

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD OCTOBER 6, 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. Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator & Deputy Clerk, Mr. Bucco, Council Attorney and Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of September 1, 2011
- Regular Meeting of September 8, 2011

The Mayor asked if the Council Members reviewed the minutes and if there were any questions.

A motion to approve the Above Listed Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak at this meeting. Seeing no one from the audience stepping forward, the Mayor asked for a motion to close the session.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Still. The motion was seconded by Councilman Koster.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on the Swirl Filter – Next Step

Mr. Blakeslee noted that upon inspection they discovered that the swirl filter was filled with silt. Mr. Gurein's report noted that maintenance was not up to date. He also suggested moving the system to allow it to work better. Councilman Hathaway provided a more detailed explanation of the Swirl Filter and its association with the lake. He continued to explain how the topic in the next business item, The Circle Project, also is effecting this situation. The transit construction is adding to drainage requirements on the current system. He did not believe that the present system was designed to handle this additional load. Mr. Guerin will get an estimate for the next meeting. The Council discussed what parties were responsible for maintenance of the different drains in the area. This Swirl Filter Discussion will continue to the next meeting.

2. Update on Circle Project

The estimated Date of Bridge Removal per Mr. Blakeslee is October 14, 2011. Councilman Still expressed concern that the traffic signs were not put up. The Mayor agreed as this was an issue of public safety.

The date that the State will Meet With our Police Department, Fire Company and Office of Emergency Management is tentatively scheduled for next Tuesday.

This discussion will be carried to the October 14, 2011 meeting.

3. To Approve the Appointment of Mark Sylvester as a Fireman for Fire Co. No. 2.

It was noted that the application was delayed. This will be carried to the October 13, 2011 meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway wanted to comment on a resident that has volunteered to work in the office. He wanted to thank Mrs. Todd for her time and recognize all volunteers who help the town.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nametko noted that he already commented on the Swirl Filter.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2011-96 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Church Street Improvement Project.

Councilman Koster Made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-96. Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

2. Resolution #2011-97 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Prospect Street Phase" Project.

Councilman Koster Made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-97. Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

3. Resolution #2011-98 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property no Longer Needed For Public Use on an On-Line Auction Website.

This resolution will be carried to the October 13th meeting.

4. Resolution #2011-99 Authorizing the Extension of the Federal Aid Agreement for The Prospect Street Sidewalk Project.

Councilman Koster Made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-96. Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

5. Resolution #2011-100 Authorizing the Filing of a Grant Application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Highway Safety Fund Program Grant (Safe Corridors).

Councilman Koster Made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-97. Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

6. Resolution #2011-101 Authorizing the Submission of an Application for a Municipal Alliance Grant.

Councilman Koster Made a motion to approve Resolution #2011-97. Councilman Still seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 5 Yes.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

No ordinances were introduced at this session.

Miscellaneous:

Just before the Closed Session, Councilman Koster asked if a "stair chair" could be installed for the elderly or impaired at the Fire Company No. 1 Building. It was noted this facility was also used for training. The Board discussed a stair chair or elevator might be able to be acquired by funds from the Community Development Block grant. Mr. Blakeslee will check on this further.

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of an action upon the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- **Contract Negotiations: PBA Contract**
- **Personnel: Magistrate's Position**

3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matters of the closed session will be made public upon conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final resolution of agreements on personnel matters; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.

4. The Council will come back into open session and may take further action.

Councilman Koster made a motion to go into closed session. Councilman Still seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 5 Yes.

The open meeting resumed at 10:01 P.M. No action was taken during the closed session. The matter will be released to the public upon final disposition.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Meeting at 10:03 P.M. was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk