

**Mayor & Town Council  
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA  
March 6, 2023**

**Town of Boonton  
100 Washington Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005**

**Closed Session Meeting- 6:00 p.m.  
Open Public Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**You are invited to a Zoom webinar.**

When: Mar 6, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: Mayor and Council Regular Meeting - March 6th, 2023

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**FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE**

COUNCIL MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. John Meehan	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Council Member		
Ms. Marie DeVenezia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Council Member		
Dr. Edina Renfro-Michel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. Joseph Bock	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. Daniel Balan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. Michael Wade	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. Benjamin Weisman	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member		
Mr. Richard Corcoran	Mayor		
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney		
Mr. Edward Pasternak	Town Attorney		
Mr. Neil Henry	Town Administrator		
Ms. Cynthia Oravits	Town Clerk		

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 23-93**

**RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO 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 Mayor and Town Council of the town of Boonton in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).

2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Personnel
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
5. No action may be taken in Closed Session.

<b>MOVED:</b>		<b>SECONDED:</b>	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR _____	AGAINST:	_____

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**  
**FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE**

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**ADEQUATE NOTICE**  
**MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate and electronic notice of this live and remote Zoom meeting have been provided, and pursuant to the requirements of R.S. 10:4-10, the clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting an accurate statement to the effect that:

Notice of the Town Council meetings were published in the Citizen of Morris County and the Daily Record Newspapers and posted at Town Hall on December 28, 2022, and this agenda was posted on the Town Website and the Town of Boonton's Official Facebook page on March 2, 2023.

During the meeting, members of the public will be muted until the public comment portion of the meeting is opened, and then unmuted to allow for public comment. Please note that while muted, the public will still be able to hear the governing body conduct business. The public portion will be opened by the Town Administrator following the conclusion of formal business. Once the public portion is concluded, the public will again be muted for the duration of the meeting.

1. Mute phone when not speaking. Do not log on through the computer and the telephone line as it creates audio issues. Choose only one.
2. If you wish to speak during public comment, please press "9" (telephone) or the "raise hand" icon (Zoom App) and wait to be recognized by the host. If you are speaking via telephone, unmute your phone when you are called on to speak.
3. Announce yourself when you are speaking – for instance "This is Mayor Corcoran ....." or "This is Richard Corcoran from Birch Street I would like to ...." Speakers must provide their full name and address.
4. Speak slowly and clearly as it helps with the recording.
5. There is a 3-minute limit per individual on all public comment.

**PRESENTATIONS/Q&A**

- NW Financial
- Riverwalk LLC

Comments/Questions from Public

**COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council to respond to previous comments

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Further comments/questions from Council

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Memorandum from Town Clerk to Town Council regarding Memorial Day



Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC  
Town Clerk

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Boonton, NJ 07005

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Cynthia Oravits, Town Clerk  
**DATE:** March 6, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** Memorial Day Fund

Recently, long-time resident and Viet Nam Veteran, Robert Moreo passed away after a long illness. Bob was very active in the town’s Memorial Day ceremony, and although he lived in Florida in recent years, he always came back to Boonton to attend this ceremony and read the names of those who died in Viet Nam..

In Bob’s obituary, the family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the town’s Memorial Day Fund, sending checks to my attention. To date, \$990.00 has been received.

Because of Bob’s involvement in the Memorial Day ceremonies, I would like to use these donations to purchase and install a bench near the memorial site and flags in front of Town Hall.

I am requesting approval of the council to order a bench and plaque in Bob Moreo’s honor and it will be installed in time of the upcoming 2023 Memorial Day ceremony on May 29, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>SECONDED:</b>	
Town Council Discussion		
<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>SECONDED:</b>	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: _____	AGAINST: _____

**BOONTON HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Town Administrator Neil Henry will give his report on Health, Administration and other special projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**Resolutions 23-94 through 23-**

**RESOLUTION 23-94**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL APPROVING MEETING MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Minutes of the previous meeting(s) have been submitted to the Mayor and Town Council for their review and approval.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Minutes from the following meeting(s) are hereby approved as typed and filed in the Town Clerk's office:

February 21, 2023 – Closed Session 1 and 2  
February 21, 2023 – Regular Meeting

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**RESOLUTION 23-95**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

**WHEREAS**, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Mayor and Town Council by the various municipal departments.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, all vouchers approved by the Administrator be and are hereby ordered paid.

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**RESOLUTION 23-96**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #22-00006**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has been paid \$3,623.01, the necessary amount to redeem the following Tax Sale Certificate held by Bala Partners, for property assessed to Ricardo Castro.

Certificate	Block/Lot	Address	Tax Title Lien	Premium	Total Redemption
22-00006	43-4	139 Barnett Street	\$3,623.01	\$2,800.00	\$6,423.01

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector, upon receipt of the Tax Sale Certificate properly endorsed for cancellation, be authorized to draw a check for \$6,423.01 from the Trust Account and forward said check to Bala Partners, 1 American Lane, Suite 220, Greenwich, CT 06831

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel lien #22-00006 from the municipal record.

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**RESOLUTION 23-97**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR 2023 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton has a need to acquire professional services as a non-fair and open contract; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2023, the Mayor and Town Council approved Resolution 23-06 which included authorizing Water Engineering in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, that amount did not include the cost of Sewer Engineering needed.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Boonton hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Suburban Consulting Engineers to include the following service:

Professional Service	Name	Address	Term	Not to Exceed
Engineer – Sewer	Andrew Holt, PE, PP, CME Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc.	96 US Route 206, #101 Flanders, NJ 07836	03/06/2023-12/31/2023	Sewer - \$34,000

I hereby certify that funds, not to exceed \$34,000.00, are available - Account #3-01-20-165-231

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Michael Yazdi, CFO

**RESOLUTION 23-98**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE CONTRACT FOR WOOTTON ST RESURFACING PROJECT-PHASES 1 & 2 BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BOONTON AND DLS CONTRACTING, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton entered into an Agreement with DLS Contracting, Inc. for the FY2020 & FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Funded Grants for Wootton Street Resurfacing Project – Phases I & II; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been recommended by Town Engineer Andrew S. Holt to amend this contract due to certain necessary & unforeseen changes at the time of plan preparations. The modified scope of work along Wootton Street now includes: sidewalk, striping, and signage modifications, and reduction of contract quantities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the original contract amount was **\$566,939.50**; the amended contract amount based upon Change Order #1 is \$482,898.76 which is a 14.82% decrease from the original contract amount; and,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Change Order #1 be and is hereby authorized by the Mayor and Town Council as follows:

Original Contract	\$ 566,939.50
Change Order #1	( <del>\$ 84,040.74</del> )
<b>New Contract Total:</b>	<b>\$ 482,898.76</b>

Decrease: 14.82%

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

**Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 23-94 through 23-98**

MOVED:		SECOND:				
Mayor & Town Council Discussion						
MOVED:		SECOND:				
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT	
Mr. Balan						
Mr. Bock						
Ms. DeVenezia						
Mr. Meehan						
Dr. Renfro-Michel						
Mr. Wade						
Mr. Weisman						
Mr. Wekilsky						
Mayor Corcoran						

**TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

None Received

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 01-23** (Public Hearing/Adoption)  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON AMENDING A SECTION OF THE BOONTON CODE CHAPTER 201 ENTITLED PARKING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, as follows:

Section 1. Section 201-33 shall be amended to add the following handicap locations:

- Cedar Street One (1) space alongside of 239 Mechanic Street
- Cedar Street One (1) space in front of 811 Cedar Street

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

<b>MOVED:</b>			<b>SECOND:</b>		
<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>					
<b>MOVED:</b>			<b>SECOND:</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Balan					
Mr. Bock					
Ms. DeVenezia					
Mr. Meehan					
Dr. Renfro-Michel					
Mr. Wade					
Mr. Weisman					
Mr. Wekilsky					
Mayor Corcoran					

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Corcoran will open the meeting to the public for comment

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting shall adjourn.

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>SECONDED:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: ____	AGAINST: ____