

**Mayor & Board of Aldermen  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 3, 2020**

Town of Boonton  
100 Washington Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005

Closed Session Meeting – 6:30 p.m.  
Open Public Meeting - 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 <sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman/Board President	X	
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman	X	
Ms. Marie DeVenezia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderwoman	X	
Dr. Edina Renfro-Michel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderwoman	X	
Mr. Joseph Bock	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman	X	
Mr. Joseph Fenske	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman	X	
Mr. James Lynch	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman	X	
Mr. Michael Wade	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman	X	
Mr. Richard Corcoran	Mayor	X	
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney	X	
Mr. Edward Pasternak	Town Attorney	X	
Mr. Neil Henry	Town Administrator	X	
Ms. Cynthia Oravits	Town Clerk	X	

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 20-187**

**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:

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: Attorney/Client Privilege
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.

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION – 7:30 P.M.**

**The Meeting of August 3, 2020 is now being recorded and called to order via "Go To Meeting.com"**

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Adequate Notice  
**MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the requirements of RS 10:40-10, I announce and direct the Clerk to enter into the Minutes of this meeting an accurate statement to the effect that:

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 July 31, 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 July 31, 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, August 3, 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

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General Session-Board of Aldermen-August 3 2020

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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 speaking – 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](mailto:townclerk@boonton.org) prior to the meeting, up until **Monday, August 3, 2020** at 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.

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**BOONTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT/OEM/FINANCE**

1. Health Department: *Public Health Nurse Mandi Bendett reported that she is still in the process of working on vaccination clinics, currently being held in Rockaway, however hopefully the flu vaccinations will be held in Boonton. They are preparing for the next wave of the COVID-19. She continues talking with the State about the NJ Firemen's home. They did have two new cases, however, those two were affected employees. Education about safety during the COVID-19 is ongoing, washing hands, social distancing, etc.*

*Alderwoman Renfro-Michel thanked her for her hard work and Alderwoman DeVenezia thanked her for everything she has been doing. Alderman Bock thanked her for the update and all her work. Alderman Fenske thanked her for her efforts. Alderman Wade asked if the total of 109 cases in Boonton he read was accurate. The nurse stated it was correct, however, the State included those affected in the NJ Fireman's Home.*

2. *OEM: Deputy Director Scott Bednar reported that incidents have been steady. Regarding payments associated with the Pandemic, no major purchases have been made and he continues to work with the CFO in order to respond to FEMA for reimbursements. Kiwanis has a member who is up to date on the process with FEMA and has been reporting directly to them regarding purchases that have been made. They are now waiting to see what happens with the next upcoming storm.*

*Alderwoman DeVenezia thanked him for being proactive on tomorrow's storm report. Alderwoman Renfro-Michel thanked him for his hard work during COVID and for all emergencies as they occur.*

3. Finance: *Mayor Corcoran reported on the following chart given by Tax Collector Jen Muscara:*

2019 2nd quarter as of 7/31/2019  
Total billed for 2nd qtr. 2019      \$8,136,475.33  
Total paid as of 7/31/2019      \$7,837,529.21  
Balance as of 7/31/2019      \$ 298,946.12  
Collection Percentage 96.33%

2020 2nd quarter as of 7/31/2020  
Total billed for 2nd qtr. 2020      \$8,360,267.84  
Total paid as of 7/31/2020      \$8,145,272.60  
Balance as of 7/31/2020      \$ 214,995.24  
Collection Percentage 97.43%

2019 3rd quarter as of 7/31/2019  
Total billed for 3rd qtr. 2019      \$8,592,822.16  
Total paid as of 7/31/2019      \$2,885,442.05  
Balance as of 7/31/2019      \$5,707,380.11  
Collection Percentage 33.58%

2020 3rd quarter as of 7/31/2020  
Total billed for 3rd qtr. 2020      \$8,718,650.29  
Total paid as of 7/31/2020      \$2,562,525.33  
Balance as of 7/31/2020      \$6,156,124.96  
Collection Percentage 29.39%

4. *Administrator: Neil Henry reported some COVID-19 issues: Today, the Town Hall was opened to the public and everything seemed to go well. The playgrounds in the parks were also opened today. These meeting will continue to be held virtually pursuant to regulations from the state. Governor Murphy pulled back and tightened some of those regulations limiting social distancing. The senior bus service has not yet been opened. He will be speaking with the town nurse and Health official before authorizing the return of these services. The bus driver however, Geri Carcich is currently working at the Recycling Center.*

*Some non-Covid issues include tonight's hiring of Patrick Laverty. His position is a bit more than code enforcement. He will be conducting other official business such as being the supervisor in the land use and property code and serving as the Administrator's liaison with the Construction Department. The Finance & Personnel Committee has fully vetted four or five candidates for this position and they believe he will be a welcome addition to our staff. Patrick comes from Dover and P/T from Wharton. He has been working as our Interim Code Enforcement Officer for the past few months.*

*At our next meeting, there will be the public hearing on our sewer and water rates. There will also be a sump pump ordinance up for public hearing.*

*Monthly reports will be submitted in September.*

*All of the citations issued by the State have been addressed and fixed as of today; the mold remediation, boiler room issues and air conditioning. Next to be accomplished are the alarms in town hall. New security units have been ordered and will most likely be installed in September.*

*Alderman Wekilsky asked about Patrick and the RVRSA and Mr. Henry indicated he will be a liaison, not the commissioner. Mr. Wekilsky also commented about the fence at the Miller Kingsland lot being removed and feels it looks much better.*

*Alderwoman DeVenezia thanked Mr. Henry on his report and for addressing all items being discussed. She also thanked Mr. Ezzi.*

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## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Boonton Kiwanis First Aid Squad is our community's volunteer force which is a great treasure of self-sacrificing individuals such as Walter Stepaniak; and

**WHEREAS**, Walter joined the Boonton Kiwanis First Aid Squad in August, 2000 committing his life to serving the public; and

**WHEREAS**, he has held multiple positions in the organization as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and Captain, as well as being in charge of Communications and taking care of the ambulance maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, during Walter’s tenure on the Boonton Kiwanis First Aid Squad, he recruited, trained and supervised numerous members of the squad in order to make that organization what it is today.

**WHEREAS**, Walter is also a member of the Boonton Township Fire Department and previously served on the Dumont NJ and Dorothy NJ First Aid Squads; and

**WHEREAS**, Walter will be entering into a well-deserved retirement after twenty years of outstanding public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Richard Corcoran, Mayor of the Town of Boonton, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and our citizens, join in extending to Walter our deep appreciation for his distinguished service and our best wishes for a long, happy and productive retirement.

Richard Corcoran

July 29, 2020

*Alderman Wekilsky said the Proclamation was well received and there was a very good turnout for Mr. Stepaniak’s retirement dinner.*

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter received from BACA Concert Committee regarding Summer BACA Concerts.



**Boonton Area Cultural Arts**

July 20, 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation in support of the BACA summer concerts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and in keeping with current health guidelines, we have decided to cancel all summer concerts for the 2020 season.

We are saddened that this season we are unable to provide you the entertainment you have enjoyed throughout the years. We look forward to the 2021 concert season and will apply your current donation to support the concerts for next year.

Please stay safe and healthy during these trying times. We are looking forward to seeing everyone next concert season

Sincerely  
BACA Concert committee

<i>Motion to Accept</i>		
MOVED: FENSKE		
SECONDED: WEKILSKY		
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	AGAINST: _____

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2. Letter received from Tom Brankner, 594 Lathrop Avenue.

PO Box 427  
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Richard J. Corcoran III  
Mayor  
Town of Boonton  
100 Washington Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005  
973-402-9410



Re: Working with Boonton's Officials at 594 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ (a 3-family home) and an improvement suggestion  
Enclose: None

Jury 20, 2020

Mayor Corcoran

**Problem**

Since 2007, when I purchased the 594 Lathrop property. 2 Of my neighbors have scrutinized management/ maintenance of the property. They use Boonton's Officials to harass me.

**Methodology**

Typically, one of the two neighbors will directly confront me, state the problem and their solution. If their solution is not done, they call the Town of Boonton (police, code enforcement, aldermen, mayor, etc.). If they do not get satisfaction, they escalate. The Code Official, for example, then gets "pressure" from above to settle the matter. Even if the Code Official is working with you on a solution that maybe working, they violate you, limiting your flexibility in achieving a solution. Once a violation is issued, a summons/ fines are threatened and is next step.

For example,

After weeks of working with the Health Inspector, implementing all of his suggestions (some prior to him making it), even though the rat problem was abating (or may be solved, if you discount the 2 harrying neighbors) and we agreed to remediate the last contentious suggestion but because of the constant calls from one or both of 2 harassing neighbors, needing to "show", not just state progress, to superiors, the working relationship and built trust was undermined by sending a violation.

**Equality**

I am not saying that I or my tenants are in perfect compliance with all codes and ordinances. I can assure you that we are trying. We do not expect leniency greater than afforded to others in the community.

**Proposal**

A solution would be to allow a limited number (2-3/ year) of calls to the Town of Boonton Officials. After this, there is a surcharge on each call (\$25?). This solution would not stop anyone from reporting issues but would give pause to a caller with an extended number of calls. You could even reimburse the surcharge if a summons is issued

**Next Steps**

As unique leader of the Town of Boonton, can you share this communication with the Aldermen? Use it as a basis for improving the town's codes/ ordinances?

I have, and will continue, to work with Town officials to resolve issues, with special focus on health-related ones. In order to accomplish this fairly, I need your, and the Aldermen's, support.

Please reply to by United States postal Service (USPS) only.

Sincerely,

Tom Brankner  
Citizen with 37+ years in Boonton

TO RC

<i>Motion to TABLE until August 17 meeting</i>		
MOVED: WEKILSKY	SECONDED: ROBILLARD	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	AGAINST: _____

3. Email and Application received from Eileen Vandenberg on behalf of OLMC to extend the street closure of Birch Street between Green & Oak Streets for Sunday Mass through October 25, 2020.

**From:** Cynthia Oravits  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** 'David Mayhood'; 'Stephen Jones'; 'Royce Stafford'  
**Subject:** FW: Continue Road Closure  
**Attachments:** Continue Road Closure.png

Please see attached request to continue closing Birch Street for OLMC. If there's been no issues, please sign off on the application and return to me. Thanks!

Have a nice day!

Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC  
Town Clerk  
973-402-9410 ext. 624  
Town of Boonton  
100 Washington Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005

-----Original Message-----

From: Eileen [mailto:eileenvandenberg@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2020 1:45 PM  
To: coravits@boonton.org; townclerk@boonton.org; mayor@boonton.org  
Subject: Continue Road Closure

Hello,

I'm writing to seek approval for the Sunday morning continued road closure of Birch St between Green & Oak. We have been successfully running our 11am Mass outdoor at that time and would like to keep it going. The parishioners appreciate the low-risk venue of being outside and the weather has cooperated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eileen Vandenberg  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

TOWN OF BOONTON  
 100 WASHINGTON STREET  
 BOONTON, NEW JERSEY • 07005



*Road Closure*  
**APPLICATION FOR BLOCK PARTY**

Name and address of Applicant, Organization responsible: *Elcen Vandenberg on behalf of OLMC, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*  
*(8/2, 9, 16, 23, 30)*  
 Date Requested: *10/6, 13, 20, 27* Purpose of Event: *Outdoor Mass/Church Service*  
*10/4, 11, 18, 25*  
 Applicant Telephone: *201-310-6091*  
 Location/Street: *Birch St. between Green & Oak Streets*

The following conditions must be agreed to and met prior to approval of this application:

- a. All garbage/trash to be picked up and removed
- b. Applicant must make arrangements with DPW to obtain traffic barricades, if needed (DPW-973-402-9460)
- c. Barricades must be picked up and returned by applicant
- d. Street must remain accessible for emergency vehicles and residents not participating
- e. Town reserves the right to deny permit on certain streets
- f. Applicant must call Boonton Police Department when street is closed, and when re-opened.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Town Official \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature - Boonton Police Department \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Approved by Mayor and Board of Aldermen: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Motion to Accept</i>		
MOVED: FENSKE	SECONDED: MW	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	AGAINST: _____

4. Email received from Jayme Januszanis, 114 Cornelia Street, seeking approval to paint and fix the black wrought iron fence around the Solder's Monument on Main Street

**From:** JANUSZANIS <jaymej@optimum.net> on behalf of JANUSZANIS  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 2:31 PM  
**To:** townclerk@boonton.org  
**Subject:** Soldiers Monument Fencing

Good day Cindy ,

I am writing to find out where or who might I need to get permission to paint and fix the black wrought iron fence around the Soldiers Monument on Main Street. I was looking to volunteer to spruce up the area by getting someone to fix the missing finials on the fence . Then I would put a fresh coat of black paint to cover the rust .

Thank you for any help you can give me .

Sincerely ,

Jayme Januszanis

114 Cornelia St

Boonton

<i>Motion to Accept</i>		
MOVED: DeVENEZIA	SECONDED: WADE	
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	AGAINST: _____

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 20-188**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING MEETING MINUTES**

**WHEREAS**, Minutes of the previous meeting(s) have been submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their review and approval.

**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 that the Minutes from the following meeting(s) are hereby approved as typed and filed in the Town Clerk's office:

July 20, 2020
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**RESOLUTION 20-189**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 20-190**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLENE OSELADOR AS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND TAX ASSESSOR**

**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 appointment of Charlene Oselador be and is hereby employed full time by the Town of Boonton as Assistant to the Town Administrator and Tax Assessor at an annual salary of \$40,000, effective August 4, 2020.

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**RESOLUTION 20-191**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICK LAVERTY FULL-TIME SUPERVISING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ZONING OFFICER**

**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 appointment of Patrick Laverty be and is hereby employed full time by the Town of Boonton as Supervising Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer at an annual salary of \$84,000, effective August 20, 2020.

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**RESOLUTION 20-192**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO TWO BROTHERS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE WELL FIELD 1.0 MG TANK DEMOLITION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Aldermen have heretofore received plans and specifications constituting a public bid package from the Town Engineer, Suburban Consulting Engineers for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Aldermen have heretofore approved said public bid package, as prepared by Town Engineer Andrew Holt P.E, C.M.E. and David Chanda, P.E. of Suburban Consulting Engineers, and directed the Town Clerk to publicly advertise for bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton received and opened seven (7) bids for said project on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Town of Boonton Municipal Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, review of the seven (7) received bids identified **Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.** as the lowest apparent responsive and responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Attorney has reviewed the bid from **Two Brothers Contracting, Inc.** and found it to be substantially in proper form and in compliance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law, and has deemed it responsive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for this contract.

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen, upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer and as reviewed by the Town Attorney, hereby award a construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, **Two Brothers Contracting, Inc., 11 Vreeland Avenue, Totowa, NJ 07512**, for the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand dollars and zero cents (\$148,000).

1. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract.
2. This Resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Yolanda Dykes, CFO, hereby certifies that \$148,000.00 is available in the Water Capital Account # H-06-55-569-001

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Yolanda Dykes, CFO

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**RESOLUTION 20-193**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING THE DARRESS THEATRE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen remain committed to supporting, improving and advancing the use of Main Street for the benefit, safety, health and welfare of the Town’s citizens, businesses and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, a vibrant and active Main Street helps support the small businesses that make up the Towns of Boonton’s dynamic Main Street economic center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton is engaged in negotiations to purchase the Darress Theatre on Main Street, in support of achieving further growth of this critical economic center; and

**WHEREAS**, a host of issues must be investigated and discussed, to best ensure the Darress Theatre contributes to the growth of Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen seek to create a sub-committee, comprised of both elected officials as well as citizens, to make recommendations based on such investigations and discussions.

**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:

- 1) The Darress Theatre Sub-Committee shall be created, and the Mayor to make appointments thereto as soon as practical;
- 2) The Darress Theatre Sub-Committee shall be comprised of not more than three (3) elected officials, and the Mayor, and not more than five (5) non-elected residents of the Town of Boonton.
- 3) Appointments to the Darress Theatre Sub-Committee shall be made at the discretion of the Mayor, and any appointed member may be removed by the Mayor at any time.
- 4) Each member of Darress Theatre Sub-Committee shall serve a twelve-month term, beginning on January 1 of any given year, and such term shall end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year.

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage.

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**RESOLUTION 20-194**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR AN 2021 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK MODEL HV507 SFA (HV507) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NJ STATE APPROVED CO-OP #65MCESCPS, CONTRACT # 17/18-30**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton (“Town”) has received a Notification of Award from the NJ State Approved Co-op for Contract #17/18-30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is authorized to purchase an International Truck from Deluxe International Truck, Inc., 600 South River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 in an amount not to exceed \$96,548.69; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

**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, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby authorize the purchase of an International Truck from Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.;
2. The Mayor and Board of Alderman hereby authorize payment to International Trucks, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$96,548.69; and
3. A copy of this Resolution and agreement shall be provided to the Town CFO and to International Trucks, Inc. for information and guidance.

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage

I, Yolanda Dykes, CFO, hereby certifies that \$ 96,548.69 is available in the  
Water Capital Fund A/C # H-06-55-582-003

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Yolanda Dykes, CFO

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**RESOLUTION 20-195**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR A GALION 433U-10.5’ STAINLESS STEEL CROSSMEMBERLESS DUMP BODY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton (“Town”) has received a Notification of Award from the State of New Jersey Department of the Treasury Procurement Bureau for Contract #17/18-30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is authorized to purchase a Galion Stainless Steel Crossmemberless Dump Body from Cliffside Body Corporation, 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022 as set forth in said Contract in an amount not to exceed \$70,677.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

**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, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby authorize the purchase of a Galion 433U-10.5’ Stainless Steel Crossmemberless Dump Body from Cliffside Body Corporation, 130 Broad Avenue, Fairview, NJ 07022;
2. A copy of this Resolution and agreement shall be provided to the Town CFO and to Cliffside Body Corporation for their information and guidance.

This Resolution will take effect immediately upon its passage

I, Yolanda Dykes, CFO, hereby certifies that \$ 70,677.00 is available in the Water Capital Fund A/C # H-06-55-582-003

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Yolanda Dykes, CFO

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**  
**Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 20-188 through 20-195**

<b>MOVED: FENSKE</b>	<b>SECOND: DeVENEZIA</b>				
<i>Regarding Resolution 193, a recommendation was made to contact Mr. Michael Healy, the person behind “Magic on Main” who would be beneficial in getting new patrons to Main Street. Mayor Corcoran recommended he contact the Clerk for further information.</i>					
<i>Regarding Resolutions 194 and 195, Administrator Henry stated that we were able to spend approximately \$12,000 less by working with the Co-Op.</i>					
<i>Mayor Corcoran explained the resolution creating a subcommittee for the Darress Theater. He is developing a list and plans to meet with those interested in joining. People with backgrounds in theater, heavy construction, historic knowledge of the theater, etc. are welcome. He urged anyone interested to reach out.</i>					
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>RECUSE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Bock	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Robillard	X				
Mr. Wade	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Corcoran	X				

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Discussion**

**Mayor & Board of Aldermen, Town Attorney, Town Administrator**

1. *Town Attorney Fred Semrau has researched the term “Alderman”. The Town of Boonton is an older form of government and he advised the Board that one of three things could be done: 1) Leave things the way they are; 2) The legislature has indicated that the term “Alderman” may be changed to “Council Members”; or 3) An ordinance may be adopted to make it clear in the Code replacing “Alderman” throughout. These are all legal options.*

*Mayor Corcoran asked how difficult would the process be to change the term Aldermen to Council members in the code? Mr. Semrau said we would start off by saying it going forward, the terminology would now be “Council”.*

Alderman Bock indicated that the current form of government is very good, having eight "aldermen" from four neighborhoods. His prior experience covers helping "dozens of women" run for office and he supports women in government. This Board of Aldermen does not exclude women and many of the most effective women were some he looks up to, Patti Bujtas, Doris Yanez and Sandi Reynolds.

Alderwoman DeVenezia addressed Mr. Bock by saying we are not speaking about changing the type of government. She has been addressed as "alderman", "alderwoman" and "alderperson" and would like to have one specific title. She hopes he recognizes her concern. She would like to either keep her gender or make it a non-gender policy.

Alderman Lynch said it's clear that there are opposing comments and chose not to reply.

Alderman Wade agrees with Mr. Lynch. With everything going on in the town, state and country, this can be moved to be discussed at a later time.

Alderwoman Renfro-Michel said she was the first woman supporting the term "Alderwoman".

Alderman Fenske said its time that we get with the program and address this and move on, saying "we are Alderpeople" and he can't think of better phrasing than that.

2. *Main Street Closings in August – Mayor Corcoran said in July the Town requested Main Street be closed for the five Friday nights in order to open the streets to Main Street businesses. However, we did not actually go forward until the third Friday in July. We then requested the first two Friday nights in August to be closed, which was approved by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. After he attended last Friday night's event, he was met with mostly positive feedback.*

Alderman Wekilsky confirmed attendance has gotten better and feels it is a good thing and it should continue.

Alderman Bock agrees saying it's a good thing for the restaurants and it's good for them to see we are trying to help them.

Alderperson DeVenezia thinks it's a good idea, however some of our businesses are not taking advantage of it and said those who don't participate need to be encouraged to join in.

Alderman Wade feels each Friday night gets better. There are a number of restaurants that offer take-out only and he feels if the boardwalk was available people could sit there. He said he has been asked if this is something that could be done once a month, perhaps during Boonton Main Street's First Fridays. With the theater coming it could also become an advantage.

Mayor Corcoran said Boonton Main Street could coordinate efforts. Going forward, one of the biggest prohibitive things would be the costs and safety concerns.

Alderwoman Renfro-Michel said she is really happy that this is going so well and continuing for two more weeks in August.

Alderman Lynch is encouraged how well this has been received. His struggle is the cost of overtime for the town employees required for safety. While this is a great thing to do it comes with a cost and it's incumbent upon us to come up with other ways to close Main Street.

Alderman Fenske agrees with Mr. Lynch about the cost, however, this is an investment in the town.

Regarding Mr. Wade's comment earlier, Alderman Lynch indicated that the Boardwalk has been found to be unsafe and is on private property. He believes it may cost up to six figures to repair it.

Upon a motion from Alderman Fenske, and second from Alderman Wade, it was unanimously approved to continue with the Main Street Closure through August 14, 2020.

3. *Parks Patrol: Mayor Corcoran stated that earlier this summer, there was an uptick to traffic at Grace Lord Park at the Rockaway River. People were not adhering to our existing ordinances. We worked with the Boonton Police Dept. to come up with ways in lieu of shutting the park down to help enforce the ordinances. We revisit the situation on a weekly basis. Administrator Henry indicates this began around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Administration worked with the DPW and BPD. The amount of people on any given weekend was 200+. We assess this each weekend and based on the police, less people show up and we are down to approximately 100. People who come to swim are being turned away. This past Sunday, there were approximately 100-120 people who were issued summonses. There is currently a decoy police car in place. Patrols seem to be working, however, we don't know about next weekend. The DPW has put up fencing which has not worked out very well, and it being knocked down.*

Alderman Robillard wanted to know if the Morris Avenue Parking Lot could be open as long as there are patrols. Mayor Corcoran said discussion will be taking place with the Chief of Police. Alderman Robillard added that he is also concerned because he, himself, is an avid fisherman and would like to be able to access the river. Alderman Bock agrees with Mr. Robillard about opening the Morris Avenue lot.

Alderman Fenske said having worked on the Grant Committee to improve the trails and parks, it's disappointing that people come to swim which not what the area is meant for.

Mayor Corcoran indicates it's more than swimming. Garbage is left behind as well. He thinks the police department has done a good job.

- 4. Boonton Day: Mayor Corcoran announced that it has been recommended that we cancel Boonton Day in September. There are two outcomes if we proceed: 1) Exposure to COVID-19 and 2) We will be in violation of an Executive Order. We are elected officials and we must make decisions, balancing health and economics.

Alderman Robillard said the Fire Department is not having their annual Labor Day celebration which has taken place for over 100 years, so he agrees it should be canceled.

Alderman Lynch said after losing family and friends to COVID, he is in favor of canceling it.

Alderman Fenske questioned how Boonton Day is different from the First Fridays? Based on what he has seen in the public, he would lean towards not having Boonton Day. Regarding what Mr. Robillard said about the BFD celebration, Mr. Fenske commented about how much money is spent by the public during that carnival (on food, rides and games). He urged people to still donate to the fire department, and announced to anyone who donates \$200.00, he will buy them a \$5.00 stuffed animal. Alderman Wekilsky also reminded those present to participate in the BFD Raffle currently underway.

Alderman Bock said he has communicated with the Mayor and Board saying he does not support canceling Boonton Day. He feels more comfortable with buying local rather than at large stores as well as dining in local restaurants. Boonton Day is very important to the BFD and Kiwanis and many other organizations. He trusts these organizations would take property precautions. He also referenced Executive Order 161 that extends outdoor gatherings to 500 people and when we put the resources in the budget, we should be consistent with supporting free markets.

Alderman DeVenezia is in favor of not having Boonton Day. One of the major differences between Friday nights and Boonton Day is that restaurants are adhering to social distancing and feels this would be too difficult to maintain on Boonton Day. Its more prudent to not have it especially given consideration to the current uptick of the virus.

Alderman Renfro-Michel said given the things that the alderpeople have said regarding Covid-19, there has been a new executive order regarding the number of people allowed to be together.

**RESOLUTION 20-196  
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2020 BOONTON DAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton has hosted "Boonton Day" in September for several years, and

**WHEREAS**, because of COVID-19, social gathering has strictly regulated, and/or canceled pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders, and

**WHEREAS**, Boonton Day could expose our residents to the virus and if it was to be taking place, the Town could be in violation of the governor's Executive Orders.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the 2020 Boonton Day scheduled in September be and is hereby canceled.

MOVED: DeVENEZIA		SECOND: FENSKÉ			
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Mr. Bock		X			
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Mr. Fenske	X				
Mr. Lynch	X				
Dr. Renfro-Michel	X				
Mr. Robillard	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

Kerry Dunn, 590 Lathrop Avenue: Regarding previous correspondence from Mr. Brankner, she indicated the Town will also be receiving additional information about events that have occurred over the years at this residence.

Elaine Doherty, Oak Street: Asked how the playgrounds are going to be cleaned after being used by each child and if hand wipes and disinfectant will be available. It was recommended patrons to the park bring their own. Mr. Henry

said after calling neighboring towns, many are disinfecting the equipment at the beginning of the day and said he would look into this. Mayor Corcoran said we have an upcoming DPW Committee meeting later this week and this will be discussed.

Linda Hogoboom: Thanked Fred Semrau for his research on the board's name and asked him to forward the statutes to her. She wants to know when this could be brought to a vote and when could an ordinance be introduced by the Board. She wants to make it clear that this is not "man vs. woman"; it is gender neutrality, and then recommended a webinar for the Board to see explaining what "gender neutral" actually is. She also feels Mr. Bock's position is misguided.

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

<b>MOVED: DeVenezia</b>	<b>SECONDED: Renfro-Michel</b>		<b>TIME:</b>
<b>VOICE VOTE:</b>	<b>IN FAVOR: <u>X</u></b>	<b>AGAINST: _____</b>	<b>9:23 pm</b>

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Cynthia A. Oravits, Town Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Those attending via Go To Meeting:

Mayor & Board of Aldermen  
Amanda Bendett  
Dave Kaplan, BFD Chief  
BPD Admin. 1  
Kerry Dunn  
Linda Hogoboom  
Natalie Piscarcik  
Nilda Jones  
Tracy Pryer