

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2026**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 2, 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 and Mayor Still. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Barbaro.

Roll call: 4 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 April 9, 2026.

1. **Minutes** – March 5, 2026
Minutes – March 12, 2026

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Laureys.

Roll call: 4 yes.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

To be Carried to the April 9th meeting.

Resolution #2026-37- Resolution to Approve the Property Assessments for the Borough's Special Improvement District

To be Carried to the April 9th meeting.

Resolution 2026-38- to Introduce 2026 SID Budget

To be Carried to the April 9th meeting.

3. **Ordinance Adoption** –Bond Ordinance 2026-11 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RESTROOMS AT FIRE HOUSE NO. 1 IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$257,500 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.

To be Carried to the April 9th meeting.

4. **Correspondence** - None Presented

5. **Old Business-** None Presented

4. **New Business** – Trail Petition

Mr. Blakeslee will send a letter acknowledging receipt.

Councilman Laureys stated he hopes we will listen to the people who come in with concerns. The mayor stated this is already a walkway even though it is grass. It must be an actual walking path, so people are not walking on the road. The county and state oversee this project. Councilman Laureys requested this be discussed at next week's meeting.

5. **New Business-** 2026 Municipal Budget

CFO Jason Gabloff was in attendance in case the council had any questions. Mr. Blakeslee had comments on the process of developing the budget this year. Councilman Barbero stated this budget was very easy to understand.

Mr. Gabloff provided information on the process of creating a debt structure. He gave details on this subject along with the difference between bond and note sales and how this helped the current budget. Mr. Blakeslee stated our auditor Val Dolan will be here next week to discuss both the audit and the budget. Mr. Gabloff explained how to fund projects in this budget and what is going forward. The auditor and financial advisor from Phoenix were a great help.

6. New Business – State Aid

This is an acknowledgement that we are receiving the same amount of state aid as last year. Mr. Blakeslee will put this information in his administrator report next week.

7. Resolutions - None Presented

8. Ordinance Introduction- None Presented

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

No comments at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

There was a great meeting with the task force this morning. It was very productive. There are many good new ideas. There have already been many donations for the 250 Celebration.

PROCLAMATION

Parkinson's Awareness

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mr. Patrick Kunkel, 13 Church St., noted that there are some signs that have been on Church St. since the county was working on the roads. He wanted to know if they could be removed. He said there are several parking signs in designated areas that are no longer able to be read, and 2 signs that say 'no standing.' He wants to know if this could be a one-way street which has been suggested in the past. He said since there is a cross walk now from the state, maybe there could be a one-way designation. Mr. Blakeslee stated he will work on this issue.

A motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Laureys.
Roll call: 4 Yes.

CLOSED SESSION

None this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Morton and was passed by unanimous voice vote at 7:48 p.m.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk