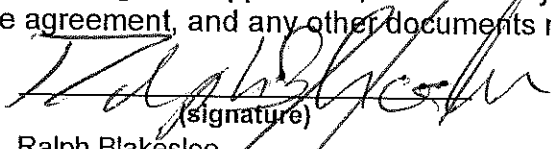
RESOLUTION

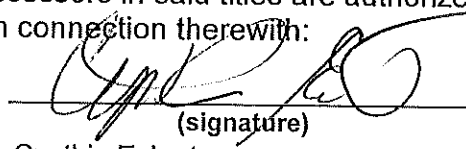
Whereas, the Borough of Netcong
(formal name of organization)
desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
for approximately \$ up to \$100,000
(dollar amount of request) to carry out a project to complete various
Improvements to DiRenzo Park, including ADA walking paths, parkingspaces, additional benches
(briefly describe the project)
with unique ADA features, and the relocation of a Borough-owned utility pole.

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

1) that the Borough of Netcong
(formal name of organization)
does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore,
upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does
further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully
executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant
to the terms of the agreement between
Borough of Netcong
(formal name of organization)
and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are
authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to
sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:


(signature)
Ralph Blakeslee
(type or print name)
Borough Administrator
(title)


(signature)
Cynthia Eckert
(type or print name)
Borough Clerk
(title)

CERTIFICATION:

I, Cynthia Eckert, the Borough Clerk
(name of Board Secretary / Government Clerk) (title of position - Board Secretary or Government Clerk)
of the Borough of Netcong
(formal name of organization)

hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held on February 5, 2026
(meeting date)
the above **RESOLUTION** was duly adopted.

AFFIX GOV'T,
CORPORATE OR
NOTARY SEAL

(12/03)


(Signature of Secretary of the Board of Directors or Government Clerk)