

**Mayor & Board of Aldermen
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

May 18, 2020

Town of Boonton
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

Closed Session-Begins 6:15 p.m.

Open Public Session-Begins 7:30 p.m.

All cell phones must be turned off

FLAG SALUTE and ROLL CALL VOTE:

ALDERMAN	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Edward Robillard	1 st Ward Alderman-Board President		
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. James Lynch	4 th Ward Alderman		
Mr. Michael Wade	4 th Ward Alderman		
Mayor Richard Corcoran	Mayor		
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney		
Mr. Ed Pasternak	Town Attorney		
Mr. Neil Henry	Administrator		
Ms. Cynthia Oravits	Town Clerk		

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Bock

RESOLUTION 20-128

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 Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

- The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).
- The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Attorney/Client Privilege and Property Acquisition
- 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.
- This resolution shall take effect immediately.
- No action may be taken in Closed Session

MOVED:		SECONDED:	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: _	AGAINST: ____	

PUBLIC OPEN SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

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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 May 15, 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 May 15, 2020.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., and more specifically N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(b), which authorizes the use of communications equipment to hold public meetings, and in consideration of Executive Order 107 issued by Governor Phil Murphy and guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, the Town of Boonton hereby notifies the public that in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, while ensuring the continuity and continued operations of government, the Town will hold its regularly scheduled public meeting by way of a dial-in conference call on Monday, May 15, 2020, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

During the public session, 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

Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the meeting may do so by calling the following number:

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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 Unmute your phone when you are called on to speak or wish to speak.
2. Announce yourself when you are speak – for instance “This is Mayor Corcoran” or “This is Richard Corcoran from Birch Street I would like to”
3. Speak slowly and clearly as it helps with the recording.

Members of the public who are unable to utilize the access method due to a disability may submit written comments or questions by contacting the Town Clerk at townclerk@boonton.org prior to the meeting, up until 3:00 p.m. The comments or questions, which must include the individual’s name and address, will be read into the record during the public portion of the meeting.

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.

BOONTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT/OEM/FINANCE

1. Health Department: Public Health Nurse Mandi Bendett
 2. OEM: Director Peter Herbert or Deputy Directors Scott Bednar and Michael Gulla
 3. Finance: Jen Muscara, Tax Collector
 4. Administrator: Neil Henry
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PROCLAMATION

Public Works Week – May 17 – 23, 2020

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Town of Boonton; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and

the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our town's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

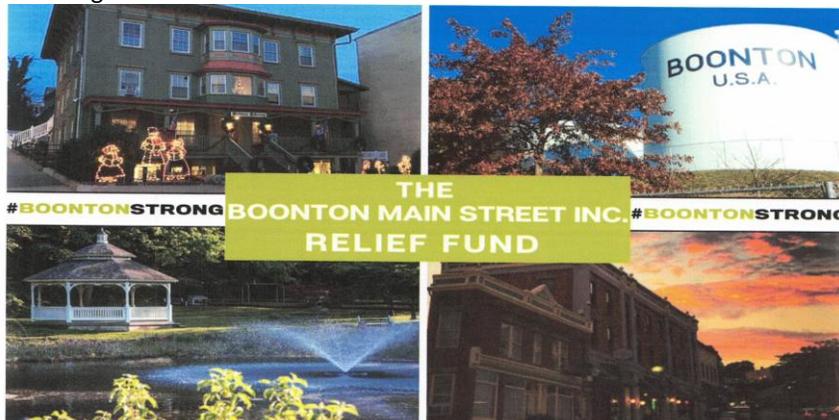
WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civil leaders and children in the Town of Boonton to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Proclaimed that I, Richard Corcoran, Mayor of the Town of Boonton in the County of Morris, do hereby designate the week May 17 – 23, 2020 as **National Public Works Week**. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

Richard Corcoran, Mayor

PRESENTATION
Alderwoman DeVenezia

Laura Wagner, Director of Boonton Main Street will speak to the Board of Aldermen on behalf of the emergency relief grant fund that is being established.



Boonton Main Street Inc. has launched a special relief fund to support the small businesses that make up Boonton's dynamic Main Street economic center. This microgrant program, funded by donations, will provide financial relief for the many small Main Street businesses crippled by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to promoting the program and assisting with fundraising, Boonton Main Street, Inc. (BMS), with its 501(c)(3) charitable status, will receive donations and, at the direction of an impartial sub-committee, disperse funds to qualified small businesses that make up our historic shopping district. If having a viable Main Street is important to you, this is another of many opportunities to help during these unprecedented times.

The first gift to this fund is from personal contributions made by the BMS board members in the amount of \$1000. It is BMS, Inc.'s hope that individuals and organizations will join in supporting the local small business community that makes Boonton a unique economic center within Morris County. All donors will be listed on our social media outlets, and all donations at or above \$1000 will be commemorated on a placard prominently displayed on Main Street.

Donations can be made on or before June 15, 2020 at BoontonMainStreet.org, or by mailing a check payable to Boonton Main Street, Inc. PO Box 26 Boonton, NJ 07005

Small Business Eligibility

1. Business must have a physical location on Main Street Boonton (between Myrtle and Highland Avenue) or on the first block of a street perpendicular to Main Street between Myrtle & Highland Avenue.
2. Business must have twenty or fewer full-time equivalent employees.
3. Priority will be given to businesses defined as Non-Essential Retail Businesses by New Jersey Executive Order No. 107. Other businesses defined as Essential Retail Businesses by New Jersey Executive Order No. 107, may also apply if they demonstrate a significant loss.

Organizations not eligible to receive funding include national franchises, nonprofits, and religious organizations.

Timeline

May 15, 2020	Application opens online at BoontonMainStreet.org
May 15 – June 15, 2020	Application submittal period including community outreach & applicant assistance
June 15, 2020	Application submittal period ends at 11:59pm
June 16 – June 19, 2020	Grant decisions communicated to recipients
June 22 – June 26, 2020	Grant awards distributed

CORRESPONDENCE

Alderman Bock

1. Letter from Boonton/Boonton Township Girl Scouts requesting approval for Spring Planting

Boonton/Boonton Township Girl Scouts
522 William Street
Boonton, New Jersey 07005

May 11, 2020

Mayor Richard J. Corcoran III and Board Alderman
100 Washington Street
Boonton, New Jersey 07005

Dear Mayor Richard J. Corcoran III and Board Alderman,

This letter is to formally request permission for the Boonton/Boonton Township Girl Scouts to continue our spring tradition of planting flowers throughout town. This year while maintaining social distancing guidelines, we would like to have some normal traditions around town.

We will only allow one girl scout with their family to plant at one time while wearing masks. We are requesting the following locations:

- **Mayor’s Park (Lathrop & Old Boonton Road)**
- **Grace Lord Park (in front of the monument)**
- **The *Welcome to Boonton* Sign at the Reservoir (Washington Street and the bridge)**
- **The *Welcome to Boonton* Sign at Vreeland & Myrtle Avenues**
- **Statue at Santa Land (North Main Street)**

In addition to beautifying Boonton, this project provides our scouts with an opportunity to make a direct, visual impact on their community. It instills in them pride, a sense of accomplishment, and community spirit that they’ll carry with them throughout life. For our service unit, it honors the memory of Irene Zdawczynski, who championed this project for many years.

It is my hope that this project will be approved and our tradition will continue. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at 973-263-4022 or abentrovato@aol.com.

Thank you,
Ann Bentrovato, -Service Unit Leader

MOTION TO ACCEPT, APPROVE OR DENY:						
SECOND:						
Mayor Corcoran will open this subject for discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen						
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT	
Mr. Bock						
Ms. DeVenezia						
Mr. Fenske						
Mr. Lynch						
Dr. Renfro-Michel						
Mr. Robillard						
Mr. Wade						
Mr. Wekilsky						
Mayor Corcoran						

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN, ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY

1. *COVID-19 Update regarding the Town of Boonton parks, Governor Murphy Executive Order, Testing Sites, Town Hall ongoing work through drop box, etc.*
 2. *July and August Meeting Dates*
 3. *Census 2020*
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CONSENT AGENDA
Alderman Robillard

RESOLUTION 20-129

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:

May 4, 2020 – Regular Session

RESOLUTION 20-130

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 20-131

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL WATER/SEWER CHARGES

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 following water/sewer charges be and are hereby canceled:

Account	Address	Reason	Amount
1285-Water	211 Park Avenue	Clerical Error	\$8,613.93

RESOLUTION 20-132

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO EMILCOTT ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY EXPERTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE TOWN OF BOONTON RIGHT TO KNOW REPORTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is desirous of obtaining professional services relative to the 2019 Right to Know Reports for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Boonton to retain the services of Emilcott, a corporation in the State of New Jersey, having its office at 190 Park Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960; 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 Board of Aldermen 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 Emilcott Environmental, Health & Safety Experts for professional services relative to the 2019 Right to Know reports.
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 total fee for services for this project shall not exceed \$7,680.00.
4. This award is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funding exists therefor.
5. Notice of this action shall be published in "The Daily Record" newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage thereof.

I, Yolanda Dykes, Chief Finance Officer of the Town of Boonton, hereby certify that \$7,680.00 is available in A/C #0-01-20-100-228

RESOLUTION 20-133

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY BOND COUNCIL

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of these acquisitions will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this temporary contracts is one year; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Entities have completed and submitted their Business Entity Disclosure Certifications which certify that the Contracting Entities have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Boonton in the previous one year; and that the contract will prohibit the Contracting Entity from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for the subject contract; and

WHEREAS, Notice of this action shall be published in the "Daily Record" newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Contracting Entity as described herein.

Professional Service	Name	Address
Temporary Bond Counsel	Robert Beinfield, Esq.	Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, 1 Gateway Center, Newark, NJ

*I, Yolanda Dykes, CFO, hereby certifies that funds are available in the Current,
Water & Sewer Sewer funds –
Account #'s 0-01-20-100-228, 0-05-55-502-235 and 0-07-55-502-235*

Yolanda Dykes, CFO

RESOLUTION 20-134

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 70, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 5, 21.01 & 21.02 AND BLOCK 1, LOTS 1, 2, 5, 5.01, 5.02, 6, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWN CONSTITUTES A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING I.A.W, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.* (the "Redevelopment Law"), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, to determine whether certain parcels of land constitute areas in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law the Town Aldermen ("Town Aldermen") of the Town of Boonton (the "Town") must authorize the planning board of the Town (the "Planning Board") to conduct a preliminary investigation of the area and make recommendations to the Town Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the Town Aldermen believe it is in the best interest of the Town that an investigation occur with respect to certain parcels within the Town and therefore authorizes and directs the Planning Board to conduct an investigation of the property commonly known BLOCK 70, LOTS 1, 2, 3, 5, 21.01 & 21.02 and BLOCK 1, LOTS 1, 2, 5, 5.01, 5.02, 6, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 on the tax map of the Town (hereinafter the "Study Area") to determine whether the Study Area Meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and N.J.S.A 40A:12A-14, and should be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment area determination requested hereunder, in connection with the Study Area, authorizes the Town and Town Alderman to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, not including the power of eminent domain.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a preliminary investigation pursuant to N.J. S.A. 40A:12A-6 to determine whether the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 to be designated as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law.

Section 3. As part of its investigation, the Planning Board shall prepare a map showing the boundaries of the Study Area and the location of the parcels contained therein.

Section 4. The Planning Board shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6 & 12A-14, after giving due notice of the proposed boundaries of the Study Area and the date of the hearing to any persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a non-condemnation redevelopment area. The notice of the hearing shall specifically state that the redevelopment area determination shall not authorize the Town or Town Alderman to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the delineated area, for the Study Area is being investigated as a possible non-condemnation redevelopment area.

Section 5. At the public hearing, the Planning Board shall hear from all persons who are interested in or would be affected by a determination that the Study Area is a non-condemnation redevelopment area. All objections to a determination that the Study Area is a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment and evidence in support of those objections shall be received and considered by the Planning Board and made part of the public record.

Section 6. After conducting its investigation, preparing a map of the Study Area, and conducting a public hearing at which all objections to the designation are received and considered, the Planning Board shall make a recommendation to the Town Aldermen as to whether the Town should designate all or some of the Study Area as a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment.

Section 7. A copy of this Resolution shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Town Clerk.

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Yolanda Dykes, CFO, hereby certifies that \$23,500.00 for Phase II under budget account # 0-01-200-100-228 is available.

Yolanda Dykes, CFO

RESOLUTION 20-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF A MOTORIZED CART FOR MAINTAINING PUBLIC PARKS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT USE

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen are committed to supporting, improving and advancing the use of local trails for the benefit, safety, health and welfare of the Town’s citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, through providing a scenic opportunity to walk and safely enjoy such trails, citizens and visitors alike might be encouraged to patronize local businesses; and

WHEREAS, a motorized cart is generously being donated by private individual Steve Grivalsky, who is a

resident of the Town of Boonton, and whose father always made efforts to contribute to his local community before his passing; and

WHEREAS, the motorized cart may have a value in excess of \$7,500.00, and this motorized cart will be used for various purposes, including maintaining and ensuring the safety and rescues of those persons using the Jersey City Reservoir Trail, as well as other Fire Department uses when roads may be closed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29, the Town of Boonton is authorized and empowered to accept bequests, legacies and gifts made to it and is empowered to utilize such bequests, legacies and gifts in the manner set forth in the conditions of the bequest, legacy or gift, provided, however, that such bequest, legacy or gift shall not be put to any use which is inconsistent with the laws of this State and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this motorized cart again shall be used to maintain the Jersey City Reservoir Trail, a public park or recreation area in the Town of Boonton, and to ensure the safety of those using the Trail; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-29, the Town of Boonton is similarly authorized to accept donations for parks, recreation areas and open space preservation, and subject to all relevant laws, rules or regulations, any county or municipality, or any entity or agency thereof, may accept donations, by gift, bequest, or devise, of real property, funds, personal property, in-kind items, or services by private persons for the purpose of public open space preservation or the establishment and maintenance of public parks, forests, recreation areas, or wildlife management areas, preserves, or sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, any such donation of \$7,500.00 or more in value shall be made a matter of public record by the county or municipality, or the appropriate entity or agency thereof.

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, that the Town of Boonton:

Shall accept with sincere thanks, the generous gift of Mr. Grivalsky, and enter and adopt this resolution as a matter of record, in consideration of the value of the motorized cart, and in satisfaction of the above noted statutes.

RESOLUTION 20-136

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 2020 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton desires to establish a 2020 Temporary Capital Budget;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 Temporary Capital Budget is hereby established as follows:

TEMPORARY 2020 CAPITAL BUDGET				
PROJECT TITLE	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	GRANTS IN AID AND OTHER FUNDS	DEBT AUTHORIZED
Improvements to Police Department	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 157,000.00
NJ Dept. of Transportation-Preliminary Design work for Main Street TAP Grant Project	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	

RESOLUTION 20-137

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN SUPPORTING DIRECT STABILIZATION FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

WHEREAS, the County of Morris Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted Resolution 2020-298 urging the State to provide funding to counties with populations of less than 500,000 in their efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and work to keep our constituents safe; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morris has to date been severely impacted by this virus with 309 residents who have lost their life thus far during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, due to this pandemic the County of Morris has had to undertake immediate plans of action to both identify those individuals infected with the virus and to initiate unanticipated costly yet critical strategic plans relative to the prevention of the continued spread of the virus inclusive of but not limited to:

- Initiated the Morris County Office of Emergency Management and Public Health Response staff efforts beginning in late February.
- Established outside COVID-19 testing sites at Morristown Medical Center, Chilton Hospital, Dover General Hospital, St. Clare's Hospital, and the Zufall Clinic helping to ensure that potentially infected individuals remain outside the perimeter of those critical facilities.
- Contracted with an Epidemiologist.
- Established a COVID-19 testing site at the County College of Morris last month with no support of personal protection equipment, testing kits, or other materials from the State of New Jersey as supplied to other Counties.
- Supported the needs of both the Atlantic HealthCare Hospital System and the Prime HealthCare Hospital System.
- Accepted and medically treated out of County adult inmates, juvenile offenders, and Children in Crisis, in the respective Morris County facilities, resulting in the spread of the virus within the County's Correctional Facility, Juvenile Detention and Youth Shelter operational staff, further resulting in significant staff illness, significant overtime costs, and significant sanitizing costs.
- Stretched professional resources beyond the realm of reasonability by serving as the Medical Examiner for three Counties.
- Required to accept over 60 COVID-19 positive residents of long-term care facilities from outside of Morris County as directed by the New Jersey Department of Health.
- Established multiple temporary morgues within the various hospitals.
- Responding to the increased demand and associated costs relative to the Morris County 911 Communication Center, processing over 8,132 calls since the initial Executive Order 104.
- Processing, responding to, and incurring the related costs to over 1,937 EMS emergencies of which 901 were determined to be potential COVID-19 responses, requiring full personal protection equipment since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Established and supporting temporary housing facilities for Community Based Human Service residential providers addressing the needs of the Homeless, Division of Developmental Disabilities, and Behavioral Health populations.
- Redirected the Senior Nutrition Program from a congregate and home delivered operation to solely home delivered operation, significantly increasing operational costs.
- Continuing to provide life sustaining transportation services via the County's paratransit program, placing staff at considerable risk as well as incurring significant sanitizing expenses relative to all transportation vehicles.
- Addressed the increased demand for Temporary Assistance services relative to increased applications for programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), while dealing with reduced staff due to COVID-19 and office closures to sanitize their space.

- Because the Federal Government’s emergency stockpile of personal protective equipment was depleted and understanding that the State would not be receiving further shipments, required us to expend exorbitant funds to purchase said personal protective equipment for local healthcare and first responder disciplines.
- Provided Emergency Funding to the four local Food Pantries that operate five days per week.
- Provided Hazard Pay to first responders and front-line staff.
- Established a secure facility for homeless positive COVID-19 individuals who do not require hospitalization, to recover from the virus.
- Further, within this secure facility for homeless COVID-19 individuals, ensured the provision of medical, nutritional, transportation and social services; and

WHEREAS, \$3.44 billion has been allocated to the State New Jersey from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, established by the CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Fund provides a direct payment to the State of New Jersey, as well as provided over 1 Billion Dollars of direct payments to New Jersey counties with populations greater than 500,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Morris County, with a population that is just 1.6% below the threshold of 500,000, is not expected to receive a direct payment from the federal government, and thus will have to rely solely on a share of the state’s allotment; and

WHEREAS, elected officials representing Morris County have expressed this inequity to the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris strongly urges the State of New Jersey to provide direct stabilization funding to Morris County from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in an amount consistent with the allocation made to counties that have populations slightly over 500,000, by utilizing the formula applied through the CARES Act. This funding is critical to Morris County’s ability to continue its efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and work to keep our constituents safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal government adopt an aid funding threshold reflecting the true impact of COVID-19 for all future allocations, based on metrics indicative of the negative effects the virus has had on a jurisdiction and the level of actions taken to combat the threats.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey support the County of Morris’ Resolution. This resolution should be shared with the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the Leaders of the United States Senate, and the Honorable Senators and Congressional Representatives from the State of New Jersey. This resolution should also be shared with the Governor of the State of New Jersey and New Jersey legislative representatives to the County of Morris. Additionally, the resolution should be shared with the New Jersey Association of Counties for distribution to all of the counties in the State of New Jersey, and to all of all of the mayors of municipalities within Morris County.

RESOLUTION 20-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY (MEL) JOINT INSURANCE FUND SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3971 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2475 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BONDS BY MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties throughout New Jersey are facing unprecedented financial challenges, including significant loss of revenue and unanticipated spending, due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, without relief, local government may have to significantly reduce services and layoff personnel; and

WHEREAS, in response to these conditions, Assemblymen Benson and Coughlin introduced A-3971 and Senator Singleton introduced S-2475, which authorizes local units to issue “coronavirus relief bonds” to allow them to borrow money, with a ten-year payback period, to cover shortfalls and unanticipated costs that are a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, such bonds will provide local units with the flexibility to ensure continuation of essential services; and

WHEREAS, the NJMEL, through its member Joint Insurance Funds, provides insurance coverage to almost 65% of municipalities throughout the State, which has resulted in savings to taxpayers of over \$3 billion dollars over three decades; and

WHEREAS, to assist members in this emergency, the MEL is purchasing up to \$100 million in short term bonds to help stabilize the bond market for it members; and

WHEREAS, at its upcoming meeting on June 3rd, the MEL plans to adopt an insurance rate freeze for 2021 that will help its member JIFs plan their 2021 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MEL hereby affirms its support for the enactment of A-3971 and S-2475.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MEL Secretary shall be directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President and Assembly Speaker.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Alderman Robillard

Roll Call vote for Resolutions 20-129 through 20-138

MOVED:		SECOND:			
Mayor Corcoran will open this portion of the meeting for Mayor & Board of Aldermen discussion on Consent Agenda Resolutions					
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Bock					
Ms. DeVenezia					
Mr. Fenske					
Mr. Lynch					
Ms. Renfro-Michel					
Mr. Robillard					
Mr. Wade					
Mr. Wekilsky					
Mayor Corcoran					

NEW BUSINESS
Alderman Fenske

ORDINANCE 07-20 (Introduction/Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS ENUMERATED WITHIN FOR THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris that following capital project be hereby authorized for the preliminary design work for Main Street TAP Program Grant Project for a total Improvement Authorization of \$100,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the financing for the above project be as follows:

New Jersey Department of Transportation - \$ 100,000.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Town of Boonton is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Town Clerk and are available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the period of usefulness of the capital projects are in excess of the five (5) year statutory requirement, and the no debt shall be incurred by the Town of Boonton for this authorization.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

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

ORDINANCE 08-20 (Introduction/Title Only)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN AND BY THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$165,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$157,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Town of Boonton, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$165,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$8,000 as the down payment for said improvement or purpose required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Town for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

For the financing of said improvement or purpose and to meet the part of said \$165,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$157,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$157,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of the Police Department headquarters in and by the Town, including by the acquisition and installation of a key card access system, a security system, security doors, cameras and windows, and the remediation of mold, together with all equipment, site work, structures, appurtenances, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and hereby approved.

The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$157,000.

The estimated cost of said purpose is \$165,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$8,000 down payment for said purpose.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Town may lawfully acquire or make as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in said Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$157,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

An aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations and other items of expense listed in and permitted under section 40A:2-20 of said Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer, provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. §40A:2-8. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to

sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Town at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Town Clerk and are available for public inspection.

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by said Local Bond Law.

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

ADJOURN

Alderwoman DeVenezia

There being no further business, the meeting shall adjourn:

MOVED:	SECONDED:	TIME:
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: ____	AGAINST: ____