

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD MAY 11, 2017 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Nametko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

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 Borough Hall on January 6, 2017.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2017 and mailing a copy to The Star Ledger on January 6, 2017.

**ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance were Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Koster, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester, and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Agenda Meeting – April 6, 2017
- Regular Meeting – April 13, 2017

A motion to approve the above listed meeting minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING**

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. No one stepped forward to speak.

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **RECOGNITION - MARVIN JOSS RETIREMENT**

**Resolution #2017-55** – Commending Marvin Joss upon the Occasion of His Retirement

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **ANNUAL AUDIT**

Councilman Still read the comments from the Borough auditor who was unable to attend the meeting tonight

**1. Resolution #2017- 56-** Certification of the Annual Audit.

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

**2. Resolution #2017- 57-**To Approve the 2016 Corrective Action Plan.

A motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTIONS**

**1. Bond Ordinance 2017-4 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

A Motion to Read Bond Ordinance 2017-4 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. No one stepped forward.

A Motion to Close the Public Hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Bond Ordinance #2017-4 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 2. Capital Ordinance 2017- 5 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A DUMP BODY IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$15,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

A Motion to Read Capital Ordinance 2017-5 by Title Only on Second Reading and a Hearing Held Thereon was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. There were no comments.

A Motion to Close Public Hearing was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Adopt Capital Ordinance #2017-5 was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter Clarisa Vaughan – Requesting the Use of Drenzo Park for a Birthday Party- with insurance coverage

A motion to approve this request was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Koster.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. E-mail – Sheryl Stanaback – Requesting Lake Street be closed for a Block Party on August 26, 2017

Police Chief Blesson offered that he approved this and will provide coverage.

A motion to approve was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

The Council reviewed the Borough Administrator report prior to the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Insurance:                    E. Still                    J. Sylvester

In the month of April of 2017 the Borough had total income in the amount \$537,147.71 as compared to the previous year of \$585,879.02

For the month of April 2017:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated (MRNA)  
In 2017 the Borough received \$936.50 vs. \$1,725.00 in 2016

Other Licenses/Borough Clerks Fees:  
In 2017 the Borough received \$8,486.15 vs. \$7,200.02 in 2016.

State Aid  
No state aid was received in April of 2017.

Grants in Aid  
The Borough received \$17,694.31 from FEMA, reimbursement for the January 2016 snow storm.

Taxes Collected  
In 2017 the Borough collected \$510,030.75 vs. \$576,954.00 in 2016

Income Total Year to Date:  
Total income to date in 2017 was \$2,741,761.82 opposed \$2,684,733.00 in 2016.

Economic Development:                R. Hathaway                E. Still

Councilman Hathaway reported that representatives from DEP came to look at the Quirk property to determine how the Crown Point application would proceed. He feels the meeting went well There will further meetings to follow up. The resolution we are sending will be sent before the next meeting. Mr. Hathaway explained why the letter the Council will be voting on this evening is important to the project.

There is no significant news on the Pocketbook Factory and other projects.

*For the record, Mr. Bucco arrived at 7:47PM.*

Public Safety:                                J. Sylvester                                E. Koster  
(Police, Fire, Rescue)

Netcong Fire Department:

Total Calls: 13  
Drills: 8  
Meetings: 4  
Other: 2  
Training: 4  
Total Fire Fighters: 55  
Total involvements: 31  
Total Man Hours: 620.6

Netcong Police Department

301 Calls  
311 Motor Vehicle Summons  
1 local ordinance

The Fire Dept. is moving along with specifications for acquiring the new truck.

Chief Blesson thanked the Mayor and Council for attending the 200 club dinner recognizing the patrolman who received awards.

Dept. of Public

Works & Utilities:

E. Koster

R. Hathaway

**D.P.W. Monthly Report May 2017**

Road Department: Made catch basin repairs at Jenny Lind St, Hillside Ave, and Stoll St....Repaired a broken muffler on the Sr. Van ....Paved Bank St. near the retaining wall repair ....Picked up 60 cy of leaves, 64 cy of brush, 4 cy of chipped brush, and 1 2cy of grass ....

Water Department: Performed Spring hydrant flushing ....Repaired a broken curb box at 31 Maple Ave... Installed a new meter at 82 Stoll St. ...Fixed a water leak on the service line to 95 Wiltop Rd ....

Sewer Department: Called in National Water Main to clear a sewer main back up behind Bistro 46 .....

Buildings & Grounds: Installed the benches on the Main St bump outs....Prepped all summer landscaping equipment. ...Started cutting grass at all Borough properties . ... Painted all black metal garbage cans and the Welcome to Netcong signs. ...Performed the annual state inspection of FH 1 elevator....

Parks & Recreation: Opened the Parks, and bathrooms, for the Spring and Summer season . ...

Other: Met with the JIF inspector for annual inspection .... Mike Canfield attended a Capital Planning Class....DPW employees attended a Hazmat awareness class and a playground inspection class....

Councilman Koster noted the status of the well pumping is good.

Councilman Koster inquired about painting the decorative light polls. It was determined they can be painted. Mr. Canfield provided some details.

The Mayor asked about the sewer cleanout at Bistro 46. He wanted to know if it was grease from a restaurant. In addition, if so, why should the borough pay for it? The health inspector from Mt. Olive was brought in to inspect. He noted that the Council should have stronger wording in the ordinance in order to avoid these situations. Mr. Bucco will take a look at the current ordinance. The Mayor offered that maybe we need to improve our ordinance to make it easier for the health department to enforce. Councilman Koster felt that the grease traps in these restaurants should be inspected more often. Councilman Laureys asked how these regulations work and what the process is for this. Mr. Bucco provided an overview.

Recreation: P. Butler T. Laureys

1. The concerts start next month
2. The next Broadway bus trip will be on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> for the School of Rock. \$85 per person.
3. The rec. department will be sending a blast to see if there is any interest in a fishing trip.
4. The garage sale scheduled for this week will most likely be rescheduled.

Public Services: T. Laureys P. Butler  
(Human Services  
Recycling & Solid  
Waste Disposal

Dial a ride:

Days of Service: 19  
Miles: 1068  
Number of stops: 92  
Nutrition for 2: 15  
Food shopping for 19: 46  
Meals on Wheels: 9  
Medical Appointments: 23  
Other appointments: 52  
People using services: 44

Cancels: 24  
Denials: 2  
Units: 344  
Hours: 94.25

Additional notes: new disabled and new senior.

Mr. Laureys related that he and the Mayor went to the Cissy Laureys senior award at the county. Wendy Sweet was nominated and received a certificate of recognition at this ceremony.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business presented this evening.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to Go Out To Bid for Railroad Avenue Phase 2 – Water Main Replacement Project.

The motion was approved by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. Official Policy Development for:

■ Bereavement flowers for employees and elected officials family members Follow current bereavement policy

■ Submission of action/discussion items for meeting agendas department heads only and a week before the meeting

The Mayor provided the background for these policies.

A motion to approve this policy was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

3. Proposed Welcome to Netcong Sign

Councilman Hathaway provided reasoning for development of this sign. He noted that it is promoting the “brand” of Netcong. He explained the particulars about the sign. The sign will be completed in phases, with different signs at the different points in town. He explains the different phases. Signs, lights and subpanel will be included with this project. The Council was in favor of the sign. Mr. Bucco said the only concern he has is someone outside of Netcong may take

issue with this and sue. Councilman Hathaway says the Borough uses the Indian head icon for everything else. Mr. Bucco will look at some Supreme Court cases to see if there have been any filings. Councilman Laureys expressed concern about the cost of researching these cases. The Council discussed this further and did not see a problem with moving forward.

A motion to let the NCP use the logo as is for the sign was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

4. Appointment of Sean Holl as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

5. Appointment of John Dimino as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 1

6. Appointment of Brandon Reis as a Firefighter for Fire Co. No. 2

A motion to approve the three firefighter appointments were made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

7. Crown Point Statement of Support

This Letter was written by professionals in support of the Crown Point project. It was noted that voting on this Resolution will be later this evening.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL**

The Council had no comments at this time.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor had no comments at this time.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Resolution 2017- 58** – Authorizing the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in Accordance with P.L. 1994, C. 72

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes



- 2. Resolution 2017- 59-** Municipalities Located Therein Establishing a Cooperative Means of Conducting Certain Community Development and Home Activities Program

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 4 Yes      No: Councilman Laureys

- 3. Resolution 2017- 60-** Declaring Rock Solid Construction, Inc. in Default of Its Bid Obligations for the Railroad Avenue Water Main & Street Improvements – Phase I Project (Tentative)

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 4. Resolution 2017- 61-** Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Reivax Contracting Corporation for the Railroad Avenue Water Main and Street Improvements – Phase I Project in the Borough of Netcong (Tentative)

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 5. Resolution 2017- 62-** To Redeem Tax Sale Certificate 16-00005- Cheryl Foster 107 Church Street

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

- 6. Resolution 2017- 63-** In Support of the Crown Point Development Group, Inc.'s Application for a Hardship Exception for an Individual Permit Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13-15.1

A motion was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Ordinance 2017-6-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 54, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE IV, FEES, SECTION 54-16, FEES, PARAGRAPH F, CONTRACTED POLICE SERVICES, SUBPARAGRAPH (3) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2017-6 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Ordinance #2017-6 on First Reading was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

2. **Bond Ordinance 2017-7-** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE RAILROAD AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$240,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

A Motion to Introduce Bond Ordinance #2017-7 and Read by Title Only was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

A Motion to Pass Bond Ordinance #2017-7 on First Reading was made by Councilman Koster and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **REPORTS**

A Motion to Incorporate All Reports into the Minutes was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Koster.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **BILLS**

A Motion to Pay All Bills When Funds are Available was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.  
Roll Call: 5 Yes

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was not held this evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made at 8:30PM by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Eckert  
Netcong Borough Clerk