MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MARCH 3, 2011 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Nametko presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER – STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Borough Clerk read the following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

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 Netcong Borough Hall on January 7, 2011.

2. Publishing a notice in The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 12, 2011 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 7, 2011.

ROLL CALL

Members of the Borough Council present at roll call were: Laureys, Hathaway, Sylvester, Still, McCullough (arrived at 7:35PM,) Koster and Mayor Nametko. Also present: Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk, and Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked the Council if they had reviewed the Regular Meeting minutes of February 10, 2011.

A motion to approve the above listed minutes made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

PRESENTATION OF LAKE BOARD BUDGET BY CHAIRMAN EARL REILLY

Mr. Earl Reilly stepped forward to discuss the budget. The Mayor checked to make sure everyone had a copy for review. He noted an increase was necessary but personally wanted to explain what measures had been taken and what needed to be done to minimize the impact of the costs to the public. He noted the county of Morris had to cut their funding to the Planning Board. He reviewed the costs which included insurance, Harvesting Program, disposal and fuel. Mr. Reilly also detailed all the cost efficiency actions taken to improve the finances.

He noted the increase was minimal. He also provided information that indicated more cuts to funding for next year.

The Council asked for more details regarding the funding provided by the counties which Mr. Reilly provided. The Mayor thanked Mr. Reilly for presenting to the Council and committed to providing this information to the Finance Committee. He also noted the request for a 10% increase that would be reviewed.

Councilwoman McCullough asked about the water chestnut situation. Mr. Reilly responded with information on how this growth propagates and how they are treating it.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID COST ESTIMATE

1. Resolution #2011-29 Resolution to Approve the 2011 Budget for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

   This will be carried to the March 10, 2011 meeting.

2. Resolution #2011-32 Resolution Approving the Introduction of the 2011 Budget of the Netcong Community Partnership Special Improvement District and Authorizing a Public Hearing to be Held Thereon.

   This resolution will be carried to the March 10, 2011 meeting

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Mayor Nametko opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Gregory Keller, Netcong resident, spoke about the census counts. He noted that the Netcong population is 2626 which is a 600 count decrease. He thought this was substantial and should be checked. The Mayor noted that the maps and system was checked. All areas were covered, but that does not account for those who did not respond to the census. Councilman Sylvester asked if was something we could do to challenge the number. Mr. Blakeslee offered to check the appeal process.

Abby Keller, 14 Kings Road, Netcong, Hanna Parker, 11 Willtop Road, Netcong and Magdalene Lederer, 6 Holley Drive, Budd Lake, N.J. came forward to represent St. Michaels and said they are learning about the constitution. They were hoping to learn about different branches of the government. The Mayor offered that the young ladies attend a Regular Meeting next week to observe the meeting process. Councilwoman McCullough provided educational basics regarding legislative law and the terminology used at these meetings. She also provided information regarding the Town Committees.

The Mayor noted that there were no more appearances for the public session.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to close the public session.
Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 6 Yes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Adoption of Ordinance #2011·1:
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" ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE INTERSECTION OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

To Be Carried to the March 10th Meeting.

2. Adoption of Ordinance #2011·2:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 223 ENTITLED POSESS ION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE PERSONS.

To Be Carried to the March 10th Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Resignation from Recreation Committee from John Arbolino.

   A motion to accept the resignation was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman McCullough.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes.

2. Letter from American Legion, Musconetcong Post 278 Requesting Permission to Conduct a Parade on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, 2011.

   A motion was made to approve the request by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Bryan Falato as a Junior Fireman for Fire Co. No.2.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McCullough for approval and was seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 5 Yes Abstain: Councilman Still

2. Discussion on Exclusion Zoning of the Special Improvement District.

   Councilman Hathaway requested this be carried to the next meeting to make sure the Council was able to regulate the types of businesses that might come forward. The Council thought it would be better to have the Council Attorney present. This will be carried to the March 10, 2011 meeting.

3. Discussion on Manpower Guidelines

   Mr. Blakeslee brought up the situation with the water main break and two employees were out. He noted a contingency procedure needs to be in effect. The Mayor noted the town needs to have action during emergencies that does not require a Council meeting. The Council discussed options. Councilman Still offered emergency procedures that allowed a decision from the Mayor or Council President. Mr. Blakeslee offered to put a memo together to clarify the procedure.

   The Mayor noted the need for a temporary employee in the office due to Janice being out of work for a while.

4. Discussion on Green Team Re-Appointments (See Resolution 2010-55)

   Mr. Blakeslee recommended that this topic is on the reorganization meeting agenda every year. Resolutions for both this item #4 and item #5 below will be collected for review at the next meeting.

   To be carried to the March 10th Meeting.

5. Discussion on Re-appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee for Plan endorsement. (See Resolution 2009-70)

   To be Carried to the March 10th Meeting.

6. 2011 Budget Discussion and Schedule.

   Mr. Blakeslee reported about the budget meeting that was held the previous evening. To be discussed at the March 15th special meeting.

7. Authorization to Advertise for Bids Upon DOT Approval for the Love lane/Post Road.

   The Council insured that all will be ready by mid March for this.

A motion to approve the advertising for bids was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Still noted that the budget is ready for presentation. He solicited for any changes by next Tuesday.

Councilman Hathaway reported on the McMullen Street situation. The sample taking has alleviated the problem. Bob Olivo stated that this will be a recurring situation. He noted that just clearing the silt and garbage is just a temporary solution. He felt that piping down the situation needs to be considered. A permit will be required and should be explored. A buffer area needs to be designated and the town may be able to offer this area. It was noted that there were pipes on site, but they were very small.

Councilman Hathaway also discussed what he believes to be a disconnect with what the town thinks the property will be and what the property owners think the property is going to be. The Council should take a look at the actual assessments of the property and compare them with the owners' reports of what the worth is. Councilman Hathaway asked if there could be a qualification of the assessment information before this project went much further. He noted "self help" projects in other communities. The Mayor reminded all that this was a feature of the town committees.

Councilwoman McCullough noted that one of the residents was interested in converting to gas and noted an issue with getting the work completed because they were waiting for the town engineer. The Borough Clerk reported that the application was processed and the engineer met with the resident yesterday.

Councilman Sylvester noted the installation of sewer lines by a construction crew from a developer. The Council noted that this was not authorized. Mr. Blakeslee will look into this.

Councilman Sylvester noted that he is being questioned by residents and others why the town is "getting rid of the police department" and other town services. It was noted that some of this was reported in the Star Ledger, allegedly. The Council noted that this was clearly mis-information. It was discussed that a public announcement needed to be made to correct this. The Council noted how some of these rumors could have been started.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor had no comments for this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2011-33 Authorizing the Borough's Participation in the Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program (McARP) at a Cost of $455.00

   A motion was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilwoman McCullough to approve Resolution #2011-33.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes

2. Resolution 2011-34 To Return an Overpayment of Taxes for Block 36 Lot 1.

   A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman McCullough to approve Resolution # 2011-34.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes

3. Resolution 2011-35 Personnel Policy to Change Office Hours.

   To be carried to the March 10, 2010 meeting.

4. Resolution 2011-36 Transfer Resolution.

   Mr. Blakeslee noted that some bills arrived after the close of the year. This accommodates these 2010 bills during the 2011 budget year.

   A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to approve Resolution #2011-36.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes.

5. Resolution 2011-37 A Resolution authorizing the Mutual Recision of a Contract between the Borough of Netcong and Andy Matt, Inc. and the Award of a contract to Salmon Bros., Inc for snow Plowing and Sanding Services in the Borough of Netcong.

   A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman McCullough to approve Resolution 2011-37.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes.

6. Resolution 2011-38 Tonnage Grant Application.

   Mr. Blakeslee advised that this authorizes the recycling grant.

   A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster to approve Resolution #2011-38.
   Roll Call: 6 Yes.

7. Resolution 2011-39 Tax Identification Statement – Recycling Fund.

   Mr. Blakeslee explained how the tax back amount was calculated.

   A motion was made by Councilwoman Laureys and seconded by Councilwoman McCullough to approve Resolution #2011-39
   Roll Call: 6 Yes.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. To Proclaim the Week of March 20-26, 2011 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey.

   To be carried to the March 10, 2011 meeting.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Ordinance #2011-3 :
   AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A CHARITABLE SOLICITATION PERMIT FOR AMERICAN LEGION AMBULANCE CORP OF STANHOPE/NETCONG'S "COIN DROP" ON JUNE 10TH, JUNE 11TH AND JUNE 12TH 2011 AND ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2011 AT THE INTERSECTION OF ALLEN STREET AND LEDGEWOOD AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

   To be carried to the March 10, 2011 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was presented at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Council meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester at 8:41 PM
Roll Call: 6 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk