

**Mayor & Town Council
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
March 20, 2023**

Town of Boonton
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

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

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When: Mar 20, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Mayor and Council Meeting - March 20th, 2023

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FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE

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

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-99

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: Contract Negotiations
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.

MOVED: Wekilsky		SECONDED: DeVenezia	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR <u> X </u>	AGAINST:	_____

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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 16, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town of Boonton
PBA Local 212
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

03/13/2023

Town of Boonton
Mayor & Council
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

Dear Town of Boonton Mayor & Council:

The Town of Boonton PBA Local 212 is requesting the use of Boonton Streets to conduct our 10th Annual 5K run/walk & Kids One-Mile fun run, Sunday, June 4th 2023. We’ve also submitted forms to the Boonton Board of Education for permission to use their facility, as their facility would be the central location for this event.

The course that would be followed: (see attached map) Temporary Road Closure with Detour set up
 Start up: 100 block of Maple Avenue (BHS Tennis Courts) southbound
 200 block of Lathrop Avenue (westbound) Closure of Lathrop at Washington Street & Vreeland Avenue
 100-500 blocks (southbound) Madison Street
 200-300 blocks (eastbound) Dawson Avenue
 500-600 blocks (southbound) Old Boonton Road
 200-600 blocks (northbound) Reservoir Drive
 600-400 blocks (westbound) Monroe Street
 100 block of Old Boonton Road (northbound)
 400-500 blocks of Lathrop Avenue (eastbound)
 100 block of Overlook dead-end U-turn (southbound/northbound)
 400-500 block of Lathrop Avenue U-turn @ Vreeland Ave (eastbound/westbound)
 500-400 block of Lathrop Avenue (westbound)
 100 block of Kanouse Street (northbound)

Finish Line: Park Avenue Ext (Finish Line) block party

The roadways for the aforementioned affected areas will be closed at 08:30am with the race to start at 09:00am and the last participants will be off the course no later than approximately 10:30am. The roadways will systematically be opened when safe to do so. Maple Avenue and Park Avenue Ext will remain closed for the block party till 12:00pm. The Boonton Police Department will staff the event and ensure safety of the runners and volunteers. (Race Insurance can be produced on request). Also No Parking areas are to be posted 48 hours in advance for Maple Avenue, Park Ave Ext, Kanouse Street and a portion of the 100 block of Roessler Street during the times of 06:00am-12:00pm on race day.

In addition to the temporary race route road closures, we would also request permission for the use of Park Avenue Ext, between Roessler Street and Kanouse Street for our annual block party during the event. We ask that we would be permitted to close this section of the roadway on June 3rd, 2023 during late night hours in order to set up the area for the block party. Further requested would be our application to ABC for a social affairs alcoholic beverage permit for this event during the hours of 09:00am-12:00pm within the block party area, an area authorized by ABC.

Further requested would be for our race organizers to coordinate with the Department of Public Works as in the past for their resources and equipment in preparing the course for closure/signage, roadway repairs/clearing and access to the recycling center on race day.

As this race is a fundraising event, our PBA is requesting permission to have race advertising signage place upon public property to promote the event.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

Karl Mangino, Christopher Petonak, & Joseph Ferris
Boonton SRT 5K race Coordinators

MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECONDED: DeVENEZIA	
Town Council Discussion - none			
MOVED: BALAN		SECONDED: WEKILSKY	
VOICE VOTE:		IN FAVOR: <u> X </u>	AGAINST: <u> </u>

BOONTON HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Health/Administration	<p>Neil Henry reported that JCPL will be working along the 800 block of Main Street repairing lighting</p> <p>A contract for health services is being ratified with Pequannock Township at the upcoming Board of Health Meeting.</p> <p>Verizon has been conducting construction along various roadways Puddingstone Drive area. He will be delaying road opening permits until he is satisfied that the property owners have been sufficiently notified of their work.</p> <p>The town council has all received the Capital Budget requests and Mr. Henry urges them all to review and be ready for discussion at the upcoming work session meeting of March 27, 2023.</p>
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CONSENT AGENDA
Resolutions 23-100 through 23-104 and 23-108

RESOLUTION 23-100
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 27, 2023 – Regular and Closed Session
- March 6, 2023 – Regular and Closed Session
- March 13 2023 – Worksession Minutes

RESOLUTION 23-101
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.

RESOLUTION 23-102
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL WATER/SEWER CHARGES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the following water/sewer charges be and are hereby canceled:

Account	Address	Reason	Amount
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609-0	114 Horizon Drive	Faded Counter-unable to read correctly	\$ 741.49
1440-0	661 Myrtle Avenue	Incorrect prior reading	\$ 477.66

RESOLUTION 23-103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #22-00010

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid \$1,423.55, the necessary amount to redeem the following Tax Sale Certificate held by Bala Partners, for property assessed to Noah Seth & Carolyn Anne Dorfman:

Certificate	Block/Lot	Address	Tax Title Lien	Premium	Total Redemption
22-00010	61-3	623 Boonton Avenue	\$1,423.55	\$3,000.00	\$4,423.55

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 \$4,423.55 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 #22-00010 from the municipal record.

RESOLUTION 23-104

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, NEW JERSEY, AWARDDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is desirous of obtaining professional services relative to professional environmental services in the Town Hall Parking Lot; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council deem it in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Boonton to retain the services of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. a corporation in the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices at 96 US Highway 206, Flanders, NJ 07836; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., permits the hiring of professional services without advertising and public bid and requires that the resolution authorizing same be available for public inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Administrator and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute a contract on the Town's behalf with Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., for professional services relative to the above referenced project.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is awarded for services to be performed by a person or persons licensed and authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and the services to be rendered are of an unspecific nature not compatible with competitive bidding.
3. The term of services shall be from the date of acceptance of the agreement until its completion, in full accord with the terms and conditions thereof. The fees include \$9,000 for post remedial sampling and \$6,500 for a remedial action report; the total fee for services for this project shall not exceed \$15,500.00, in accordance with the proposal submitted by Andrew S. Holt, PE, PP, CME, Executive Vice President, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. for said project, dated January 26, 2023.
4. This award is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funding exists therefore.
5. Notice of this action shall be published in "The Daily Record" newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage thereof.

I hereby certify that funds are available in Account #3-01-20-165-22
Not to Exceed \$ 15,500.00

Michael Yazdi, CFO

RESOLUTION 23-105 - TABLED

RESOLUTION 23-106 - TABLED

RESOLUTION 23-107

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, the Morris County Board of County Commissioners authorized the creation of the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund grant program (hereinafter "Program") to provide funding to any of its 39 municipalities for historic preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Program is funded through the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund and requires a 20% match from applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is submitting a grant application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$60,000 for a project entitled Town of Boonton Main Street Historic District Nomination with a Town match of \$15,000 for a total project cost of \$75,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant, pending adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget.

RESOLUTION 23-108

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO FY2024 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Boonton formally approves and supports a grant application within the Town of Boonton for the following project(s):

Town of Boonton Acquisition of New Senior Bus Vehicle

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the federal representatives of the Town of Boonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Boonton and that his signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of \$133,400 is the maximum amount requested from Senator Cory Booker's Office, and the maximum amount requested from Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's Office is \$106,720 with a match of \$26,680 to be supplied by a Community Development Block Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 23-100 through 23-104 and 23-108

MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: DeVENEZIA			
Mayor & Town Council Discussion					
Upon discussion among the council, Resolutions 105 and 106 were tabled. Resolution 107 and 109 were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: WADE			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Balan	X				
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

RESOLUTION 23-107

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

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WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is submitting a grant application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in the amount of \$60,000 for a project entitled Town of Boonton Main Street Historic District Nomination with a Town match of \$15,000 for a total project cost of \$75,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton do hereby authorize the preparation and submission of a Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton authorize the expenditure of the required 20% match for this grant, pending adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget.

MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: WADE			
<p>Mayor & Town Council Discussion</p> <p>Council Member Balan requested changes be made to Resolution 107. Discussion took place and the resolution was approved with these changes upon the following roll call vote:</p>					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: WADE			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Balan	X				
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

RESOLUTION 23-109

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO FY2024 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton Ironworks site (the site) has significant historic and municipal links to the Rockaway River and the Main Street Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Town Master Plan recommends the development of the site for public recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the existing DPW lot located within the site restricts public access to municipal, natural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, consolidated or relocated operations and facilities of the existing DPW lot may provide means of realizing the goals of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Administrator, upon recommendation from the Council, has taken action to conduct a study of consolidating or relocating some or all existing operations on the site; and

WHEREAS, the Town may require a redevelopment plan for the site, the adoption of and adherence to which may be required for any future development; and

WHEREAS, the Town has submitted a Fiscal year 2024 Community Project funding Program grant application for a project titled “Riverside Recreational Complex” in the amount of \$6,000,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Boonton formally authorizes and approves a grant application within the Town of Boonton for the following project(s);

Riverside Recreational Complex

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the federal representatives of the Town of Boonton;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Boonton and that his signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

MOVED: DeVenezia		SECOND: Weisman			
<p>Mayor & Town Council Discussion</p> <p>Discussion took place and the resolution was approved upon the following roll call vote:</p>					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: WADE			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Balan	X				
Mr. Bock		X			
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade		X			
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky		X			
Mayor Corcoran	X				

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Renfro-Michel announced that the State of New Jersey has approved the Boonton Ironworks as an historic district. They unanimously approved to move this forward to the National Registry in order to get National Designation.

Council Member Wade reported that he is going to meet with a contractor to look over the Birch Street issue. He was told by Administrator Henry that this has now become potential litigation.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 02-23 (Introduction/Title Only)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION ARTICLE, II, GARAGE SALES, CHAPTER 225-14, EXCEPTIONS, WITHIN THE TOWN OF CODE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON

MOVED: WEKILSKY			SECOND: WADE		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Balan	X				
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Corcoran opened the meeting to the public for comment

Amir, Washington Street: Represented the Muslim community in Boonton and humbly requests that Ramadan be posted on the electronic board in front of Town Hall. He was advised to contact Town Administrator Henry.

Lauren Mills, Birch Street: Requested that the traffic problems on Birch and Green Street be addressed regarding students and traffic of the two schools in the area.

Rich, Lincoln Street: Wanted confirmation that the Town was no longer funding the Boonton Kiwanis. Mayor Corcoran corrected him by saying that is untrue, and the Town is continuing negotiations to fund the organization in 2023 for \$80,000.

Jim Hodgins, Fulton Street: Wanted clarification on a few of the previous resolutions indicating that the discussions that occurred addressed Mikie Sherrill, who’s name was not mentioned in the resolution. He also questioned resolution 23-109 indicating no money was listed. In Resolution 23-104 regarding the wells, he asked where the pollution was actually coming from.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MOVED:	SECONDED:	TIME:
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	9:20 p.m.
	AGAINST: _____	