MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD APRIL 7, 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 and Mayor Nametko. Also present: Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk and Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.
Absent: Mr. Koster

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval:

- Agenda Meeting of March 3, 2011
- Regular Meeting of March 10,2011
- Special Meeting of March 15, 2011
- Closed Session Meeting of March 10, 2011

Councilwoman McCullough made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and was seconded by Councilman Sylvester.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

NETCONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO ADDRESS MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING THEIR 2011-2012 BUDGET

Superintendent Melissa Bammer provided the Council with a handout regarding the budget. She noted the good rating Netcong has with cost per student. She referred to a PowerPoint presentation for the rest of her discussion. She discussed a transparent budget process. She noted that the County Superintendent complimented how Netcong was handling the school budget. Ms. Bammer reviewed the cuts that were made due to the budget. She noted that the school has tapped into the surplus budget this year. She continued that although they are asking for 0%, due to the change in ratables, this would indicate approximately an 18 dollar increase per year.

Ms. Kristine Werner provided additional details with regard to the line items presented in the PowerPoint document. It was noted that Netcong was 6th from the bottom in spending which was considered very good. Use of shared services was noted. Ms. Werner noted the seats opened on the Board and urged everyone to vote in April.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SID ASSESSMENTS

Resolution #2011-51 Resolution to Approve the Sid Assessments for the Borough's Special Improvement District.

This resolution will be carried to the April 14, 2011 meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Mayor Nametko opened the meeting to the public.

Ben Dellamo, Church Street, Netcong, expressed concern about the SID. He noted that it was not effective and funding for it was not properly utilized. Councilman Hathaway responded that a consultant was hired to direct the SID and make it work properly. Mr. Dellamo replied that it sounded like someone was hired to spend the money. He noted that the SID did not even have a mission statement and had run its course. Mr. Dellamo felt the money would be better spent by the individual business owners. Councilman Still explained that he observed the acting director in action and felt there would be improvements. Councilman Hathaway noted that milestones would be measured in six months. At that point, Councilman Hathaway felt it would be clear that the SID will work and the consultant could be self sustaining. Mr. Dellamo was not encouraged by these statements and noted four other individuals were brought in to direct the efforts previously. They were unsuccessful. Councilwoman McCullough recalled some goals from 2003. Councilman Hathaway stated the goals for this year will be met or there will be no more SID. Mr. Dellamo replied that he hopes the SID is successful but he has doubts based upon his many years of being part of the SID and observing the entity.

The Mayor noted that there were no more appearances for the public session.
A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Sylvester to close the public session.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

1. Adoption of **Ordinance #2011-3 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 10TH, JUNE 11TH AND JUNE 12TH 2011 AND ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, AND 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 April 14th meeting.

2. Adoption of **Ordinance #2011-4 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

To be carried to the April 14th meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 2011-50 To Read the 2011 Budget by Title Only.

To be carried to the April 14th meeting.

Resolution 2011-52 To Adopt the 2011 Budget.

To be carried to the April 14th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Fee for Use of Borough Fields.

Councilwoman McCullough returned to the topic of charging a fee for using the Borough Fields. Mr. Blakeslee provided the terms and conditions for charging the fees for residents and non residents. The Mayor agreed that all the expenses the town incurs for maintaining the fields must be recouped. The Council also discussed closing the field during inclement weather to avoid unnecessary damage to the field.

A motion was made by Councilwoman McCullough to send the document to the Attorney to review and write an ordinance to impose a fee for use. The motion was seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. E-Waste/Document Shredding Day – Location and Procedure Changes.

Councilwoman McCullough proposed using the Shop Rite for a paper shredding day. The Council discussed access at the location. Mr. Blakeslee addressed the other recycling that could also take place there.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway asked the Board for their comments regarding a Redevelopment Attorney. The Mayor felt that getting an expert on development for this type of work is prudent. Councilman Hathaway also felt that a specialist would be a better fit. The Council discussed moving forward and interviewing.

Councilman Hathaway discussed complaints he has received about speeding on Dell Ave. and surrounding roads. He discussed this with Chief Blesson who noted issues with the subjective aspects of delivering summons to neighbors and friends. Councilman Hathaway recommended a camera and automated tracking to ticket. The Council discussed speeding issues and mileage thresholds for speeding. Councilman Hathaway stated that an automated ticketing situation will pay for itself.

Councilman Sylvester brought up some situations where residents near the transit area have been diagnosed with unusual levels of Carbon Dioxide. Mr. Blakeslee has meetings pending with NJ Transit regarding this issue.

MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor asked the Council if they were aware of Tony Bucco's breakfast in Chester this Saturday at 9:30.

The Mayor noted that he felt the consultant for the Special Improvement District was performing well.

The Economic Development Committee is going to see another transit village later this month.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2011-46 To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate #08-0004

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Resolution #2011-47 To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate #08-0005

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Resolution #2011-48 Certification of the Annual Audit.

   This resolution will be presented at the April 14th meeting.

4. Resolution #2011-49 To Approve the 2010 Corrective Action Plan.

   This resolution will be presented at the April 14th meeting.

5. Resolution #2011-53 To Hire Anthony Dalesandro as Temporary Part Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works.

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. Resolution #2011-54 Salary Resolution for 2011.

   This resolution will be presented at the April 14th meeting.

7. Resolution #2011-55 To Enter Into An Agreement with Mt. Olive Township for Library Services.

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

8. Resolution #2011-56 To Honor James F. Arbolino for his Service to the Borough of Netcong.

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

9. Resolution #2011-57 Resolution Supporting the Proposed Amendment to the Open Public Records Law to Preserve its Original Intent.

   A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester to approve the resolution and was seconded by Councilman Still.
   Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the Council meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilman Still and moved by unanimous voice vote at 8:47 PM.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk