

Mayor & Town Council
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026

Town of Boonton
100 Washington Street
Boonton, NJ 07005

Open Public Meeting – 7:00 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. Danielle Cascone	2 nd Ward Council Member	X	
Ms. Marie DeVenezia	2 nd Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Daniel Balan	3 rd Ward Council Member	X*	
Ms. Kimberly Mazzei	3 rd Ward Council Member	X	
Ms. Luisa Lopez	4 th Ward Council Member	X	
Mr. Benjamin Weisman	4 th 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	

X* Mr. Wekilsky and Mr. Balan attended via ZOOM

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 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 gave the following report:

Highlights from the Administrators office for the time period of February 3 through today, February 17, which are not on your agenda this evening are as follows:

- Began onboarding our New DPW Superintendent Erik Gore.
- Facilitated a pre-construction meeting with the vendor with whom we executed a contract with to start and complete the Pickleball Courts.

- Conducted a bid opening for procurement of our water treatment chemicals. There was a total of 8 chemicals which were put out for bid. There were only two that vendors bid on. Thus, we will be going out for bid on the six which we received no bids for.
- Held individual meetings with key department heads to discuss additional cuts to their respective budgets.
- Worked with the Fire Chief to identify a temporary home for Engine 305. A location was successfully identified.

Ms. DeVenezia inquired about the Town Hall lift.

Mr. Henry said that a new lift was on order.

Finance and Personnel Committee-Council Member Weisman-*Mr. Weisman reported that the Committee had been working on the budget and that trash, demolition and health ordinances would be worked on. Mr. Weisman welcomed new DPW superintendent Eric Gore.*

Mr. Balan asked if the Committee would be working with Mr. Laverty on an update to the historic ordinance.

Mr. Weisman said that the Committee would discuss that ordinance at its next meeting.

Police Committee-Council Member Cascone-*Ms. Cascone reported that the Committee had discussed no parking signs and the ordinance regarding no parking during snowstorms as well as the portable speed signs on Washington Street. The PD was working on accreditation.*

Planning Board-Council Member Mazzei-*Ms. Mazzei reported that at its February 11th meeting, the Planning Board adopted a resolution regarding impervious coverage at 211 Monroe Street. A new application regarding 103 Oak Street would be submitted for Planning Board consideration. 4th Round Fair Share Housing amendments had been discussed.*

Board of Education-Council Member Cascone-*Ms. Cascone reported that educators of the year for JHS, SSS and BHS had been celebrated with plaques and commendations. A pipe had burst at the BOE building but had not caused significant damage. The BOE was considering a communication system to enhance security and was looking into the remediation of carpeted classrooms at JHS. The 2026-2027 calendar had been approved. There had been a grant proposal to replace the bleachers in the BHS gym. JHS would continue to expand the offerings at its cafeteria.*

Boonton Holmes Library-Mayor Lynch-*Mayor Lynch reported that there had been a grand opening of the recently renovated children's room on February 10th. He said that the Library had hosted Melody in Motion and Farm Chicks Petting Zoo programs as well as a lecture on Stoicism, a concert by Delirious XM and a presentation on historic shipwrecks.*

Parks and Recreation-Council Member Meehan-*Mr. Meehan reported that the Committee had met on February 3rd. He announced upcoming programs including indoor soccer, Storytime with First Responders, line dancing and the car show. The Committee had signed a letter of support for trail installation in Parsippany.*

Fire Department- Council Member DeVenezia-*Ms. DeVenezia said that she had attended the Mutual Aid breakfast. She said that BFD leadership would be focusing on accountability, responsibility and professionalism. She noted that fire department members had dug out over 500 fire hydrants after the recent snowstorm. She welcomed Matt Sulpy to the BFD.*

Ms. Cascone inquired about reminding owners to remove snow from fire hydrants on their properties.

Ms. DeVenezia said that while it would be something for the administrator to handle, there was probably more than one avenue that the Town could use to get the word out.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 26-76 through 26-83

RESOLUTION 26-76

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:

Closed Session February 2, 2026
Regular Meeting February 2, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-77

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, vouchers for payment have been submitted to the Mayor and Town Council by the various municipal departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, all vouchers approved by the Administrator be and are hereby ordered paid.

RESOLUTION 26-78

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW SULPY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOONTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton that Matthew Sulpy be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Boonton Volunteer Fire Department, Maxfield Hook & Ladder Company #1 effective February 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-79

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PETITION OF PLAN CONFORMANCE TO THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton lies within the Highlands Region in the Planning Area as defined by the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council authorized Grant Number 24-033-011-1401 to provide the Town of Boonton funding to explore a Highlands Center Designation; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton retained Topology to provide planning services to complete the scope of work associated with the potential Highlands Center Designation; and

WHEREAS, as part of this scope of work Topology prepared a Petition for Plan Conformance necessary for Highlands Center Designation; and

WHEREAS, Topology presented a draft Petition for Plan Conformance dated January 22, 2026 (the "Draft Petition") to the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton at their meeting on February 2, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey that the Town, via Topology, is authorized to submit the Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council in substantially the same form as Draft Petition.

RESOLUTION 26-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING ACRISURE AS BROKER OF RECORD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, New Jersey, that Acrisure, LLC of 111 Wood St., Suite 400, Iselin, NJ 08830 is appointed as the sole Broker of Record and representative on insurance matters in connection with the Town's group benefits policies through the North Jersey Municipal Employee Benefits Fund effective January 1, 2026. This appointment will remain in force until canceled in writing by the Town of Boonton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the appointment of Acrisure, LLC as Broker of Record as described above is hereby authorized.

RESOLUTION 26-81

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BOONTON TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2026, the governing body of the Town of Boonton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Town of Boonton

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

RESOLUTION 26-82

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AXON ENTERPRISE, INC AI ASSISTANCE (TRANSLATION THROUGH BODY-WORN CAMERAS) ON AN ANNUAL RENEWAL UNDER STATE CONTRACT NJ FLEET T0106.

WHEREAS, The Town of Boonton must supply all police officers with body-worn cameras (BWC) and can communicate effectively with the Community with the Axon AI Assistant- Language Translation feature within the BWC for daily operational use; and

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 by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under a State Contract of the State of New Jersey for any contracts entered into; and

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N. 85th St, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract Number NJ FLEET T0106 for the purchase of Law Enforcement equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Director and Chief of Police have recommended the use of this contract, price and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this purchase(s) shall not exceed \$11,670.99 in year one and \$93,367.89 in total over 99 months, ending July 2033; and

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

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. That Axon Enterprise, Inc., 17800 N 85th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85255 be awarded a contract for the AI Assistant- Language Translation Feature as recommend by the Public Safety Director and Chief of Police, in an amount not to exceed \$93,367.89 over 99 months ending in 2033, contingent on future year funding.
2. That the aforementioned contract is a term contract permitting the purchase of items at a stated price on an "as-needed" basis, at which time certification of available funds shall be provided for each purchase in accordance with local public contracts regulations.
3. That the Mayor and Council hereby direct the Business Administrator and Purchasing Agent to execute any documents which are necessary to purchase said equipment through State Contract NJ FLEET T0106, subject to review, revision and approval by the Town Attorney.
4. This resolution and the contract will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

I hereby certify that \$11,670.99 is available in Current Account #06-01-26-240-240

Michael Yazdi

RESOLUTION 26-83

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE REVISED 2025 ROUND FOUR HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF BOONTON PLANNING BOARD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

WHEREAS, in 2024 the New Jersey Legislature amended the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. through the adoption of P.L. 2024, c.2 ("FHA"); and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2024, c. 2 abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), created the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (Program) and established new procedures and deadlines for municipalities to come into compliance with the FHA and the *Mount Laurel* doctrine for each future ten-year affordable housing round beginning with the Fourth Round, which starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024 the Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24, which sets forth additional procedures all municipalities must follow to be in compliance with the FHA in order to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy litigation through the Program process set forth in P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, amongst other things, Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2, require each municipality to adopt a binding resolution setting forth its Fourth-Round present and prospective need obligations and file a declaratory judgment action with the Program through the New Jersey e-courts system by no later than February 3, 2025, and thereafter each municipality must adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and file same with the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with P.L. 2024, c. 2 and Directive #14-24, the Town of Boonton timely adopted a resolution setting forth the Town's pre-credited/unadjusted Fourth Round affordable housing obligations on January 21, 2025 and on January 23, 2025 the Town uploaded same to the Program and

filed a declaratory judgment action with the Program, which is entitled In re Town of Boonton, Docket No.: MRS-L- 000203-25 (Town’s “2025 Action”); and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025 Morris/Sussex County Mount Laurel Judge, the Honorable Janine M. Allen, J.S.C., issued an Order in the Town’s 2025 Action fixing the Town’s Fourth Round pre-credited/unadjusted Present Need Obligation at “23” and gross Prospective Need Obligation at “99” and which Order directs the Town to adopt is Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and upload same to the Program on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c.2, and the Order issued by Judge Allen, the Town’s Municipal Planner prepared the Town’s 2025 Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on timely prior notice to the public on May 14, 2025, the Town of Boonton Planning Board adopted the Town’s 2025 Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan following a public hearing thereon, all in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1 of the Home Rule Act, and the applicable provisions of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, prior to the June 30, 2025 deadline in P.L. 2024, c.2, the Town Council endorsed the 2025 Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as approved by the Town Planning Board on May 14, 2025 (“Original Round 4 Plan”) and the Town Attorney did timely upload same to the Program; and

WHEREAS, challenges to the Original Round 4 Plan were subsequently filed by Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) and River Walk, LLC (“River Walk”); and

WHEREAS, in 2024 River Walk received Planning Board approval to construct a six-story residential building comprised of 162 dwelling units, including 130 market-rate and thirty-two (32) affordable units; and

WHEREAS, both FSHC and River Walk challenged the Town’s Original Round 4 Plan, claiming the Town could not claim credits and bonus credits against its Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation for providing financial assistance to the Boonton Housing Authorities seventy-four (74) Section 8 affordable units at the Riverview Apartments and the Chestnut Street Cottages in the Town; and

WHEREAS, for decades the Town has served as the host community for these 74 affordable units and wishes to continue to preserve these affordable units for the next thirty (30) years by funding renovations to these units from the Town’s affordable housing trust fund in exchange for the Program recognizing the creditworthiness of these affordable units; and

WHEREAS, the Boonton Housing Authority, amongst many other housing authorities across the State of New Jersey, faces serious financial ramifications due to severe fundings cuts from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, despite the Town’s warnings to FSHC and the Program Judge during the Program process, FSHC has continually refused to allow the Town to obtain credits and bonus credits towards the Town’s Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation in exchange for providing financial assistance to fund renovations that would preserve the continued habitability and viability of the Boonton Housing Authority’s seventy-four (74) affordable units for the next thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, although FSHC claims to represent the protected class of low-income persons, throughout the Program process FSHC disputed the Town’s ability to claim such credits for the Boonton Housing Authority’s affordable units, and instead demanded and fully supported River Walk’s request to build even more market-rate units and secure financial incentives from the Town; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025, the Honorable Stephan C. Hansbury, J.S.C. (Ret.) submitted a Program Decision and Recommendation wherein Judge Hansbury refused to render a legal decision as to the Town’s ability to obtain credits and bonus credits for the Boonton Housing Authority’s seventy-four (74) Section 8 affordable housing units, and directed the Town to amend its Original Round 4 Plan by March 15, 2026 while also allowing the Town to maintain immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder’s remedy litigation while the dispute remains ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Boonton Housing Authority’s seventy-four (74) affordable Section 8 rental units provide *actual* good and decent housing for very-low, low-, and moderate-income families within the Region; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026 the United States Congress passed and President Trum signed into law a final fiscal year 2026 spending bill for HUD Programs (the “HUD Federal Spending Bill”); and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, the HUD Federal Spending Bill cut federal funding for public housing by 5.6 percent, including over \$788 million in cuts to public housing operating subsidies (-14.4%); and

WHEREAS, at this time the dispute over the Town's right and ability to obtain credits against the Town's Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation with respect to the Boonton Housing Authority's seventy-four (74 units within the Riverview Apartments and Chestnut Street Cottages remains unresolved; and

WHEREAS, unlike FSHC, the Town remains steadfast in its commitment to provide for affordable housing through funding towards the Boonton Housing Authority's seventy-four (74) Section 8 affordable units to allow for these units to be renovated/maintained so that they may continue to remain viable and preserved for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, the Town must comply with the recommendations of the Program Judge and amend its Original Round 4 Plan by March 15, 2026 in order to secure a Final Compliance Certification and Judgment of Repose from the County Mount Laurel Judge; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d), in relevant part provides:

“The program may permit a municipality that still has a remaining dispute by interested parties to retain immunity from exclusionary zoning litigation into the year following the year in which a new round begins if the program, or county-level housing judge, determines that the municipality has been unable to resolve the issues disputed despite being determined to come into constitutional compliance. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall develop procedures to enable a county-level housing judge to resolve this dispute over the issuance of compliance certification through a summary proceeding in Superior Court following the year in which the new round begins. [...] The pendency of such a dispute shall not stay the deadline for adoption of implementing ordinances and resolutions pursuant to this paragraph. The implementing ordinances and resolutions adopted prior to the resolution of the dispute may be subject to changes to reflect the results of the dispute. As an alternative to adopting all necessary implementing ordinances and resolutions by the March 15 deadline, a municipality involved in a continuing dispute over the issuance of compliance certification may adopt a binding resolution by this date to commit to adopting the implementing ordinances and resolutions following resolution of the dispute, with necessary adjustments to reflect the resolution of the dispute.”

N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d)

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2026, the Town of Boonton Planning Board Adopted the Town's Amended Round 4 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“Amended HEFSP”), which is incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d), the Town of Boonton Planning Board adopted the Amended HEFSP, while fully reserving all of the Town's rights and claims for 74 credits and 37 bonus credits from the Boonton Housing Authority's affordable units at the Riverview Apartments and the Chestnut Street Cottages to be applied towards the Town's Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation and/or as surplus credits/bonus credits towards the Town's Fifth Round Prospective Need Obligation, should any exist; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton has since reviewed this Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and desires to endorse same, while fully reserving all of the Town's rights and claims for 74 credits and 37 bonus credits from the Boonton Housing Authority's affordable units at the Riverview Apartments and the Chestnut Street Cottages to be applied towards the Town's Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation and/or as surplus credits/bonus credits towards the Town's Fifth Round Prospective Need Obligation, should any exist in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d) while the Town's dispute with FSHC and any other remaining challengers remains unresolved.

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 Town does hereby endorse the enclosed Amended 2025 Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Town of Boonton Planning Board on February 11, 2026.
2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d), the Town of Boonton Planning Board's adoption, and the Mayor and Town Council's endorsement, of the Town's Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, is hereby made without prejudice and with full reservation of rights and claims the Town has to obtain 74 credits and 37 bonus credits from the Boonton Housing Authority's affordable units at the Riverview Apartments and the Chestnut Street Cottages to be applied towards the Town's Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation and/or as surplus credits/bonus credits towards the Town's Fifth Round Prospective Need Obligation, should any exist in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(d) while the Town's dispute with FSHC and any other remaining challengers remains unresolved.
3. This Town commits to adopting all remaining implementing ordinances and resolutions, following resolution of the dispute as to the Town's right to claim the above-described credits and bonus credits to be applied towards the Town's Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation, and/or surplus credits/bonus credits towards the Town's Fifth Round Prospective Need Obligation, with necessary adjustments to reflect the resolution of this dispute.
4. The Town Municipal Attorney is hereby directed to file this Resolution as a supplement to the Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, this resolution and all relevant supporting documentation and exhibits with the Program in the Town's 2025 Action in accordance with the requirements of Directive #14-24 and P.L. 2024, c. 2.
5. Should any challenge to the Town's Amended 2025 Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan be filed, the Town Municipal Attorney and Municipal Planner are hereby directed to defend the Town against such challenge(s) and take all necessary steps in furtherance thereof.
6. The Town Municipal Attorney, Municipal Planner and all other appropriate officials, employees and other professionals of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution such that the Town maintains its immunity from exclusionary zoning and builder's remedy.
7. A certified copy of this resolution and the Town's Amended 2025 Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan shall remain on file with the Town for the purpose of public inspection and shall be uploaded to the Town's website in accordance with the requirements of the FHA and Directive #14-24.
8. Notice of this action shall be published in the official newspapers for the Town of Boonton.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 26-76 through 26-83

Town Council Discussion					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: MEEHAN			
<i>Mr. Weisman noted that the original Resolution 26-83 had been replaced with the new version being voted on.</i>					
<i>Mayor Lynch welcomed Matt Sulpy to the BFD.</i>					
Motion to Adopt					
MOVED: WEKILSKY		SECOND: CASCONE			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Mr. Balan	X				
Ms. Cascone	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Ms. Lopez	X				
Ms. Mazzei	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Lynch	X				

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 1-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AH-I AFFORDABLE HOUSING-INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR LAND USE IN THE TOWN OF BOONTON ZONING AND LAND USE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 300)

MOVED: DE VENEZIA	SECOND: WEKILSKY				
	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Mr. Balan	X				
Ms. Cascone	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Ms. Lopez	X				
Ms. Mazzei	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Lynch	X				

ORDINANCE 2-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DIVISION STREET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2025 ROUND FOUR HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

MOVED: MAZZEI	SECOND: WEKILSKY				
	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Mr. Balan	X				
Ms. Cascone	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Ms. Lopez	X				
Ms. Mazzei	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Lynch	X				

ORDINANCE 3-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 70 “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” AND CHAPTER 300, ARTICLE XVIII §300-85 “AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANDATORY SET-ASIDE” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND TO COMPLY WITH THE TOWN’S ROUND FOUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

MOVED: WEKILSKY	SECOND: CASCONE				
	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Mr. Balan	X				
Ms. Cascone	X				
Ms. DeVenezia	X				
Ms. Lopez	X				
Ms. Mazzei	X				
Mr. Meehan	X				
Mr. Weisman	X				
Mr. Wekilsky	X				
Mayor Lynch	X				

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Lynch commended and thanked police officers for their kindness to his neighbor during a recent emergency.

Ms. DeVenezia sent good wishes to those celebrating the Year of the Horse and those observing Ramadan.

She noted that Crossing Guard Amy McCauley had passed away.

A moment of silence was observed in Ms. McCauley’s memory.

Council Member Mazzei asked that a committee be formed to review the Town's flag ordinance.

Ms. Mazzei, Ms. Cascone, Ms. DeVenezia and Mr. Balan will serve on the Flag Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Weisman said that the committee recently formed to address ordinances related to I.C.E. would continue to work on the matter.

He noted that February 17th is the 168th birthday of the Elks organization. He noted the charitable works done by the organization.

Mr. Balan noted that Christian Lent would begin the following day.

Ms. Lopez made the following comments regarding the committee mentioned by Mr. Weisman a few moments earlier:

Creating ordinances that clarify how Boonton interacts with ICE is fundamentally about public safety, transparency, and good governance.

At the local level, our responsibility is not to enforce federal immigration law. Our responsibility is to make sure residents feel safe calling the police, sending their children to school, seeking health care, and using town services without fear. When people are afraid to report crimes or participate in civic life, everyone's safety is compromised.

The reason for forming this committee is to bring clarity and to define what the Town will and will not do, so residents and municipal staff are not left guessing in high pressure situations. That clarity protects constitutional rights, reduces legal risk for the Town, and gives our officers and employees consistent guidance.

This work is not about regulating federal law or obstructing lawful enforcement. It is about reviewing our local authority which is how Boonton uses its own property, resources, data, zoning powers, personnel and making sure our policies are lawful, transparent, and aligned with our values.

By forming a committee, we are committing to a thoughtful, collaborative process, working with counsel, learning from other municipalities, and ensuring that any recommendations strengthen public safety and community trust.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public came forward.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting shall adjourn.

MOVED: WEISMAN	SECONDED: WEKILSKY	TIME: 7:24 pm
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u> X </u>	AGAINST: <u> </u>