

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 5, 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: Hathaway, Sylvester, Still, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Also present: Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk and Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator. Absent: Mrs. Laureys and Mrs. McCullough.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked if all had reviewed the Minutes of the meetings on April 7 and April 14, 2011. Councilman Sylvester confirmed that some updates were added to the notes. Councilman Hathaway noted a change on the 'Privilege of the Floor notes.' With the adjustments to the notes, the Mayor asked for a motion.

Councilman Sylvester made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

For April 7, 2011:

Roll Call: 3 Yes Abstain: Councilman Koster

For April 14, 2011:

Roll Call: 4 Yes

RESOLUTION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER

1. Resolution #2011-58 To Hire Robert H. Jordan as Probationary Patrolman of the Netcong Police Dept.

A motion to hire Robert H. Jordan was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

SWEARING IN OF ROBERT H. JORDAN AS POLICE OFFICER

Chief Blesson thanked the Mayor and Council for facilitating the hiring of this Patrolman. Robert H. Jordan was sworn in as a Probationary patrolman of the Netcong Police Department by Borough Clerk Dalessandro.

The Mayor and Council welcomed the new officer.

KATHLEEN HOURIHAN, DISTRICT RECYCLING COORDINATOR TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Ms. Kathleen Hourihan of 8 Sherman Place, Morris Township, N.J. introduced herself and her partners, Bob Anderson and Victoria Manga. They have a business that deals with the marketing of recycled materials. The name of the company is ReCommunity. Their goal is to become a part of the community and to service the community. They are investing \$5 million in a new facility on Mine Hill Road. It should be completed the first week in July. This will create 20 new jobs in Morris County. Mr. Anderson noted there is an economic driver and a "green" driver to this concept. He continued that "single stream" allows the consumer to make an easy decision: Is it recycling or is it trash? This allows efficiency in collection of materials. He also noted that this program expands the types of recyclables that are accepted. He passed around various materials for the Council to examine. Ms. Hourihan expanded upon other materials like aluminum foil, toys and laundry baskets that can be recycled.

The Mayor asked if there were any programs that could help the Netcong "Green Team."

Ms. Hourihan noted that they have some funding for marketing and focus groups. She continued her presentation by explaining how switching to single stream recycling can reduce costs. She noted that there are some subsidies from the MUA. However, due to economic hardships, this subsidy will phase out over time. The Mayor verified the cost efficiencies from using this single stream program. He noted the information presented which was the current annual cost for recycling collection was \$40,700 and that the proposed annual cost for single stream collection would be \$36,600. Ms. Hourihan and Mr. Anderson discussed the revenue sharing program. When discussing future years, Ms. Hourihan maintained that this program should be monitored and reviewed year to year to insure the benefits to the borough. It was also noted that there is a 50 pound weight limit on the collection cans.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Mayor Nametko opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Melanie M. Zajackowski, 70 Koclas Drive presented a letter to the Council regarding some concerns. These concerns included the condition of the lake, the litter in the park across the street from her house (which she and her family pick up) and the speeding on her street and Dell Avenue. She moved to Netcong to have a safe and healthy environment. She has seen a decline in the past five years. The Mayor explained that the state found the lake has natural bacteria. Councilman Hathaway explained the "winter kill" situation and that this is normal. He noted that two separate tests were completed and a biologist provided a report. The reports which concluded that the situation was harmless to humans were posted on the Netcong website and in the Daily Record. Mrs. Zajackowski replied that she did read the article but it didn't seem to report that the situation was finalized. Councilman Hathaway agreed that it was an ongoing process and the odor dissipated when the lake water warmed.

The Mayor noted that there was not enough time to address all the issues but the letter is being addressed with a local organization and the speeding issue is being addressed. He noted her street is being targeted. The Mayor agreed that the crosswalk is an issue and will alert the police force. Councilman Sylvester did add that the police force has been short on manpower for the past six months but she should see a difference with the addition made. Mrs. Zajackowski did note that the police force was very responsive and she was grateful for that.

Mr. Ben Dellamo, 30 Church Street, Netcong felt that the way the circle project was being changed and managed would devastate the businesses in Netcong. He was not getting a consistent story regarding the timeline. Mr. Dellamo explained from previous similar traffic experiences what the detriment to the town could be. The Mayor suggested a meeting with the DOT commissioner. Mr. Dellamo stated he would forward the emails he received regarding this situation.

The Mayor noted that there were no more appearances for the public session. A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster to close the public session.
Roll Call: 4 Yes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

- 1. Adoption of Ordinance #2011-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 194, LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND PROHIBITING FINANCIAL SERVICE CENTERS AND TATOO PARLORS IN THE BOROUGH CENTER (BC) DISTRICT.**

This ordinance will be carried to the May 12th meeting.

2. Adoption of **Ordinance #2011-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND REVISING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FEES.**

This ordinance will be carried to the May 12th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Resident Melanie M. Zajackowski, Esq. reg. Certain Conditions in the Town.

The Mayor noted that this issue was discussed during the public portion of the meeting and the letter will be filed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Eye Glass and Hearing Aid Replacement policy

Mr. Blakeslee drafted a policy for review and action. The Council discussed the reimbursement amount and various scenarios. Mr. Blakeslee noted this fund would come out of the operating budget which means it would not “roll over.” He would check into the potential of making a reserve fund. The Council discussed handling incidents on a case by case basis.

2. Update on Garbage Cans Provided by Businesses

Councilman Hathaway noted that he has to work with Mr. Bucco to provide an ordinance to enforce this. Discussion will continue at the May 12th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on the Jurisdictional Agreement with DOT /183 Circle Project.

This will be discussed at the May 12th meeting. Mr. Blakeslee will obtain something in writing regarding access to review next week.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Koster brought up a situation regarding the Stanhope Methodist Church and Amanda Rush. She wanted a letter from the Borough regarding “preservation and significance.” This was regarding a preservation plan for the church. Mr. Blakeslee asked Councilman Koster to have Ms. Rush call him so a letter can be written and signed by the Mayor.

Councilman Hathaway noted that the Economic Development Committee interviewed three attorneys for Redevelopment. He gave a brief description of the three candidate’s background and monetary requirements. Mr. Blakeslee will

arrange to have the Borough Attorney draw up an agreement with the preferred attorney, Mr. Goldsmith, for the redevelopment project.

MAYORS COMMENTS

None for this week.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2011-59 To Award the Bid to Mark Paving Co., Inc. for the Love Lane/Post Road Improvements.

Councilman Still asked about the company and why they are bidding projects and subcontracting them out.

This Resolution will be carried to the May 12th meeting.

2. Resolution #2011-60 Authorizing the Borough of Netcong Stormwater Program Coordinator to Sign and Submit the Annual Stormwater Management Report.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #2011-60 by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Sylvester.

Roll Call: 4 Yes.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Introduction of Bond Ordinance #2011-7 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$361,825 THEREFORE, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$154,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

To be carried to the May 12th meeting.

2. **Introduction of Ordinance #2011-8 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A RIGHT OF WAY OVER PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND BLUE VISTA CONSULTING, LLC.**

To be carried to the May 12th 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 9:41 P.M.

Roll Call: 4 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk