

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD AUGUST 4, 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, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Mrs. McCullough was absent. Also present: Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk and Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Mayor asked if the Council Members reviewed the minutes and if there were any questions. Councilman Hathaway requested a correction on the notes that the 'insecticide' is really an 'herbicide' used on the lake. The Mayor noted all the signs stated insecticide. Councilman Hathaway noted the material used is an herbicide.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Still to approve the Regular Meeting notes for July 14, 2011

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PROMOTION OF ANTHONY COPPOLELLA TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT OF THE NETCONG POLICE DEPARTMENT

To be carried to the August 11, 2011 meeting.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Mayor Nametko opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Joe Albensi, 35 College Road, Netcong and Terry Vervaet, 47 Allen Street, Netcong came to the Council to ask for their help on behalf of the Recreation Committee. The geese have become a real problem in the parks and they would like to spray a solution on the grass to keep them away, but this is an expensive proposition. They have tried everything to stop the intrusion. They do not have any funding for this. They did make some money on the bus trips but the amount was a few hundred each excursion. They expect to make more money per trip in the future. They asked if there were any grants.

The Mayor asked about the treatment and how long it lasts. The cheaper treatments do not last through rain per Mr. Albensi.

Mr. Olivo commented that the geese population has grown and something should be done.

Mr. Albensi stated that the fence has helped the gazebo area but not the areas the town is complaining about.

Councilman Hathaway stated that the more expensive solution will work but requires more applications than the few hundred dollars in the Recreation budget would allow. He is willing to train and help with the application of the product and perhaps the Fire Department's equipment can be used. He did note that the treatments need to continue with perhaps 8 treatments per season. The Council discussed the various methods of application and what would work best for this treatment.

The Council also discussed the fencing and what worked and what did not. It was noted that the geese would jump the fence. Raking the area was also discussed.

Councilman Hathaway recommended a longer term solution which would be a ground roller and is used on an ongoing basis. He was not certain that the "garden" solutions would work long term.

Mr. Sylvester suggested looking into the program of euthanizing the geese again as had been done some years ago. Funding was discussed.

The Mayor asked about the Recreation committee budget. Mr. Albensi explained how they are stretching the budget. The Mayor provided some recommendations to cut back on some of the activities and use the money on the geese issue since it appears more critical.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak. No one from the public stepped forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to close the public session.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request from Diane Esposito to close Kings Road on September 10th, 2011 from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 P.M. for their Annual Block Party,

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

OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Overtime Pay for Public Works Department

Mr. Olivo provided some history regarding the policy manual. He provided information on the schedule and how days were handled. Councilman Hathaway noted that a payroll classification labeled "emergency" might resolve this situation.

A motion was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to formulate a resolution for the August 11, 2011 Meeting.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Discussion on Outsourcing vs. In-sourcing of Snow Plowing

The Mayor discussed the time frames the crew worked on some of the snow storms and noted for safety of the DPW crew, Outsourcing needs to be considered. Mr. Olivo explained the pros and cons of both scenarios. The Council reiterated the concerns with the staff working very long hours with heavy equipment.

3. Notice of Certification of Determination and Award for Bond Anticipation Notes.

To be carried to the August 11th, 2011 Meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway wished to alert the Council that the Weed Harvesting will be starting and the plan is to remove 100 cubic yards per week of weeds. The Mayor asked if this is going to include the area by DiRenzo Park. Councilman Hathaway noted that the Netcong side should be done by the lake boards contractor. Councilman Hathaway noted that one constraint was a limitation in collection containers. Hand Harvesting will be on August 20th, 2011. The Mayor asked about other harvesting methods. Councilman Hathaway provided detailed answers.

MAYORS COMMENTS

No comments at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2011-81 Authorizing the Award of a Contract to D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet Rentals, Inc for Snow Plowing and Sanding Services.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain: Councilman Hathaway

2. Resolution #2011-83 Authorizing the Execution of a Jurisdictional Agreement With the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

The Mayor noted that this resolution will be on hold as they are still awaiting a letter.

3. Resolution #2011-84 Opposing the Supreme Court's Actions of Legislating from the Bench.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. Resolution #2011-85 Resolutions Awarding a Contract for Online Procurement Services to International Data Base Corp., DBA Interactive Procurement Technologies by Bidnet.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

5. Resolution #2011-86 Opposing S-2950 and A-4128, Which Would Allow for Modification to Land Use Approvals Because of Changed Economics.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

6. Resolution #2011-87 To Support State Senate Bill No. 2976 Turner That Amends The Current Open Public Records Law.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

7. Resolution #2011-88 To Appoint Terry Vervaet as Temporary Part Time Court Administrator.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No Introductions

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 seconded by Councilman Koster at 8:28 P.M.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk