

**Mayor & Town Council**  
**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 20, 2026**

Town of Boonton  
 100 Washington Street  
 Boonton, NJ 07005

Open Public Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL VOTE**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. John Meehan	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Cyril Wekilsky	1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Council Member		X
Ms. Danielle Cascone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Ms. Marie DeVenezia	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Daniel Balan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Ms. Kimberly Mazzei	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Ms. Luisa Lopez	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Benjamin Weisman	4 <sup>th</sup> Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. James Lynch	Mayor	X	
Mr. Fred Semrau	Town Attorney		X
Mr. Edward Pasternak	Town Attorney	X	
Mr. Neil Henry	Town Administrator	X	
Ms. Elizabeth Bonsiewich	Town Clerk	X	

**ADEQUATE NOTICE**

This meeting is being held in person and livestreamed via ZOOM. The public is invited to attend in person or to view the meeting by following the link below or by calling in to the phone number listed below the link. Public comments are welcome in person or by submitting written comments to the Town Clerk, which will be distributed to members of the Governing Body, and which although not required by law to be read at a meeting, may be summarized or read in their entirety, during the public portion of the meeting. Written comments may be submitted via email with the subject line “Public Comment” to the Town Clerk, Elizabeth Bonsiewich at [ebonsiewich@boonton.org](mailto:ebonsiewich@boonton.org) or by mail addressed to Elizabeth Bonsiewich, Town Clerk, Town of Boonton, 100 Washington Street, Boonton, New Jersey 07005. All written comments must include the name, address and phone number in order to verify the Author. Emailed comments must be received at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.

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**MAYOR’S STATEMENT**

Notice of this meeting has been provided through resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on December 15, 2025 at its Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council at the Boonton Town Hall, 100 Washington Street, Boonton New Jersey and by electronic mailing to the Citizen of Morris County and the Daily Record newspapers, through posting on the Town website and by filing a copy of same with the Town Clerk.

Members of the public were also permitted to submit written comments prior to the meeting via mail or email, which may be summarized or read in their entirety during the public comment period. All public comments, whether during the public portion of the meeting or submitted beforehand, shall be limited to no greater than three (3) minutes in duration.

**BOONTON ADMINISTRATOR AND COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**Administration-Administrator Neil Henry-Mr. Henry reported:**

Highlights from the Administrators office for the time period of December 16 through tonight, January 20, which are not on your agenda this evening is as follows:

- Concluded Interviews for the position of Superintendent of Public Works. My plan is to have a hiring resolution in front of the Mayor and Council at your next meeting which is February 2.
- Attended a settlement conference in a matter regarding our Fourth Round Affordable Housing plan.

- Received bids for our Water Meter replacement program. The bid package is presently at the DEP for their approval to execute a contract. Meter replacement is scheduled to begin in the Spring.
- Wrote and advertised for an RFP for Water Engineering Services. Proposals are due back at Town Hall on January 28 at 10:30AM.
- Wrote and advertised a bid for Water Treatment chemical procurement. Bid opening is February 4 at 10:30AM here in Town at 10:30A
- Facilitated the meeting times for all monthly sub-committees of the Town council for the calendar year 2026. All meetings are now set.

**Finance and Personnel Committee-Council Member Weisman-***Mr. Weisman reported that he had attended the final round of interviews of the DPW Director candidates and was pleased with the direction the Town is headed in. He was also pleased about the appointment of a new housing inspector.*

*Mayor Lynch added that the budget process had begun and would be a challenge as there are significant increases to healthcare and other costs.*

*Mr. Weisman said that he would review the budget timeline at the next governing body meeting.*

**Police Committee-Council Member Cascone-***Ms. Cascone reported that the Committee had met and discussed ongoing crosswalk concerns specifically on Green St and at the intersection of Division and Wootton Streets, as well as a stop line/stop sign issue on Fanny Road. She stated that concerns about student drop off at John Hill School appeared to be resolved. Speed bumps on Washington Street, the installation of sign posts and the recognition of crossing guards had also been discussed.*

**Planning Board-Council Member Mazzei-***Ms. Mazzei reported that on January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Board appointed Adam Brewer chairman, Rich Orlusky vice-chairman and Joseph Wenzel attorney. The Board approved a variance regarding impervious coverage at 211 Monroe Street. The Board denied a variance for the conversion of a one-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling at 103 Oak Street.*

**Board of Education-Council Member Cascone-***Ms. Cascone reported that at the recent BOE reorganization meeting, Elaine Doherty and Justin Nguyen were sworn in, while Irene LeFebvre was reaffirmed as Board President. The 2026-2027 school calendar was to be finalized at the next BOE meeting, the 2026-2027 budget was reviewed and agreement was reached on a five-year fixed amount agreement between Boonton and Lincoln Park. Ms. Cascone said that the school cafeterias were now offering plant-based lunch options. Cinderella's closet which offers prom clothing was in need of donations*

**Boonton Holmes Library-Mayor Lynch-***Mayor Lynch reported that the Board had met for its reorganization meeting and that Eugene Filosa was sworn in as a new trustee. Officers include President Sonja Chapman, Secretary Deirdre Feeney and Treasurer Wendy Wendt. A grand opening of the new children's room was scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>. The teen room would be renovated using a \$19,000 donation. The Mayor encouraged positive on-line reviews of the library.*

**Parks and Recreation-Council Member Meehan-***Mr. Meehan reported that the Committee had met on January 6<sup>t</sup>, welcomed new members and begun outlining programs for 2026. He announced upcoming line dancing and pickle ball events and recapped the recent end-of-year activities.*

*Ms. Cascone noted that she had enjoyed the recent Find-a-Duck and Snowman-building activities.*

**Fire Department- Council Member DeVenezia-***Ms. DeVenezia said that there was very little to report and that she hoped to learn much at an upcoming Mutual Aid event.*

*Ms. DeVenezia said that she would be getting updates on fire call statistics and that the new pumper was on its way.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolutions 26-55 through 26-64**

**RESOLUTION 26-55**

**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:

Regular Meeting December 15, 2025  
Reorganization Meeting January 1, 2026

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**RESOLUTION 26-56**

**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.

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**RESOLUTION 26-57**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING SEAN KELLY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOONTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton that Sean Kelly be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Boonton Volunteer Fire Department, Hook & Ladder Company #1 effective January 20, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION 26-58**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING CROSSING GUARD – PHILLIP SINATRA**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey that Phillip Sinatra be and is hereby appointed as a Per Diem Crossing Guard in the Boonton Police Department, at rate of \$17.25/per hour.

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**RESOLUTION 26-59**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATT MONDINO AS PART-TIME HOUSING INSPECTOR.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the appointment of Matt Mondino be and is hereby employed by the Town of Boonton, as part-time Housing Inspector at an annual salary of \$23,400, not to exceed eighteen (18) hours per week, effective January 21, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION 26-60**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH MORABITO AS PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the appointment of Joseph Morabito be and is hereby employed by the Town of Boonton, as part-time Fire Inspector at an annual salary of \$15,600, not to exceed twelve (12) hours per week, effective January 21, 2026.

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**RESOLUTION 26-61**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$75,000.00 to carry out a project to build a pavilion at Canal Side Park providing much needed covered outdoor space.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Boonton does hereby authorize the application for such a grant and recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between The Town of Boonton and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Administrator and Town Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

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**RESOLUTION 26-62**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2026 CHEVY SILVERADO POLICE PURSUIT PACKAGE (9C1) PPV, 1500 SERIES CREW CAB 5'8" BOX, FOR USE IN THE BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER CRANFORD POLICE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may be by resolution and without advertising for bids, to purchase any goods or services under a State Contract of the State of New Jersey for any contracts entered into; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton has a need for, and desires to purchase a Chevy Silverado Police Pursuit 15000 from Gentilini Chevrolet, **under Cranford Purchasing Cooperative Contract #25-01**; and

**WHEREAS**, the specifications with respect to said equipment and agreement are available in the Town Clerk's office; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to purchase the said vehicle shall not exceed \$51,485.08

**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. The Town of Boonton hereby authorizes the Town Administration to proceed with the purchase of a Chevy Silverado Police Pursuit 1500 through Cranford Purchasing Cooperative Contract #25-01 Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (Identifier #47-CPCPS) from Gentilini Chevrolet of 500-555 John S, Penn Blvd, Woodbine, NJ 08270
2. The equipment and agreement shall include the specifications which are available in the Town Clerk's office for the fee not to exceed \$51,485.08
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Michael Yazdi, Chief Financial Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify that \$ 51,485.08 is available in the Capital Fund Account #04-55-112-012

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Michael Yazdi

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**RESOLUTION 26-63**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UPFITTING FOR A 2026 CHEVY SILVERADO POLICE PURSUIT PACKAGE (9C1) PPV, 1500 SERIES CREW CAB 5'8" BOX, FOR USE IN THE BOONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER MORRIS COUNTY COOP #41.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c) may be by resolution and without advertising for bids, to purchase any goods or services under a State Contract of the State of New Jersey for any contracts entered into; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton has a need for, and desires to purchase the upfitting of a Chevy Silverado Police Pursuit 15000 from Spectrum Communications, under Morris County COOP #41; and

**WHEREAS**, the specifications with respect to said equipment and agreement are available in the Town Clerk's office; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost to purchase the said upfitting shall not exceed \$30,268.46.

**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. The Town of Boonton hereby authorizes the Town Administration to proceed with the purchase of upfitting for a Chevy Silverado Police Pursuit 1500 through Morris County COOP #41 from Spectrum Communications, 80 N. Dell Ave., Unit 12, Kenvil , NJ 07847
2. The equipment and agreement shall include the specifications which are available in the Town Clerk's office for the fee not to exceed \$30,268.46
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Michael Yazdi, Chief Financial Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify that \$ 30,268.46 is available in the Capital Fund Account #04-55-112-012 in the amount of \$28,514.92 and Account #06-01-25-240-225 in the amount of \$1,753.54.

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Michael Yazdi

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**RESOLUTION 26-64**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CLEANING SERVICE OF HUDSON VALLEY, INC. FOR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF TOWN OF BOONTON MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council have heretofore received specifications constituting a request for proposals to retain janitorial services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton publicly advertised for proposals for janitorial services in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.4 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, said proposals have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Town of Boonton Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the most advantageous bid received was from Cleaning Services of Hudson Valley, Inc, 55 Ramapo Road, Suite 88, Garnerville, NY 10923 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council are satisfied with the proposal submitted by Cleaning Services of Hudson Valley Inc. as being in the best interests of the Town of Boonton and being in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Boonton wishes to proceed with the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Cleaning Services of Hudson Valley, Inc.

**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 Mayor and Town Council, upon the recommendation of the Administrator/QPA, award a janitorial services contract for two years, effective January 1, 2026, for an annual fee of \$41,940, with an option to extend one additional year for a fee inclusive of a cost-of-living-adjustment.
2. This award is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funding exists therefore.
3. Notice of this action shall be published in "The Daily Record" newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage thereof.
4. The Administrator and Town Clerk are specifically authorized to execute the aforementioned contract.
5. This Resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify that \$ 41,940.00 is available in Account #06-01-26-310-224.

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Michael Yazdi

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

**Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 26-55 through 26-64**

Town Council Discussion					
<b>MOVED: CASCONE</b>			<b>SECOND: MEEHAN</b>		
<i>Ms. DeVenezia, Mr. Balan and Mayor Lynch thanked Sean Kelly for joining the BFD.</i>					
<b>Motion to Adopt</b>					
<b>MOVED: BALAN</b>			<b>SECOND: CASCONE</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. Balan	<b>X</b>				
Ms. Cascone	<b>X</b>				
Ms. DeVenezia	<b>X</b>				
Ms. Lopez	<b>X</b>				
Ms. Mazzei	<b>X</b>				
Mr. Meehan	<b>X</b>				
Mr. Weisman	<b>X</b>				
Mr. Wekilsky					<b>X</b>
Mayor Lynch	<b>X</b>				

**TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

*Mr. Weisman said that he was honored to have attended the inauguration of Governor Sherrill and that he wants to hold her accountable for executive orders signed during the event, particularly the one concerning electric rates.*

*Ms. DeVenezia cited a recent resolution passed by the Roxbury Governing Body opposing the placement of a facility in Roxbury.*

*She read a statement and said that she hoped Boonton Governing Body members could agree to put their names on it:*

The undersigned members of the Boonton Town Council hereby express support and appreciation for our colleagues on the all-Republican Roxbury Town Council for unanimously passing Resolution 2026-029 on January 13, 2026, opposing the potential placement of a detention and processing facility in Roxbury.

As stated in their resolution, Roxbury "hereby unequivocally opposes the conversion of existing industrial warehouses within the Township for the creation of a processing facility," and further affirmed

that “it is a primary objective of the Township Council...to ensure the public safety and welfare of its residents, business community and visitors,” and that Roxbury is not an appropriate municipality for such a facility.

We commend the Roxbury Town Council for its unanimous action, and we affirm the vital role of local government in standing up for residents and protecting the safety, welfare, and character of our communities.

*The matter was discussed.*

*Mr. Weisman said that this was just a request for council members to add their names to a statement that will be reflected in the minutes.*

*Attorney Pasternak agreed with Mr. Weisman that nothing was proposed as far as a resolution.*

*Mr. Weisman asked that a committee be formed to review the Town’s ordinance book regarding protections for Town residents in light of recent enforcement actions.*

*Mr. Weisman , Ms. Lopez, Mr. Meehan and Ms. Mazzei agreed to form the committee.*

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**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Michael Herbert of Holmes Street thanked Ms. DeVenezia for her comments and stated that he thought the mayor was mistaken if he thought that the issue of immigration enforcement did not impact his constituency. Mr. Herbert said that the issue was something that affected him emotionally, and that he thought it was important to speak out on the situation.*

*Victoria, Birch Street resident and Main Street business owner voiced her concerns for the safety of Black, Indigenous and People of Color members of our community given increased immigration enforcement actions in the state. She asked that the Town Council in conjunction with the Police Department and perhaps faith leaders create a plan for de-escalation and what could be called a type of civil resistance. She suggested that agents should be required to have a signed judicial warrant in order to take someone into custody. She said that she does not advocate violence or illegal actions. She asked that the Town Council consider ways to protect everyone.*

*Council Member Luisa Lopez of Reserve Street left the dais to speak as a resident. She said that she had moved to Boonton for its diversity. She noted that her family members now carry their passports. She said she would like Boonton to stand up for its residents which include a large Hispanic community who are now living in fear.*

*Pamila Botka of Lincoln Street and Boonton Housing Authority Commissioner asked about the Council’s liaison to the BHA and was told that Ms. DeVenezia is continuing in that role.*

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**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

<b>MOVED: WEISMAN</b>	<b>SECONDED: MEEHAN</b>	<b>TIME: 7:28 pm</b>
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>  X  </u>	AGAINST: <u>      </u>