

MINUTES OF THE AGENDA MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 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: Hathaway, Still, Acquaro, Koster and Mayor Nametko. Ralph Blakeslee, Borough Administrator & Deputy Clerk, and Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Agenda Meeting of October 6, 2011
- Regular Meeting of October 13, 2011
- Closed Session Meeting of August 11, 2011
- Closed Session 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 Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes Abstain on October 6th Minutes: Councilwoman Acquaro

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

The Mayor asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak at this meeting.

Mrs. Elaine Narby of 15 College Road stepped forward to speak to the Council. She wished to discuss the traffic changes affecting the town. She noted a tremendous traffic problem with a left hand turn. The Mayor noted that the change was made to avoid a car being stopped on the tracks. Councilman Hathaway noted that the DOT would be there on Monday to meet regarding this issue.

Mrs. Narby also mentioned that she had many family members who served during the wars and their names were not part of the memorial. She confirmed that they were Netcong born and raised. The Mayor asked Mrs. Narby to provide the details to Mr. Blakeslee so they could be recognized.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Koster. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Acquaro.
Roll Call: 4 Yes.

BOROUGH ENGINEER, ROBERT GUERIN TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE SWIRL CHAMBER INVESTIGATION

Mr. Guerin, Borough Engineer provided exhibits to illustrate the situation with the Swirl Chamber. He noted that the flood situation caused the major excess of silt. He noted that professionals have been contacted to clear the silt in hopes to improve the drainage. Mr. Guerin provided background on other factors that contribute to the problem. He has requested all the design information from the DOT on their in town projects in order to ascertain the water flow factors. He noted the possibility of building another ditch to deal with the excess water flow. The Mayor asked if blocking the water flow to the chamber would help. Mr. Guerin explained this was tried before and was unsuccessful. Mr. Guerin expressed frustration with the state's non maintenance regarding this issue. Councilman Hathaway stated that this problem was never fixed properly when the state implemented their design in 2008. The council continued to discuss the history of the project. Mr. Guerin plans to recalculate all the flow of water to find out if the current drainage plans are still feasible.

ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS

No ordinances were presented at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Circle Project:

It was noted that the "open for business" signs were posted.
Estimated Date of Bridge Removal: No information was provided by the construction company for this. This topic will continue at the November 10th Meeting.

2. Update on Obtaining Grant funds for Elevator or Chair Lift at Fire Company No. 1

Mr. Blakeslee noted that there can be only one grant per municipality. He added that there were other grants that the Council can tap into. Councilwoman Acquaro stated that a new van would be required for the senior transport. She wondered if shared servicing of these functions was possible.
This topic will continue at the November 10th Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Soil Removal Erosion Control

The Mayor noted that this does not cover residences. This discussion will continue to the November 10th Meeting.

2. Discussion on Community Development Block Grant

A motion was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilwoman Acquaro to move forward to find a grant to fund the senior van.
Roll Call: 4 Yes

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Councilman Hathaway brought up the topic of Holiday decorations. He noted that the NCP will be purchasing decorations. He wanted to insure that decorating the light poles will be considered appropriate for the town. He provided decoration scenarios for the town. He requested that the Council provides direction to the NCP. The Council endorsed the NCP's plans to decorate. School decorations were discussed. Councilwoman Acquaro offered the idea of a contest for the best ornament made of recycled materials.

Councilman Koster asked about the possibility of adding a reverse 911. Mr. Wayne Anthony, Netcong OEM discussed the concept of a reverse 911. He promoted the use of cell phones for this. The Council talked about the Honeywell system. Mr. Blakeslee will look into the factors to acquire a reverse 911 system and report back to the Council.

Councilwoman Acquaro reported that she visited with the businesses today regarding the power outages. A business woman reported that she felt her business was left out during the communications regarding power restoration.

Mr. Anthony provided protocol information regarding response to an emergency.

The Council discussed the progress of the removal of brush in the borough.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nametko praised Mr. Anthony for his Emergency Management efforts.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2011-103 To Approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule

A motion to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Acquaro.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of Bond Ordinance 2011-12 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-8 FINALLY ADOPTED AUGUST 12, 2010 IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$80,000 GRANT EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

This will be carried to the November 10th meeting.

2. Introduction of Ordinance 2011-13 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CARS AVAILABLE IN THE RESERVE FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL FUND IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

This will be carried to the November 10th meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Meeting at 9:03 P.M. was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilwoman Acquaro.

Roll Call: 4 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Dalessandro, Borough Clerk