

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

- **Patricia Leone (5 Amendola Drive):** Expressed gratitude to Borough Administrator Blakeslee, Mr. Hess, and Paul Peterson Tree Service for promptly inspecting and trimming the encroaching woods behind her property.
- **Wayne Anthony (24 Dell Avenue):**
  - Reported flooding into nearby properties and local businesses (including Village Market) following road paving that covered/removed a storm drain. Borough Administrator Blakeslee and Mayor Still indicated they would follow up with the county regarding drainage and upcoming road work.
  - Raised issues regarding unapproved fill work, missing drains, lighting

placement, and an unpermitted outdoor staircase. Borough Administrator Blakeslee reported that he and the Borough Engineer conducted an on-site visit and scheduled a meeting for Tuesday with the Construction Code Official, Borough Engineer, and contractor. Mr. Patel must submit an "as-built" drawing and apply for zoning permits or face potential summonses.

- **Elaine Narby:** Council discussed big trucks traveling along College Road and issues surrounding school drop-off/pick-up traffic near the preschool, committing to looking into installing GPS/weight limit warning signage.
- **Joanne Pannell (2 Dell Avenue)**
  - Reported early morning activity (3:00 AM–5:00 AM), loud boat launching/fishing tournaments, and unauthorized parking along state park property across from her residence. Officials confirmed police dispatch will be notified, and the Borough will contact the State Park Superintendent.
  - Reported heavy water runoff coming off Allen Street/Dell Avenue flooding her yard and pool area. Borough officials will inspect the drainage path.

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

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 September 10, 2026.

- Minutes -Agenda Meeting -August 6, 2026
- Regular Meeting - August 13, 2026

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

### **Ordinance Adoptions - None**

### **Correspondence - None**

### **Old Business - None**

## **New Business- None**

## **Resolutions**

Resolution 2026-86 - Expressing Support for New Jersey Assembly  
Resolution AR-149 and All Law Enforcement Officers

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

Roll Call: 6 Yes

## **Ordinance Introductions**

**Ordinance-2026-23-** To Amend Chapter 276, "Water", of The Code of The Borough of Netcong and Mandating Inspection and Replacement of Lead Service Lines

Carried to the September 10th Meeting

**Ordinance-2026-24-** Authorizing the Exchange of Lands Between the Borough of Netcong and RSB Netcong, LLC Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:12-16 and the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40a: 12a-1 Et Seq.

Carried to the September 10th Meeting

**Ordinance-2026-25-** To Amend Chapter 22, "Fire Department," § 22-4, "Requisites for Membership in Department," of The Code of The Borough of Netcong to Establish Criminal Record Qualifications for Membership in The Netcong Fire Department

Carried to the September 10th Meeting

**Ordinance-2026-26-** Amending Solid Waste Ordinance Due and Grace Dates (Pending)

Carried to the September 10th Meeting

**Ordinance 2026-27-** Property Sale Rt.46 (Pending)

Carried to the September 10th Meeting

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

- **Code Enforcement & Water Diversion:** Discussion on enforcing property maintenance and zoning rules strictly, adhering to one-warning policies before

issuing summonses for unpermitted construction and maintenance issues.

- **NJDOT Maintenance Issues:**

- Request to have NJDOT trim overgrown tree branches along Route 46 near ShopRite that obstruct the sidewalk.
- Request to clear silt accumulation out of the NJDOT retention pond serving the former traffic circle area.

- **Commercial Landscaping Ordinance Reminders:** Reminder for commercial landscapers and property owners not to blow grass clippings into public streets or waterways.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- **Property & Building Maintenance:** Addressed maintenance delays on commercial properties (including 83 Route 183) and instructed code enforcement to address overgrown vegetation and unmaintained structures promptly.
- **Post Office Delays:** Reported significant delays with the local post office after vendor payment checks issued last month were held in back-room bags rather than mailed out. The Borough will draft a formal letter of complaint to the Postmaster.

**PROCLAMATION**

None presented

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

A Motion to Close the meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

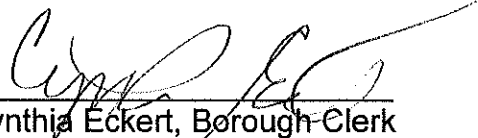
**CLOSED SESSION**

No closed session this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Laureys at 8:08PM.  
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION AR-149 AND ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey General Assembly has introduced Assembly Resolution AR-149 expressing support for all law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong recognize the dedication, professionalism, courage and service provided by law enforcement officers in protecting the residents and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Netcong wishes to express its support and appreciation for all law enforcement officers serving at the local, county, State and federal levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the Borough hereby expresses its support for New Jersey Assembly Resolution AR-149 and for all law enforcement officers who serve and protect our communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Sherrill and Assemblyman Sauickie.

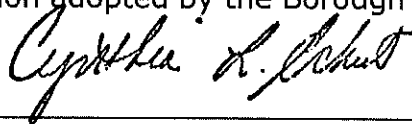
Dated: 9/4/26

By: 

Elmer M. Still, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Ralph Blakeslee, Deputy 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 September 3, 2026



Ralph Blakeslee, Deputy Clerk