

Mayor & Town Council
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023

Town of Boonton
 100 Washington Street
 Boonton, NJ 07005

Closed Session Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
 Open Public Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE

COUNCIL MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT	ZOOM
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky, Board President	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		X
Mr. Joseph Bock	3 rd Ward Council Member	X		
Mr. Daniel Balan	3 rd Ward Council Member	X-7:04pm		
Mr. Benjamin Weisman	4 th Ward Council Member	X		
Mr. Michael Wade	4 th Ward Council Member	X		
Mr. Richard Corcoran	Mayor	X		
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney			
Mr. Edward Pasternak	Town Attorney	X		
Mr. Neil Henry	Town Administrator	X		
Ms. Cynthia Oravits	Town Clerk	X		

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Wekilsky made a motion to hold Closed Session seconded by Council Member Wade – Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 23-48

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: **10:4-12(B)8**
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.

Closed Session ended at 7:30 p.m.

MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECONDED: DeVENEZIA	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR X	AGAINST:	

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – 7:35 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE:			
COUNCIL MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky, Board President	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. Benjamin Weisman	4 th Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Michael Wade	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 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:

1. Notice of the meeting was posted at Town Hall on December 28, 2022 and this agenda was posted on January 12, 2023.
2. Notice of the meeting was published in the Citizen of Morris County and the Daily Record Newspapers on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 and a copy of this agenda was forwarded to each of the Town’s official newspapers on January 12, 2023.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate and electronic notice of this live and remote Zoom meeting have been provided as follows:

1. Notice of this meeting was published in the Citizen of Morris County and the Daily Record Newspapers and a copy of this agenda was forwarded to each of the town’s official newspapers.
2. Notice of this meeting and the agenda were posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall, 100 Washington Street, Boonton, NJ 07005.
3. Notice of this meeting was posted on the outside front door and ADA accessible door of Town Hall.
4. Notice of this meeting and the agenda were posted on the Town website and the Town of Boonton Facebook page.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Karl Mangino, Past President of PBA 212 announced he is stepping down as president after 11 years, and introduced James Waddilove as the new PBA President.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Board of Health		
NAME	TERM	EXPIRATION DATE
Cathy Riccobono	Cat. 2, 2 Yrs.	12/31/24
Patrick DeMare, MD	Cat. 2, 2 Yrs.	12/31/24

BOONTON HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Neil Henry, Administrator: Gave the following reports:

- Town of Boonton COVID-19 numbers from January 1-January 16th, 2022
 - 78 cases from December 1st-31st 2022 compared to 44 cases from December 1st-31st of 2021.
 - 40 cases from January 1st-16th of 2022 compared to 243 cases in the month of January 2022
- Vascular Screening on 1/11/22: Total of 9 participants
- Communicable disease and childhood lead investigations are ongoing
- Child Health Clinics are held monthly in Rockaway Township, please have those interested in immunizations call the nurse's line for the nurse to check eligibility.

Please e-mail additional questions/concerns and I will address as soon as possible. My e-mail address is mogalo-lebron@rockawaytownship.org.

Regarding Administration, Mr. Henry gave a timeline of the proposed 2023 budget, which is scheduled for introduction on May 1 and adopted on April 3, and every work session meeting will consist of discussions regarding this budget.

Funding is available now for the geophysical study of the Plane Street parking lot for a proposed parking deck, and hopes to have more information within three-four months.

Work continues on improving the Main Street bridge over NJ Transit tracks.

Upper Main Street lighting problems are due to conduit that needs to be replaced, and he hopes this will be completed within three-four weeks, however, he is not optimistic.

Time keeping system in the administrative offices and the police department will remain the same at this time.

With the retirement of two DPW employees, manpower issues are being investigated.

He continues to work with a resident on Hill Street who is suffering from flooding issues from a neighboring construction project.

Council Member Meehan spoke about work currently being done by Verizon in his neighborhood adding that the homeowners basically had no notification, the workers wear no uniforms, and are digging up front yards. Mr. Henry indicates that residents have been notified, however, he feels those notifications were insufficient. Mr. Henry will be sure to have something put up on the town's website about this work being done.

CONSENT AGENDA
Resolutions 23-49 through 23-60

RESOLUTION 23-49
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:

December 15, 2022 – Work Session
December 19, 2022 – Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION 23-50
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:

January 1, 2023 – Reorganization Meeting

RESOLUTION 23-51

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 23-52

RESOLUTION REQUIRING CLAIMANT CERTIFICATIONS ON CERTAIN TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-16(a) restricts payment to vendors without completed claimant certifications on purchase orders, a claimant or vendor certification is a certification from the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2018- 13 adopted new regulations on claimant certifications, allowing greater flexibility for local units in implementing the claimant certification requirement set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-16(a); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton desires to eliminate the requirement for claimant certifications for all vendors with the following exceptions: any purchase orders over the threshold of \$6,000, the advance or reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual, including sole proprietors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey to eliminate the requirement for vendor signature on Town purchase orders except for purchase orders over \$6,000, the advance or reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual, including sole proprietors.

RESOLUTION 23-53

RESOLUTION ENDORSING NJDEP TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL (TWA) FROM TLK MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR A RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF 16 AGE RESTRICTED SINGLE-FAMILY UNITS AND 2 AFFORDABLE UNITS ("KNOLL EDGE") LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF BOONTON

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton (hereinafter, also "Town Council") have heretofore received plans and specifications as reviewed by the Town Consulting Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc., requesting endorsement of NJDEP Treatment Works Approval (TWA) from TLK Management, LLC (hereinafter, "TLK") for a Residential Construction Project of Single and Multi-Family Units ("Knoll Edge"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton Planning Board adopted a Resolution in support of the project, dated August 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, additional supporting information prepared by Dykstra Walker Design Group, P.A. and includes "One (1) plan set entitled 'Knoll Edge' consisting of nineteen (19) sheets, dated August 10, 2021, revised December 8, 2022, and [being] signed and sealed" was submitted to the Town Consulting Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Consulting Engineer has reviewed the plan set, and conditionally recommends the Town of Boonton take appropriate action and adopt the Resolution endorsing the TWA application in a letter dated January 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council approve the Engineer's recommendation, and endorse the action.

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:

The Mayor and Town Council, upon the conditional recommendation of the Town Consulting Engineer and as reviewed by the Town Attorney, hereby endorse the NJDEP Treatment Works Approval from TLK for a Residential Construction Project of Single and Multi-Family Units ("Knoll Edge") and further:

1. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to authorize the Town Consulting Engineer to submit the complete application documents to the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority ("RVRSA") for review and execution, and upon such endorsement, the Town Consulting Engineer shall send the endorsed submittal package to the NJ DEP for approval.
 2. This Resolution and Engineering Review shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.
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RESOLUTION 23-54

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CROSSING GUARDS FOR 2023

WHEREAS, Resolution 23-30 was adopted by the Mayor and Town Council on January 1, 2023; AND

WHEREAS, the hourly rate was listed incorrectly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey that the following be and are hereby appointed as a Crossing Guard in the Boonton Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$15.25 per hour, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the required training:

Bill Alford	Robin Barroso	Geraldine Carcich	Salvatore Malanga
Amy McCauley	Janet Middleton	Janice Smith	Georgia Solomon
Richard Bruno-Substitute	Mary Iacovo-Substitute	Scott Theriault, Substitute	

RESOLUTION 23-55

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON TO APPOINT KATHLEEN E. POWDERLEY AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF A PROBATIONARY MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON HER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A MEDICAL EVALUATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION; AND HER APPROVAL AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN ORDER FOR HER TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING OF THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION AT THE TOWN OF BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER FOR HER TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE IN THE BASIC COURSE FOR POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY; AND TO THEN BECOME A PROBATIONARY MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER UPON HER RECEIPT OF HER CERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, Kathleen Powderley has completed an Alternate Route Program for Basic Course for Police Officers at the Bergen County Police Academy and she will need to complete portions of her training with the Town of Boonton Police Department in order to receive her Basic Course for Police Officer Certification within the time frame established by the civil service commission under N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Director and the Police Department’s Officer-in-Charge have recommended that Kathleen Powderley be appointed as a Temporary Appointment for Municipal Police Officer in the Town of Boonton Police Department in accordance with N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3, following an extensive and complete background investigation; and

WHEREAS, this appointment complies with all applicable State and Federal laws governing Equal Employment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 this governing body has adopted by ordinance a conflict of interest and nepotism policy and this applicant is in compliance with this statute;

WHEREAS, Kathleen Powderley would need to be appointed by the Town of Boonton by Resolution for Temporary Appointment for Municipal Police Officer in order to full fill her obligations for her Basic Police Certification;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Kathleen Powderley be and is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Appointment for the position of Municipal Police Officer in the Town of Boonton Police Department to be effective on the 18th of January 2023 and that she will be paid according to Step 1 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Boonton and Boonton PBA Local #212.

Thereinafter, upon Kathleen Powderley’s successful completion of the Police Training Commission’s requirements for the conversion of an Alternate Route Graduate to an Officer with a Basic Course for Police Officers Certification, she will then become a Probationary Municipal Police Officer for the Town of Boonton Police Department.

RESOLUTION 23-56

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON TO APPOINT MICHAEL J. BOST AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT FOR THE POSITION OF A PROBATIONARY MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON HIS SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A MEDICAL EVALUATION, PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION, PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAMINATION, AND HIS APPROVAL AS A TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE HIS ACCEPTANCE BY THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION FOR A WAIVER OF TRAINING FROM A BASIC COURSE OF INVESTIGATORS TO THE BASIC COURSE FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, Michael Bost will need to complete the Police Training Commission (PTC) waiver program from the Basic Course for Investigators to a Basic Course for Police Officers Certification according to the New Jersey Police Training Commission (PTC) curriculum at an approved Training Academy within the time frame established by the civil service commission under N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Director and the Police Department’s Officer in Charge have recommended that Michael Bost be appointed as a Temporary Appointment for Municipal Police Officer in the Town of Boonton Police Department in accordance with N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3, following an extensive and complete background investigation; and

WHEREAS, this appointment complies with all applicable State and Federal laws governing Equal Employment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 11A:4-1.3 this governing body has adopted by ordinance a conflict of interest and nepotism policy and this applicant is in compliance with this statute;

WHEREAS, Michael J. Bost would need to be appointed by the Town of Boonton by Resolution for Temporary Appointment for Municipal Police Officer in order to full fill his obligations for the Police Training Commission's Basic Police Certification;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Michael J. Bost be and is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Appointment for the position of Municipal Police Officer in the Town of Boonton Police Department to be effective on the 18th of January 2023 and that he will be paid according to Step 5 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Boonton and Boonton PBA Local #212.

Thereinafter, upon Michael J. Bost's successful completion of the Police Training Commission's curriculum for the Basic Course for Police Officers at an approved training academy and with a certificate of training, he will become a probationary municipal police officer for the Town of Boonton.

RESOLUTION 23-57

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPROVING THE TERMINAL LEAVE AND RETIREMENT OF BRIAN REED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2023.

WHEREAS, Brian Reed has attained twenty-five (25) years of pensionable service within the Department of Public Works, rising to his current position as Supervisor of the Street Division; and

WHEREAS, Brian Reed has indicated that he seeks to retire, effective March 1, 2023 and after his final day of work on January 17, 2023 he will utilize terminal leave; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Boonton and Brian Reed regarding Terminal Leave and Retirement, Brian Reed's Terminal Leave and Retirement be and is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION 23-58

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPROVING THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE WATSON, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2023

WHEREAS, Steven Watson has attained twenty-five (25) years of pensionable service within the Department of Public Works, and

WHEREAS, Steven Watson has indicated that he seeks to retire, effective February 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED between the Town of Boonton and Steven Watson be and is hereby retired, effective February 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-59

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPOINTING JOSEPH FERRIS AS POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-260 indicated that Joseph Ferris be appointed as police officer in the Town of Boonton Police Department, effective December 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, because of intergovernmental transfer complications, this appointment was postponed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Joseph Ferris be and is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer in the Boonton Police Department, pursuant to Article 27, Intergovernmental Transfer, at a prorated annual salary of Step 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective February 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION 23-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING THE FEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S 2023 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton, Department of Parks and Recreation, is a municipal entity of the Town of Boonton; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 205, Article I, Section 4 of the Code of the Town of Boonton authorizes the Mayor and Town Council to establish and set the fees for all recreation programs of the Town of Boonton Department of Parks and Recreation by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation annually operates a Youth Summer Camp Program for Boonton children from the end of June through July and

WHEREAS, the Town charges each program participant a weekly attendance fee to cover the administrative costs and operating expenses associated with running the Youth Summer Camp Program; and

WHEREAS, for Boonton children grades K-6, the Youth Summer Camp Program offers town residents not only the option of full-day camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but also “Before Camp Care” from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

WHEREAS, a separate weekly attendance fee rate is associated with each of these options; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to continue to provide the Youth Summer Camp Program to the community.

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

1. As an incentive to promote early enrollment in the Youth Summer Camp Program, the Town will continue to offer prospective program participants the opportunity to secure weekly attendance fees at a reduced rate, so long as the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation receives the program participant’s completed application on or before the early enrollment deadline.
2. The early enrollment deadline that completed Summer Camp Program application(s) must be returned to the Department of Parks and Recreation is May 1, 2023 at 12 Noon.
3. The weekly attendance fee rates associated with each of the Youth Summer Camp Program options are hereby set in accordance with the following 2023 Youth Summer Camp fee schedule, which is incorporated herein by reference and simultaneously approved.
4. The Administrator, Clerk, and Recreation Director are authorized and directed to take whatever steps are necessary to implement this change.
5. This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage.

2023 YOUTH SUMMER CAMP FEE SCHEDULE

Program Options	Early Enrollment Weekly Attendance Fees Per Child	Late Enrollment Weekly Attendance Fees Per Child
Before Camp Care	\$45	\$55
Full-Day Camp	\$115	\$135

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 23-49 through 23-60 and 22-60

MOVED: WEKILSKY			SECOND: WADE		
Mayor & Town Council Discussion - None					
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		49		
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Nothing submitted pursuant to Ordinance 27-22, §62-1

“Items required to be placed on any Town of Boonton Regular or Workshop Public Council Meeting Agenda

- A) Any topic related to the business of the Town timely requested by at least two (2) Town of Boonton Council members shall be listed on such Meeting Agenda.
- B) The request must be submitted four (4) business days prior to the established meeting date to the Town of Boonton Administrator or designee.”

Mr. Bock questioned Item B above indicating this statement is different than what is posted on the website. Town Clerk Oravits will look into it for clarification.

Council Member Balen then asked to have a discussion that was an emergent issue.

He spoke about Open Space and Green Spaces and said Ward Three encompasses most of our town’s parks and precious resources. He would love to be involved in discussions about regarding the Master Plan, or with the

Grants Committee and the town administrator on how our parks can complement each other. He commented that the town was recently offered up to 1000 tree saplings for free and there was no interest from our Parks & Recreation Department to accept that donation or organizing it. He commented that there is no shade or shade trees in Pepe Park and he would love to see a strategic plan for improving our park systems. Dr. Renfro-Michel advised that trees cannot be planted at Pepe Park because of how tightly packed it is; this has been an issue that has come up multiple times and it's not the Parks & Recreation director's responsibility, it is the DPW's. She added that a Park Planner could be obtained to do this type of work, at a cost. Administrator Henry said there is a tree program sponsored by the NJ DEP and he contacted Mr. Ezzi about it. Mr. Balan indicated that the deadline for this is Monday, January 23, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 23-61

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS AT PEPE FIELD PARK

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton desires to apply for the Local Recreation Improvements Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for \$82,855.00 for the construction of two Pickleball courts at Pepe Field Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton that the Governing Body formally approves the application for the above-referenced project for a grant of \$82,855.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there will be match funds authorized in the amount of \$3,000.00 to cover the costs of supplemental items for the project including trash cans and benches for those who play or observe matches at the courts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Administrator, Mayor, and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the grant application, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

I hereby certify that funds, not to exceed \$3,000.00 are available - Account #3-01-20-100-228

Michael Yazdi, CFO

MOVED: WEKILSKY	SECOND: WADE				
Mayor & Town Council Discussion:					
<p><i>Upon Council Member Wade's question about this being located within Pepe Park, Mr. Henry stated that it was necessary for a location to be inserted into the application. Council Member Balan questioned if the Town could re-apply next year if we missed the deadline or if the estimate is incorrect, as he is concerned about rushing into this application. Mr. Henry doesn't think it would be a good idea to apply next year. The amount of \$82,855.00 was given by our engineer. Council Member Renfro-Michel added that this is typical of how these applications are done. When Mr. Balan stated there is a lack of benches, she advised him that we do have benches and is waiting for the DPW employees to have the time to move them to Pepe Park. Council Member Weisman said having been in fundraising for all of his career, he is confident this is the right way of going forward. Council Member Bock was told that the deadline for this application is Friday, January 20, 2023. Mr. Henry added that the only real commitment is for \$3,000 in the grant application. Council Member DeVenezia pointed out to Mr. Bock that the \$3,000.00 does not get spent if the courts are not built.</i></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 23-62

RESOLUTION SETTING DATES OF MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2023

WHEREAS, there is a need to change the dates of the Town Council Work Session meetings for Year 2023 to be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 22-294 be and is hereby amended to indicate a change in the Work Session Meetings beginning January 23, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council Work Session Meetings shall be held at 4:30- 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month thereafter.

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETINGS	
	January 23
February 13	February 27
March 13	March 27
April 10	April 24
May 8	May 22
June 12	June 26
July 10	July 24
August 14	August 28
September 11	September 25
October 10 (Tuesday)	October 23
November 13	November 27
December 11	December 26 (Tuesday)

MOVED: WEKILSKY	SECONDED: DeVENEZIA	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u> X </u>	AGAINST: _____

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Corcoran opened the meeting to the public for comment

1. *James Waddilove: Thanked the Council for their support in the hiring of the new patrol officers and looks forward to serving as PBA 212 President.*
2. *Steve Jones, PO Box 544, Boonton, NJ: Welcomed the newly elected council members and urged the council to visit "Opramachine.com". He cited several issues he has regarding OPRAs that he previously submitted, and has been awaiting results for over three months. He reminded the Council that there are regulations regarding responding to them.*
3. *Daniel Glaser, 277 Rockaway Street: Discussed his water bill from 2021-2022. He said discussions continue regarding the town's proposed settlement and was told an answer will be made within 3-5 days (by Monday, January 23, 2023). Mr. Glaser does not want a credit on his account, he demands a check be submitted.*
4. *Tracy Pryer, Parks & Recreation Director: Following up on the previous discussions earlier in this meeting, she was not aware of any saplings available and suggested to Mr. Balan if he has something to say like she refused something, he needs to make sure of his facts.*

Council Member Weisman announced that on February 5, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Parsippany Arts Center, town resident Lauren Moran will be in a Play called "The Guys" which is about happenings during the 9-1-1- attacks, and urged everyone to attend. For more information, visit lotionlive@gmail.com

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

MOVED: WEKILSKY	SECONDED: DeVENEZIA	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u> X </u>	AGAINST: _____

Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC

Date approved: _____