

Mayor & Board of Aldermen
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 18, 2020

Town of Boonton
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

Meeting Begins 7:30 p.m.

All cell phones must be turned off

The Meeting of February 18, 2020 is now being recorded and called to order

FLAG SALUTE
ROLL CALL VOTE:

ALDERMAN	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Edward Robillard	1 st Ward Alderman		
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky	1 st Ward Alderman		
Ms. Marie DeVenezia	2 nd Ward Alderwoman		
Dr. Edina Renfro-Michel	2 nd Ward Alderwoman		
Mr. Joseph Bock	3 rd Ward Alderman		
Mr. Joseph Fenske	3 rd Ward Alderman		
Mr. Michael Cardillo	4 th Ward Alderman		
Mr. Michael Wade	4 th Ward Alderman		
Mr. Richard Corcoran	Mayor		
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney		
Mr. Edward Pasternak	Town Attorney		
Mr. Neil Henry	Administrator		
Ms. Cynthia Oravits	Town Clerk		

Adequate Notice

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of RS 10:4-10, I announce and direct the Clerk to enter into the Minutes of this meeting an accurate statement to the effect that:

1. Notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall on December 26, 2019 and this agenda was posted on February 14, 2020.
2. Notice of this meeting was published in the Citizen of Morris County and the Daily Record Newspapers on December 26, 2019 and a copy of this agenda was forwarded to each of the town's official newspapers on February 14, 2020.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Boonton urges all residents to sign up for "Nixle" notifications on their phones and electronic devices. This is a free service to ensure that valuable information is forwarded to everybody related to road closures, weather reports, etc. – www.boonton.org.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

1. I, Richard Corcoran, hereby appoint Ashleigh Tharp as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to a term of four (4) years, expiring 12/31/23.
2. I, Richard Corcoran, hereby appoints Cathy Ricobono as a member of the Board of Health to fulfill a two-year term, expired 12/31/21.

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PRESENTATION

1. A presentation will be made by Topology for an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
2. A presentation will be made by Terry Connolly and Oliver N. Esman on “Nourish.NJ – a program that creates lasting solutions to the problems of hunger, homelessness and poverty.

CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Bock

1. Correspondence received from Boonton Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Pryer requesting approval to hold their 19th Annual Boonton Day Celebration on Sunday September 27 between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.
2. Letter received from Boonton Service Center, 240 Myrtle Avenue, indicating they are resigning from towing for the Town of Boonton, effective February 15, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Wekilsky

RESOLUTION 20-79

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING MEETING MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Minutes from the following meetings are hereby approved as typed and filed in the Town Clerk’s office:

February 3, 2020 – Regular and Closed Session

RESOLUTION 20-80

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by the various municipal departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, all vouchers approved by the respective committees be and are hereby ordered paid.

RESOLUTION 20-81

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REDEEM TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #19-00006

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid \$12,567.40, the necessary amount to redeem the following Tax Sale Certificate held by the US Bank Cust for Pro Capital 8 for property assessed to John Occhipinti

Certificate	Block/Lot	Address	Tax Title Lien	Premium	Total Redemption
19-00006	33-3.04	616 Oak Street	\$12,567.40	\$0.00	\$12,567.40

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 \$12,567.40 from the Trust Account and forward said check to the lienholder US Bank Cust for Pro Cap 8, Pro Capital Management II, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel lien #19-00006 from the municipal record.

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RESOLUTION 20-82

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEALS**

WHEREAS, appeals of the real property tax assessments of the following properties have been filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey:

PROPERTY OWNER	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
JPMorgan Chase Bank	77	1	100 Monroe Street
Princeton Meadows Holdings, LLC	118	1	115 Hawkins Place

; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Town Attorney are of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the Township to settle these appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The settlement of the following tax appeals filed at the Tax Court of New Jersey are hereby authorized as follows:

PROPERTY OWNER	YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
JPMorgan Chase Bank	2018	\$1,066,400	\$850,000
	2019	\$1,066,400	\$750,000
	2020	\$1,066,400	\$650,000
Princeton Meadows Holdings, LLC	2014	\$7,742,200	\$7,442,200

2. All refund checks are to be made payable to the attorneys for the taxpayer and the taxpayer. Refunds are to be made within 60 days from the date of the entry of Judgment and interest is waived on said refunds on the condition that the refund is paid within 60 days from the date of the entry of Judgment.
3. All municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever actions may be necessary to implement the terms of this Resolution.
4. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to credit and/or refund the appropriate taxes in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 20-83

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Boonton Police Department collects forfeiture funds throughout the year, to be deposited in a Forfeiture Account; and

WHEREAS, the Boonton Police Department is interested in obtaining an additional motor vehicle using funds from the Forfeiture Account in the amount of \$15,000.00 to add to their fleet; and

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton feel this is a worthwhile and necessary purchase.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, that the Town Administrator, Neil Henry, be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office to purchase a vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.

CONSENT AGENDA
Alderman Wekilsky

Roll Call vote for Resolutions 20-79 through 20-83

MOVED:		SECOND:			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Bock					
Mr. Cardillo					
Ms. DeVenezia					
Mr. Fenske					
Dr. Renfro-Michel					
Mr. Robillard					
Mr. Wade					
Mr. Wekilsky					
Mayor Corcoran					

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN ATTORNEY AND ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Liaison Reports

COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, ETC.	LIAISON	HAS REPORT	
		Yes	No
Board of Education	Joe Bock		
Board of Health	Joe Bock		
Boonton Holmes Library	Joe Fenske		
Boonton Main Street	Marie DeVenezia		
Fire Commissioner	Cy Wekilsky		
Historic Preservation Commission	Michael Wade		
Housing Authority	Richard Corcoran		X-no quorum
Kiwanis Ambulance Service of Boonton	Mike Wade		
Morris County Bd. of Chosen Freeholders	Richard Corcoran		X
Planning Board	Richard Corcoran & Marie DeVenezia		
Trails	Edina Renfro-Michel		

2. Grants Committee discussion of historical grants for 2020.

3. Discussion of the creation of an official DPW/OEM Facebook Page for the Town of Boonton

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NEW BUSINESS
Alderman Fenske

ORDINANCE 01-20 (introduction/Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300-85 OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON CODE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TOWN-WIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANDATORY SET-ASIDE

MOVED:		SECOND:			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Bock					
Mr. Cardillo					
Ms. DeVenezia					
Mr. Fenske					
Dr. Renfro-Michel					
Mr. Robillard					
Mr. Wade					
Mr. Wekilsy					
Mayor Corcoran					

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Corcoran will open the meeting to the public for comment or discussion

CLOSED SESSION
Alderman Cardillo

RESOLUTION 20-
RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 2075 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 Board of Aldermen 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: _____
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified submit matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
5. No action may be taken in Closed Session

MOVED:	SECONDED:	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: _____	AGAINST: _____

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ADJOURN
Alderman Cardillo

There being no further business, the meeting shall adjourn:

MOVED:	SECONDED:	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: _____	AGAINST: _____
