

Mayor & Town Council
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022

Town of Boonton
 100 Washington Street
 Boonton, NJ 07005

Open Public Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Public Meeting will be held LIVE and via ZOOM

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When: Jun 6, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Mayor and Town Council Regular Meeting - June 6th, 2022

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2. Announce yourself when you are speaking – for instance “This is Mayor Corcoran” or “This is Richard Corcoran from Birch Street I would like to”
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OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – 7:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE:			
COUNCIL MEMBER	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. John Meehan	1 st Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky	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. Joseph Fenske	3 rd Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. James Lynch	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 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.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Mayor, on behalf of Mr. Meehan, Mr. Wekilsky, Ms. DeVenezia, Dr. Renfro-Michel, Mr. Fenske, Mr. Bock and Mr. Lynch of the Town Council of Boonton, welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

WHEREAS, June 28, 2022 marks the 53rd anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City, which sparked the gay rights movement, and is the nationwide month to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ Community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate; and

WHEREAS, we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, including our youth, who may experience violence, suffer from depression, struggle with substance use and attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, we must remain vigilant in deterring oppression and discrimination against people on the basis of sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, Mayor Richard Corcoran, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Wekilsky, Ms. DeVenezia, Dr. Renfro-Michel, Mr. Fenske, Mr. Bock and Mr. Lynch on this 6th day of June, 2022, that the Council recognizes and supports the Month of June, 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+).



And we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance during this month and every month.

CORRESPONDENCE



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100 Washington Street
 Boonton, NJ 07005

May 27, 2022

Re: Boonton Day 2022

Dear Mayor Corcoran and Town Council,

As Director of Boonton Parks and Recreation, I would like to ask permission to hold our 21st Annual Boonton Day Celebration on Sunday September 25th between the hours of 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. I am requesting to close Main Street between North Main Street and Mechanic Street, between 9:00AM and 5:00 PM. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will join us at this wonderful event.

Regards,

Tracy Pryer

Tracy Pryer
 Director
 Boonton Parks and Recreation

MOVED: Wekilsky	SECONDED: DeVenezia	
DISCUSSION – None		
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u> X </u>	AGAINST: <u> </u>

BOONTON FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Finance	<p>Jen Muscara, Tax Collector/Mayor Corcoran</p> <p>2020 2nd quarter as of 6/3/2020</p> <table> <tr><td>Total billed for 2nd qtr. 2020</td><td>\$ 8,360,267.84</td></tr> <tr><td>Total paid as of date above</td><td>\$ 7,997,323.90</td></tr> <tr><td>Balance as of date above</td><td>\$ 362,943.94</td></tr> </table> <p>Collection Percentage 95.66%</p> <p>2021 2nd quarter as of 6/3/2021</p> <table> <tr><td>Total billed for 2nd qtr. 2021</td><td>\$ 8,285,137.86</td></tr> <tr><td>Total paid as of date above</td><td>\$ 7,804,794.22</td></tr> <tr><td>Balance as of date above</td><td>\$ 480,343.64</td></tr> </table> <p>Collection Percentage 94.20%</p> <p>2022 2nd quarter as of 6/3/2022</p> <table> <tr><td>Total billed for 2nd qtr. 2022</td><td>\$8,606,105.42</td></tr> <tr><td>Total paid as of date above</td><td>\$8,054,657.93</td></tr> <tr><td>Balance as of date above</td><td>\$ 551,447.49</td></tr> </table> <p>Collection Percentage 93.59%</p> <p><i>Mayor Corcoran also said he would like to see the uncollected and water and sewer numbers in the next meeting agenda.</i></p>	Total billed for 2 nd qtr. 2020	\$ 8,360,267.84	Total paid as of date above	\$ 7,997,323.90	Balance as of date above	\$ 362,943.94	Total billed for 2 nd qtr. 2021	\$ 8,285,137.86	Total paid as of date above	\$ 7,804,794.22	Balance as of date above	\$ 480,343.64	Total billed for 2 nd qtr. 2022	\$8,606,105.42	Total paid as of date above	\$8,054,657.93	Balance as of date above	\$ 551,447.49
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Administration/Health Dept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Boonton COVID 19 updated on June 3, 2022 <p>There have been 1,893 confirmed cases of COVID -19 in the Town of Boonton since the start of pandemic</p> <p>Average age: 38.09 years Median age: 37 Male: 915 Female: 978 Age Range: 0 - 98 years Past 7 days: 27 cases Past 30 days: 145 cases</p> <p>Cases are trending in a downward direction per our COVID-19 generalist, Grace Jensen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication with Boonton School Superintendent and school nurses is ongoing with COVID changes, recommendations from NJDOH, as well as questions and 																		

	<p>concerns. This is a fluid situation and will be discussed and updated as needs change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicable disease and lead investigations are ongoing. • Boonton residents can obtain VFC (Childrens) and 317 (Adult) vaccines now at both Rockaway Township Division of Health and in the Butler Health office in the Municipal building. Please have those interested call for further details. Our next clinic will be at the health center in Rockaway on 6-16 from 2PM-4PM. • The Adult 317 vaccine program has had decreased funding and we will not be able to order the adult vaccine until roughly September 2022. We do have what is currently in stock in our offices available. So feel free to have people call. • Individuals interested in BP screening can call for an appointment and I can accommodate in my office. <p>Please e-mail additional questions/concerns and I will address as soon as possible. My e-mail is nurse@boonton.org</p> <p><i>Mr. Henry reported that regarding the upcoming Resolution 22-153 for an online auction of DPW equipment should net approximately \$11,000. Last year, the Town received \$14,390.00 during the online auction.</i></p> <p><i>He met with the CFO and continue working on the upcoming Budget. He is also working with Mountain Lakes, Boonton Township and Montville on an intergovernmental contract in order to get outstanding water revenues.</i></p> <p><i>The Pepe Field Basketball Court is still being worked on and should be ready shortly. They will then continue working on the playground.</i></p> <p><i>The Kiwanis Agreement has been sent for consideration and execution.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. DeVenezia added that cat licenses are now due to be paid for the year.</i></p>
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CONSENT AGENDA
Resolutions 22-141 through 22-157

"An abstention does not count toward the final tally, but it has the same effect as a no vote for ordinances based on the Town's form of government. A recusal does not add to a quorum, and usually involves withdrawing from the entire proceeding, due to a conflict of interest (or avoiding the appearance thereof). An absence from a meeting neither adds to a quorum, nor allows a vote on a matter."

If this simplified form only adds to further questions, here is a more detailed statement by way of further explanation:

An abstention does not count toward the final tally, but it has the same effect as a "no" vote based on the Towns' form of government. Said another way, when a member abstains, they are in effect attending only to contribute to having a quorum. The NJ Appellate Part ruled abstentions may not be counted as "no" votes in Zimmer v. Castellano. However, and again due to the Town's form of government, because we have a 9-member voting board, in order for anything to pass, there must be 5 affirmative votes, and that applies whether there are 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 members present. An "abstention vote" is actually not a vote at all--and generally focuses on the final decision.

A recusal does not add to a quorum. A quorum is number of members of a board required to hold a meeting or take action. A recusal usually involves withdrawing from the entire proceeding, usually for a conflict of interest (or avoiding the appearance thereof). When a member recuses, they must refrain from deliberation and voting on the matter.

If an elected member is absent from a meeting, that member neither adds to a quorum, nor votes on a matter.

RESOLUTION 22-141

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING POLICE OFFICER JOSEPH BOLCAR TO BE ON MILITARY LEAVE

WHEREAS, Patrolman Joseph Bolcar is a member of the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bolcar has been called in to Active Duty being deployed to Kosovo.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council hereby authorize the placement of Patrolman Bolcar on military leave for approximately twelve (12) months, effective June 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Council give their full respect and support to Patrolman Bolcar for his service to our country.

RESOLUTION 22-142

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:

May 16, 2022 – Regular & Closed Session

RESOLUTION 22-143

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the Mayor and Council approved the 2022 schedule of Public Town Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to change the date of the meeting scheduled for September 6, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Town Council on September 6, 2022 be and is hereby changed to Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in the Daily Record and Citizen of Morris County Newspapers.

RESOLUTION 22-144

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 respective committees be and are hereby ordered paid.

RESOLUTION 22-145

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
Water-1363-0	126 Roessler Street	Bad Reading/Overestimate	\$ 968.28
Water 553.0	Plane Street	Inactive Account	\$ 101.17
Sewer			\$ 403.26
Water 3712-1	Plane Street	Inactive Account	\$ 101.17
Water 3712-3	Plane Street	Inactive Account	\$ 101.17
Water3712-4	Plane Street	Inactive Account	\$ 101.17
Water 3712-6	Plane Street	Inactive Account	\$ 101.17

RESOLUTION 22-146

RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 28 LOT 29

WHEREAS, the owner of property located at 420 Pine Street, Block 28 Lot 29, paid his taxes on May 5th, 2022

WHEREAS, this property received a Homestead rebate reducing the 2nd quarter taxes due, and

WHEREAS, the payment made on May 5th created an overpayment on the account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue a check to Frank Walka in the amount of \$1,049.97 for overpayment of 2nd quarter 2022 taxes.

RESOLUTION 22-147

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BASK INVESTMENTS, LLC – Wine Barrel

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

BASK INVESTMENTS, LLC - 1401-44-011-007

RESOLUTION 22-148

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BOONTON LOUNGE – Boonton Lanes

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

1401-33-002-002 –

BOONTON LOUNGE LLC - 1401-33-002-002

RESOLUTION 22-149

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR EKM LIQUORS INC. – Liquor Outlet

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

EKM LIQUORS INC.- 1401-44-001-006

RESOLUTION 22-150

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SHARKEYS WINGS & RAW BAR WEST LLC

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

SHARKEYS WINGS & RAW BAR WEST LLC – 1401-33-008-007

RESOLUTION 22-151

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR STEINHAUSERS TAVERN

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

STEINHAUSERS TAVERN INC. – 1401-33-010-006

RESOLUTION 22-152

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TRAXX 202 LLC – The Station 1401

WHEREAS, the following application has been filed with the Town Clerk for renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage License for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended the renewal of these licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that the following Alcoholic Beverage Control Application be processed:

TRAXX 202 LLC – 1401-33-019-009

RESOLUTION 22-153

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton (“Town”) is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of selling said surplus property as an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

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

- (A) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Town.
- (B) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (C) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (D) A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM BID
1990 Michigan Loader	\$ 5000.00
Weed Harvester	\$ 5000.00
Tire Machines (3)	\$ 50.00

RESOLUTION 22-154

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL 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 2021 Right to Know reports for the Town; 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 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 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 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 \$8,160.00
- 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 hereby certify that funds are available in the Current Fund # 2-01-20-100-228
Not to Exceed \$8,160.00

Michael Yazdi, CFO

RESOLUTION 22-155

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPOINTING JAY SLAUGHTER AS POLICE OFFICER IN THE BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Jay Slaughter be and is hereby appointed to the position of Probationary Police Officer in the Boonton Police Department contingent upon satisfactory completion of the Basic Course for Police Officer (BCPO) at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy at a prorated annual salary of \$51,000.00.

RESOLUTION 22-156

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPOINTING NICOLE MONTEMORANO AS PROBATIONARY MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE IN THE BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Class 2 Special Law Enforcement Officer Nicole Montemorano needs to secure a waiver from the Police Training Commission to be given full police powers:

WHEREAS, in order to secure this waiver, Nicole Montemorano needs to enroll in the Morris County Police Academy Class to attend basic courses for municipal law enforcement officers which have been approved by the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission. The class commences on July 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, in order to be enrolled in said class at the Morris County Police Academy for this class, Nicole Montemorano needs to be appointed as a Probationary Municipal Police Officer Trainee in the Town of Boonton;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Director and the Police Department’s Officer in Charge have made a recommendation that Nicole Montemorano be appointed a Probationary Municipal Police Officer Trainee in the Town of Boonton;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Nicole Montemorano be and is hereby appointed to the position of Probationary Municipal Police Officer Trainee in the Boonton Police Department at the hourly rate of \$25, not to exceed 30 hours per week effective June 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION 22-157

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON APPOINTING RICHARD W. CLOUGHLEY AS FIRE OFFICIAL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council that Richard W. Cloughley be and is hired as Part-Time Fire Official for the Town of Boonton at an annual salary of \$25,000/16 hours per week, effective June 28, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 22-141 through 22-157

MOVED: DeVenezia		SECOND: Wekilsky			
<i>Mayor & Town Council Discussion –</i>					
<i>Council Member Lynch asked about other ABC license renewals and was told by the Clerk that they should be listed on the upcoming Agenda of June 20 as all licenses expire June 30, 2022.</i>					
MOVED: Wekilsky		SECOND: Wade			
COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
			Means "NO" Vote		
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 06-22 – Public Hearing

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAIN STREET IN AND BY THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$810,000 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A TAP GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 2 of this ordinance has heretofore been and is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, and there is hereby appropriated therefor the sum of \$810,000 constituting moneys received or expected to be received by the Town from the TAP grant program of the New Jersey Department of Transportation as a grant-in-aid of financing said improvement.

The improvement heretofore and hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the appropriation is made as provided in Section 1 of this ordinance is the improvement of Main Street in and by the Town including the construction or reconstruction therein of new roadway pavements and the construction of pedestrian pathways and streetscape improvements, including all lighting, pedestrian and bicycle pathways, sidewalks, curbing, crosswalks, lamp posts and signage, together with all milling, landscaping, curbing, drainage facilities, equipment, site work, 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 heretofore and hereby approved. Said improvement was heretofore authorized by two prior ordinances of the Town which in the aggregate appropriated \$190,000 in TAP grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for said improvement.

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 ordinance shall take effect after Publication after final passage as provided by law.

MOVED: Wekilsky		SECOND: DeVenezia			
<i>Mayor & Town Council Discussion –</i>					
<i>Council Member DeVenezia stated that this has been worked on for a very long time and it will improve Main Street, especially lighting.</i>					
MOVED: Wekilsky		SECOND: DeVenezia			
COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Means “NO” Vote					
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

GENERAL DISCUSSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Communications	<i>Joe Bock reported that they will be meeting this week to continue discussions on reviewing the website and other issues of communications.</i>
DPW	<i>Edina Renfro-Michel thanked the DPW workers with helping on this past Boonton Main Street First Friday. She added that the Kanouse Park equipment has been ordered and the DPW will be taking down the existing equipment. There is a rendering of the future Pepe Park online for residents to see. The DPW will be planting trees so if anyone is interested, please contact the DPW.</i> <i>She continued by saying summer camp registrations are still available as well as programs for older children called “Rec on the Go”. On July 2, there will be a 4th of July celebration at Canalside Park, and sailing classes will be offered again.</i>
Finance	<i>Jim Lynch reported that they continue meeting each week and discussing the upcoming budget introduction. Today they met and discussed the cost of closing Main Street last week for Boonton Main Street’s First Friday, which proved to be costly and the BMS indicated that they are seeking a grant to assist. Geological Testing for a parking garage is being conducted. The River Walk project, consisting of 160 rental units on Plane Street was also discussed and he recommends that a sub-committee be created rather than just the Mayor and the developer meeting.</i>

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 22-158

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE 2022 MORRIS COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC TURNTABLE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO GRACE LORD PARK, KNOWN AS BLOCK 112 LOT 3

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is interested in acquiring Block 112 Lot 3 in order to incorporate it into Grace Lord Park and its trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton desires to restore the historic train turntable located on the property known as Block 112 Lot 3, and

WHEREAS, notification of this Public Hearing has been published in the town’s official newspaper, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton formally approve and authorize the grant application for the above stated project.

MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: LYNCH			
Public Hearing –					
<i>Zeke Balen: As a member of the Historic Preservation Commission, asked the Board to support this acquisition.</i>					
<i>Council Member Lynch asked who the owner of the property is; NJ Transit. Council Member Renfro-Michel explained that NJ Transit would like the Town of Boonton to obtain this property, however, by law, they must sell it to the town and the appraised value of the property is \$175,000. It is .5 acres and landlocked.</i>					
<i>Council Member Wekilsky asked what kind of upkeep is required and Ms. Renfro-Michel said the grass needs to be mowed. They would like to remove trees and return it back into the turn table. The vision is to obtain the property to continue their vision of Grace Lord Park.</i>					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: MEEHAN			
COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Means “NO” Vote					
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				

Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

ORDINANCE 05-22 (Introduction/Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 27-DEPARTMENTS OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON

MOVED: <i>DeVenezia</i>			SECOND: <i>Wekilsky</i>		
COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
			Means "NO" Vote		
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Corcoran opened the meeting to the public for comment:

Zeke Balen, 719 Green Street/103 Oak Street: Commented on the previous Ordinance 06-22 regarding the TAP grant and the Historic Preservation Commission. This information was only brought to the Historic Preservation Commission last week during their monthly meeting. Mr. Henry said that the next step will be to advise the Public of its intent. This project has been in the works for five-six years.

Mike Bouroult, 324 Lathrop Avenue: Angry with the traffic and speeding along Lathrop Avenue near the high school. There have been two accidents in front of the high school in the past week and his wife was nearly hit by a truck crossing the street. He recommended speed bumps be installed. He also asked about the Public Safety Director recently employed and asked what his responsibilities are. Mayor Corcoran advised him that the PSD position was created rather than appointing a police Chief, and Bryan Gurney oversees the police department, EMS and fire department. Mr. Bouroult indicated that this information was not given to the public through the display sign in front of Town Hall. He then asked if there are any committees of the council members. He feels that the PSD position is unnecessary.

Steven Jones: Town Attorney Fred Semrau questioned Mr. Jones of whether he is speaking as an "employee" or as a person from the public. Mr. Jones indicated he is speaking "as an American Citizen". Mr. Jones agrees with Mr. Bouroult's statements regarding speed bumps and feels there should be more in town.

Karl Mangino, PBA 212 President: Addressed Jay Slaughter and his family on his appointment as a police officer tonight. Jay has been working with the police department for a year and is an excellent employee. He went to the Special Police Academy and he will now attend the Police Academy to become a police officer in the winter. Mr. Mangino also spoke about Nicole Montemorano who was also appointed police officer tonight. She was a Class 2 Special Officer, therefore, is allowed to carry a firearm. She received her training in Cape May, NJ. In January, the Boonton Police Department was able to hire her as a Class 2 SLEO. She is in Field Training program and when she takes the final steps in the police academy will become another police officer for the Town.

Tom Jelinek, 620 Reservoir Drive: Thanked the Town for handling the downed pole and lights on Monroe Street after his last visit to a meeting. He is still seeking help with repairs to his front lawn, approximate 175 square feet, done by a recent contractor working on Reservoir Drive.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Corcoran asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bock indicated he would like to speak about what Mr. Lynch reported earlier during the Finance Committee reports and River Walk. Mayor Corcoran asked him to stop and there were no comments from the Council. **

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

MOVED: ----	SECONDED:	TIME: 8:20 p.m.
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: ____	AGAINST: ____

** "No motion to adjourn was made", but the agenda was completed in its totality.