

Mayor & Town Council
PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA
April 6, 2026

Town of Boonton
 100 Washington Street
 Boonton, NJ 07005

Closed Session Meeting- 6:00 p.m.
 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 Bonsiewicz | Town Clerk | X | |

*Ms Lopes joined the meeting at 6:01 pm
 **Mr. Balan joined the meeting at 6:09 pm
 ***Mr. Weisman attended the Closed Session by telephone

CLOSED SESSION-6:00 P.M.

RESOLUTION 26-97

RESOLUTION TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter(s).
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.8 Personnel
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.

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| MOVED: WEKILSKY | | SECONDED: MAZZEI | |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: <u> </u> | |

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION 7:00 P.M.

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| 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 | |

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 reported:

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

- **Interviewed Candidates for the position of Town Administrator. The process is ongoing;**
- **Spring 2026 performance reviews have commenced;**
- **Reviewed proposals from those vendors who submitted proposals for Water Engineering Services. Two additional engineering firms have been selected and I am in the process of setting up interviews for each;**
- **Participated in a pre-construction meeting with the vendor who we have contracted with to implement our new water meters. There is still some logistically planning to do from a billing perspective but if all holds together as planned, the new water meters will be installed by mid-summer. More details to follow;**

- Property Inspections continue as they relate to the town wide reassessment program;
- The Town of Boonton is holding a Public Information Center Meeting to inform residents, officials, and the community on the Historic Main Street Revitalization Phase 1, or otherwise known as the TAP Grant Project. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail. A presentation is available on the town's website, the engineer design firm, GPI, will present at the 4/20 Council meeting, virtually, and there will be an open house style public information center here at Town Hall on 4/21 from 4-7pm. Community outreach is a vital part of the project. The administration encourages all to provide your input on the proposed improvements at the meeting or to Boonton's Special Projects Coordinator, Laura Wagner, via email or mail. Please provide your comments no later than May 19, 2026 to be included in the project record.

Mr. Henry gave an update on the chairlift for Town Hall.

Economic Development/Special Projects-Council Member Meehan-*Mr. Meehan reported:*

At its meeting on March 26th, the Committee reviewed Tap Grant progress. Mr. Meehan encouraged everyone to attend the public information forum which will be held on April 21st.

The Committee also discussed the Highlands grant and agreed that focus should be on the DPW Consolidation, the Darress Theatre and the Trails program.

NPP, the community garden, the Boonton Avenue lot and the pickle ball courts were discussed by the Committee. A progress update to the Town regarding the Darress Theatre is expected.

Ms. Mazzei asked about the planned location of the community garden .

Mr. Meehan stated that a town-owned lot next to Pepe Field is expected to be used.

Parking-Council Member Lopez-*Ms. Lopez reported that the Committee was still in discussion, having attended a demonstration/interview of three of four meter vendors.*

Mr. Balan inquired about the Safety Sticks and parking times on Main Street.

The Parking Committee will discuss alternate parking time limits at certain spots.

Public Works Committee-Council Member Mazzei-*Ms. Mazzei said that she had spoken with DPW Superintendent Erik Gore about the repair of bollards at Main and Division Streets. She reported that the Pepe Field ballfield is being refurbished and will be usable by the second week of April. The replacement of light poles at Pepe should be included in next year's budget. The DPW had been cold patching potholes and would follow-up with hot patch repair as soon as the weather was warm enough. Mr. Gore is reviewing the road paving schedule. DPW building renovations continue. Road striping and crosswalks were also discussed.*

Ms. DeVenezia encouraged coordination between the Police Department and the DPW on striping projects.

Board of Health-Council Member Lopez-*Ms. Lopez stated that at its March 17th meeting, the Board had discussed NJ vaccine regulations which had transitioned to a state-based immunization guidance system and will not follow current CDC recommendations. Ms. Lopez offered some background and details.*

Boonton Main Street-Council Member Meehan-*Mr. Meehan said that at its meeting on March 31st, BMS reviewed the "Taste of Boonton" event and the "Spring Stroll" First Friday and that future events include a gallery walk on May 1st First Friday, Brewfest on September 19th and the annual Farmer's Market which will begin on May 16th. The Governing Body discussed murals to be installed in Canalside Park and on buildings along Main Street.*

Green Team- Council Member Cascone-*Ms. Cascone announced that the Green Team is sponsoring a town-wide garage sale to be held on May 16th.*

Historic Preservation Commission-Council Member Balan-*Mr. Balan reported that the HPC had reviewed and approved two sign applications.*

Housing Authority-Council Member DeVenezia-*Ms. DeVenezia said that Executive Director Sims would follow up with Mr. Henry regarding a hole at the BHA playground. She also said that there is no underlying problem with the elevators at 122 Plane Street.*

The upcoming Town Clean-up Day on April 18th was mentioned several times during Committee and Liaison Reports. Everyone was encouraged to participate.

CORRESPONDENCE

-Letter from Town Administrator Neil Henry

March 30, 2026

Mayor James Lynch
Members of the Boonton Town Council
Town of Boonton
100 Washington Street
Boonton, New Jersey 07005

Dear Mayor Lynch and Members of the Boonton Town Council,

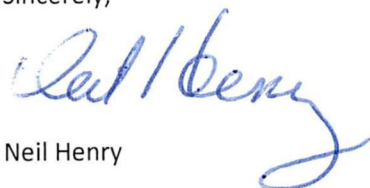
As required by my employment contract with the Town of Boonton, please accept this correspondence as my official 90 day notice of retirement as Town Administrator effective June 30, 2026.

My decision to retire is bittersweet as I have enjoyed working with you, staff and members of the public over the last 9 years in order to maintain the exceptional quality of life standards the Boonton taxpayer deserves and expects. Suffice to say, my time working in Boonton has been incredibly rewarding and I will certainly miss coming to Town Hall each day and interacting with all of you.

That being said, and after spending almost 50 years of my life working full time, it is time to me to step back and enjoy some down time with family and friends.

Please know that I will assist you in any way possible to make sure the transition to a new Town Administrator is smooth and seamless.

Sincerely,



Neil Henry

Motion to accept Mr. Henry's resignation with regrets:

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| MOVED: WEKILSKY | SECONDED: MAZZEI | |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: <u> </u> |

-E-mail from Boonton Main Street Executive Director

Hello All,

I hope this finds you well. I wanted to reach out in regards to our June and October first Fridays where we close Main Street for our event. I would like your approval to be able to close the street for these events and will take all and any steps necessary including reaching out to the county and police department. Please let me know what you need me to do. The dates are June 5th and October 2nd from around 4-9pm.

Thank you again for all your help.

All the best,

Natalie Spingold
Executive Director

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| MOVED: DE VENEZIA | SECONDED: CASCONI | |
| <i>Mr. Balan asked if the cost was still covered by NPP. Mr. Henry said he would find out.</i> | | |
| Council Comments | | |
| MOVED: BALAN | SECONDED: MAZZEI | |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: <u> </u> |

-Letter from Parks & Rec Director Tracy Pryer

March 30, 2026

Re: Main Street Closure Boonton Day 2026

Dear Mayor Lynch and Town Council,

Boonton Parks and Recreation would like to ask permission to hold Boonton Day 2026 on Sunday September 27th between the hours of 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

We are requesting permission to close Main Street between the West Main and Highland Avenue intersection to William Street as well as the Main Street and Boonton Avenue intersection to Birch Street between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, to set up and disassemble the event. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

I have already requested the necessary approvals from the Morris County Board of Commissioners and am awaiting approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Tracy Pryer

Tracy Pryer
Director
Boonton Parks and Recreation

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| MOVED: WEKILSKY | SECONDED: CASCONI | |
| Council Comments | | |
| MOVED: DE VENEZIA | SECONDED: BALAN | |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: <u> </u> |

-Letter from Parks & Rec Director Tracy Pryer

March 30, 2026

Re: West Main Street Closure Trick or Treat Trail 2026

Dear Mayor Lynch and Town Council,

Boonton Parks and Recreation along with Boonton PBA 212 is holding their annual Trick or Treat Trail in Grace Lord Park on October 17, 2026, with a rain date of October 18th between the hours of 6PM – 8PM. We are requesting permission to close West Main Street between Essex Ave and Highland Avenue between 5PM and 8:00 PM. The purpose of the road closure is for safety precautions as well as a train ride we have at the event.

I have already requested the necessary approvals from the Morris County Board of Commissioners and am awaiting approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Tracy Pryer

Tracy Pryer
Director
Boonton Parks and Recreation

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| MOVED: MAZZEI | SECONDED: MEEHAN | |
| Council Comments | | |
| MOVED: DE VENEZIA | SECONDED: WEKILSKY | |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: <u> </u> |

PRESENTATION

CFO Michael Yazdi made a presentation on the 2026 Municipal Budget:

Boonton Budget Team

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| <p style="color: #008080; font-weight: bold;">Town Administrator</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Neil Henry</p> | <p style="color: #008080; font-weight: bold;">Chief Financial Officer</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Michael Yazdi</p> | <p style="color: #008080; font-weight: bold;">Auditing Firm</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP</p> |
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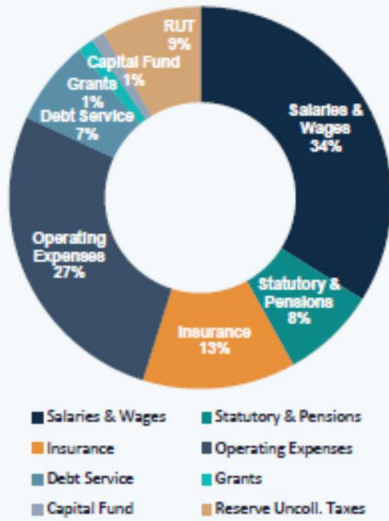
Finance Committee

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| <p style="color: #e69d00; font-weight: bold;">Mayor</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">James Lynch</p> | <p style="color: #e69d00; font-weight: bold;">Committee Chair</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Ben Weisman</p> | <p style="color: #e69d00; font-weight: bold;">Committee Member</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">John Meehan</p> | <p style="color: #e69d00; font-weight: bold;">Committee Member</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Daniel Balan</p> |
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Budget Timeline 2026

- 1 **Oct - Nov** Departmental Budget Analysis and Request submission
- 2 **December** Meetings with each Department Head to review Budget and Capital requests
- 3 **Jan - Mar** Review draft budget with Finance Committee
- 4 **April** Introduction of the Annual Budget and Capital Plan
- 5 **May** Adoption of Annual Budget and Capital Plan

Budget Appropriations



Total: \$17,769,364

Employee Costs

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Salaries | \$6,024,560 |
| Pensions | \$1,426,694 |
| Insurance | \$2,300,200 |
| Total | \$9,751,454 |

55%

Non-Employee

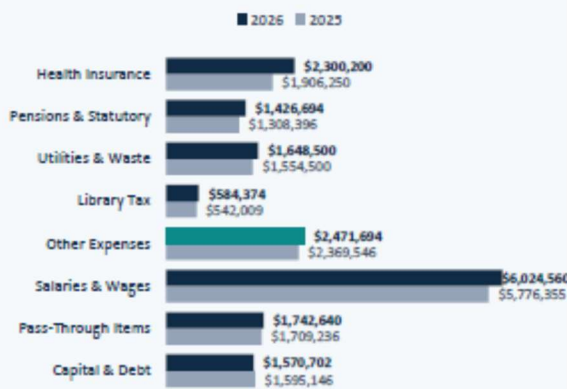
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| Other Exp. | \$4,800,568 |
| Debt Service | \$1,274,702 |
| Tax Reserve | \$1,500,000 |
| Capital Fund | \$200,000 |
| Grants | \$242,640 |
| Total | \$8,017,910 |

45%

2025 Budget: \$16,761,438 → 2026 Proposed: \$17,769,364 (+6.0%)

Limited Budget Decisions

Categories sorted by year-over-year % increase. Most costs are fixed by contracts, mandates, and prior commitments.

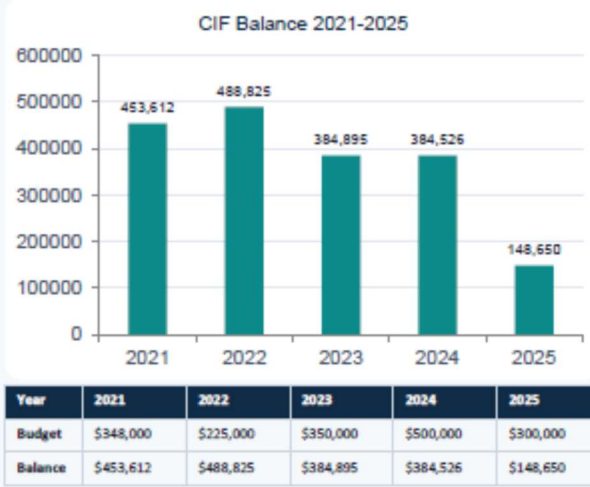


13.9% of the budget is within our control

Other Expenses: \$2,471,694 (up from \$2,369,546 in 2025)

| Category | 2025 | 2026 | Change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Health Insurance | \$1,906,250 | \$2,300,200 | ▲ +20.7% |
| <i>Largest single increase — up \$393,950. Market-driven; not within Town control.</i> | | | |
| Pensions & Statutory | \$1,308,396 | \$1,426,694 | +9.0% |
| Library Tax | \$542,009 | \$584,374 | +7.8% |
| Utilities & Disposal | \$1,554,500 | \$1,648,500 | +6.0% |
| Other Expenses | \$2,369,546 | \$2,471,694 | +4.3% |
| <i>Services we deliver — the only category within our discretionary control (13.9% of budget)</i> | | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$5,776,355 | \$6,024,560 | +4.3% |
| Pass-Through Items | \$1,709,236 | \$1,742,640 | +2.0% |
| Capital & Debt | \$1,595,146 | \$1,570,702 | -1.5% |
| TOTAL | \$16,761,438 | \$17,769,364 | +6.0% |

Capital Improvement Fund



2026 Budget Proposal

\$200,000

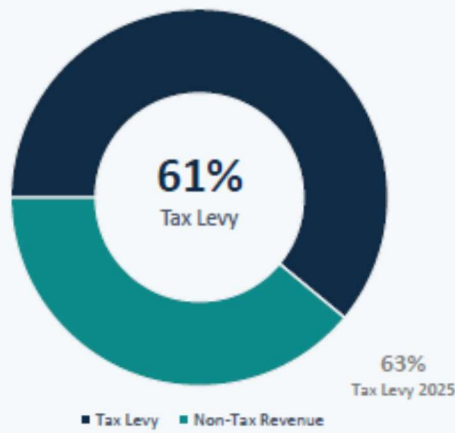
Available Balance after Budget

\$348,650

Essential to fully fund projects instead of creating additional debt, and therefore, higher interest payments

Impact of market conditions along with aging infrastructure has limited our ability to grow this balance

Budget Revenues



Non-Tax Revenue Offsets (39%)

| Source | 2025 | 2026 | Change |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Fund Balance | \$2,653,000 | \$3,058,000 | +\$405,000 |
| Local Revenues | \$606,500 | \$696,000 | +\$89,500 |
| State Aid | \$924,315 | \$924,315 | No Change |
| UCC Fees | \$125,000 | \$145,000 | +\$20,000 |
| Shared Services | \$35,000 | \$70,700 | +\$35,700 |
| Grants | \$209,236 | \$242,640 | +\$33,404 |
| Other Special Items | \$1,195,130 | \$1,338,241 | +\$143,111 |
| Delinquent Taxes | \$420,000 | \$452,000 | +\$32,000 |

2026 Total Revenue: \$17,769,364

Non-Tax Offsets: \$6,926,896 | 39% of Budget

2026 Proposed Annual Taxes

| Tax Increase | 2026 Tax Bill | 2025 Tax Bill | Annual \$ Increase | % Change |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Municipal | \$3,284 | \$3,348 | \$64 | 1.96% |
| Library | \$177 | \$191 | \$14 | 7.74% |
| School* | \$7,851 | \$8,120 | \$269 | 3.50%* |
| County* | \$1,287 | \$1,331 | \$44 | 3.50%* |
| Total | \$12,600 | \$12,991 | \$391 | 3.11% |

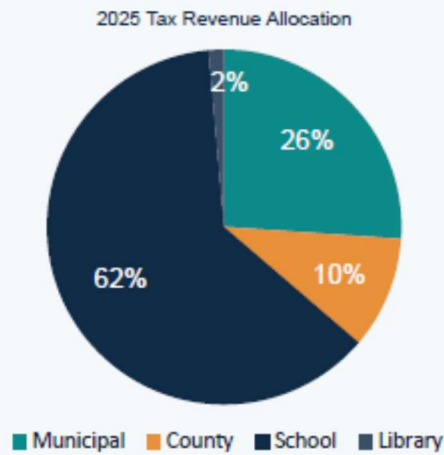
Municipal & Library: 2.25% Increase
\$78 on the average household

Average Residential Assessment

2026: \$362,555
2025: \$362,351

*School and County Taxes are estimated

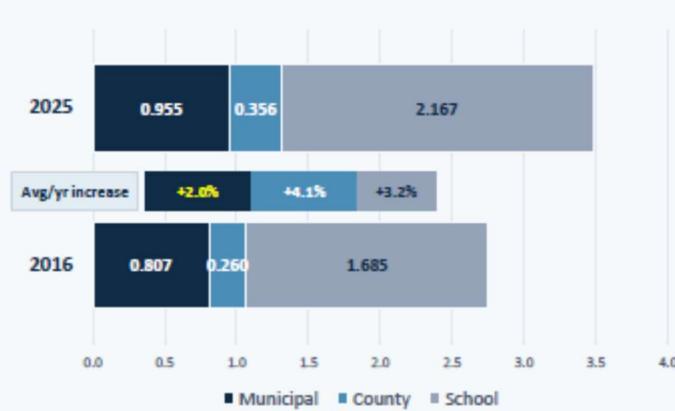
Tax Allocation (CY2025)



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| Municipal | \$10,051,248 | 26% |
| County | \$3,940,020 | 10.2% |
| School | \$24,030,093 | 62.3% |
| Library | \$542,009 | 1.4% |

Tax Entity Rate Comparison (10YR)

Tax rates per \$100 assessed value — 2016 vs 2025. Boonton municipal rate shown in context with County and School.



10-Year Rate Change by Entity

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Municipal | +18.3% |
| 0.807 → 0.955 | (+2.0% avg/yr) |
| County | +36.9% |
| 0.260 → 0.356 | (+4.1% avg/yr) |
| School | +28.6% |
| 1.685 → 2.167 | (+3.2% avg/yr) |
| Combined rate: | 2.752 → 3.478 |
| | +26.4% over 10 years +2.9% avg/yr |

Rates shown per \$100 of assessed value. Avg/yr calculated over 9 intervals (2016–2025). County and School rates are outside municipal control.

Contact

Michael Yazdi, CFO

myazdi@boonton.org | 973-402-9410 x619

Budget Adoption: May 4th, 2026

Mr. Weisman and Mr. Yazdi noted that out of the 26 cents of every tax dollar going to the municipal portion of the budget, only 3 cents are under the decision-making control of the Governing Body.

Mr. Yazdi explained Ord 7-26- the Cost-of-Living Adjustment Ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 26-98 through 26-107

RESOLUTION 26-98

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 March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-99
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 26-100
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEC DOHERTY AS A MEMBER OF THE BOONTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Boonton that Alec Doherty be and is hereby appointed as a member of the Boonton Volunteer Fire Department, South Boonton Hose and Engine Company, effective April 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION 26-101
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 \$26,000, not to exceed twenty (20) hours per week, effective **March 3, 2026**.

RESOLUTION 26-102
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton ("Town") solicited bids, which were opened on March 25, 2026, for contracts to procure water treatment chemicals; and

WHEREAS, the Town received bid proposals from the following bidder:

George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. ("Coyne"); 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 responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the bid proposals have been reviewed by the Township Professionals, who have recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, conditioned upon attorney review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the bids and determined that the lowest bids are:

As to Item #1, Polyaluminum, at \$5.65 per gallon for a Total Bid Price of \$12,430.00

As to Item #2, Cationic Polymer-Magnafloc, at \$1,127.44 per Drum, for a Total Bid Price of \$5,637.20

As to Item #3, Liquid Alum, no bid

As to Item #4, Sodium Hypochlorite, at 4108.05 per Carboy, for a Total Bid Price of \$648.30

As to Item #5a, Caustic Soda, at \$369.69 per Drum, for a Total Bid Price of \$14,787.60

As to Item #5b, Caustic Soda, at \$5.61 per Gallon, for a Total Bid Price of \$12,342.00

For a Total Amount of \$45,845.10.

And as the bid proposal is substantially in proper form, from a responsible, responsive bidder and in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2; and

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

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

1. The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton hereby award a contract to George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. being the lowest responsive responsible bidder, for each chemical as identified and set forth above.
2. The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract.
3. This Resolution and contract shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION 26-103

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF
MORRIS FOR THE HISTORIC MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton (hereinafter “the Town”) is interested in sharing the services and cost of a project to revitalize Boonton Historic Main Street within the Town; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et seq.* known as the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act” authorizes two (2) or more local unit to enter into an agreement for shared services known as a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of municipal services (hereinafter “the Agreement”) and as attached herewith as “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the County of Morris desire to improve traffic flow, traffic safety, and pedestrian safety along Main Street and Boonton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Main Street (CR 511) / Boonton Avenue (CR 511) is under the jurisdiction of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a grant entitled “FY 2016 Transportation Alternatives Set-aside-Boonton Historic Main Street Revitalization”; and

WHEREAS, the municipality has included the replacement of two (2) traffic signals along the Main Street corridor in the overall project; and

WHEREAS, the signals are covered under the Morris County Cost Share agreement as follows:

- Main Street and Boonton Avenue (70% County; 30% Municipality)
 - Main Street and Division Street/Morris Street (50% County, 50% Municipality);
- and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Boonton recognizes the need of such services, and through its municipal counsel has reviewed and approved such Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton wishes to enter into such Agreement.

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

1. That the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement between the Town of Boonton and the County of Morris.
2. The appropriate municipal officials and the Town Attorney are hereby further authorized and directed to take any action as necessary to further the intent and purpose of the agreement, including but not limited to the terms set forth in the agreement, attached and incorporated herein as “Exhibit A.”
3. This Resolution and the above referenced Agreement shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.
4. A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4(b).

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION 26-104
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR 2026
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton has a need to acquire professional services as a non-fair and open contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of these acquisitions will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the following Professional (Contracting Entities) has submitted proposals indicating their services and they are on file in the Clerk’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Contracting Entities have completed and submitted their Business Entity Disclosure Certifications which certify that the Contracting Entities have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Boonton in the previous one year; and that the contract will prohibit the Contracting Entity from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Boonton hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Contracting Entity as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certifications and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

| Professional Service | Name | Address | Term |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Rehabilitation Program to meet income restrictions established by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) | Morris Habitat for Humanity, Inc. | 274 South Salem Avenue Randolph, NJ 07869 | Two (2) Years, expiring April 1, 2028 |

I hereby certify that funds are available in the Affordable Housing Trust, Account # T-14-55-100-001

Michael Yazdi, CFO

**RESOLUTION 26-105
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON ESTABLISHING THAT LEAD/GALVANIZED SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS COMPLETED BY PROPERTY OWNERS PRIOR TO TOWN-AUTHORIZED WORK SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boonton is undertaking a program to identify and replace lead/galvanized service lines within the municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to manage and coordinate all lead/galvanized service line replacement activities in accordance with its established plans, funding sources, and schedules; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town to clearly define eligibility for reimbursement to ensure fiscal responsibility and consistent administration of the program;

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

- 1. No Reimbursement for Prior Work.**
Any lead/galvanized service line replacement work performed by a property owner or private party before the Town has authorized, scheduled, or commenced replacement under its official program shall not be eligible for reimbursement by the Town.

2. Town Authorization Required.

Only lead/galvanized service line replacements that are completed as part of, or expressly approved in advance by, the Town’s lead service line replacement program shall be eligible for any form of funding, cost-sharing, or reimbursement, if applicable.

3. Notice to Property Owners.

The Town shall make reasonable efforts to notify property owners of this policy through public communications, program materials, and official notices.

4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

RESOLUTION 26-106

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION OF CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES

WHEREAS, Certain General Capital Improvement appropriation balances dedicated to projects have now been completed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to the Capital Improvement Fund and Fund Balance, and unused debt authorizations may be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Boonton, that the following unexpended and dedicated balance of the General Capital Appropriation balances be cancelled:

| FUND | ORDINANCE | DATE | PROJECT | AMOUNT CANCELLED |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| GENERAL | 2018-9 | 6/4/2018 | New Radio Systems | \$ 10.00 |
| GENERAL | 2019-5 | 5/20/2019 | Resurfacing of Highland Ave | \$ 6,697.15 |
| GENERAL | 2021-13 | 6/7/2021 | Vreeland Ave Culvert | \$ 201,625.00 |
| GENERAL | 2023-8 | 5/15/2023 | Network Server Replacement | \$ 122,270.99 |
| GENERAL | 2023-8 | 5/15/2023 | Police Rifle Replacements | \$ 9.57 |
| GENERAL | 2024-4 | 4/15/2024 | Vreeland Ave Resurfacing P1 | \$ 87,429.67 |
| GENERAL | 2024-4 | 4/15/2024 | Fanny Rd Resurfacing | \$ 95,515.71 |
| GENERAL | 2024-5 | 4/15/2024 | Active Shooter Body Armor | \$ 31.00 |
| GENERAL | 2025-7 | 5/5/2025 | Gas Pump Replacement | \$ 6,655.85 |
| GENERAL | 025-10 | 5/5/2025 | Boonton Marketing Research | \$ 20,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ 418,514.39 |

CANCELLATION TOTALS:

| ACCOUNT | AMOUNT CANCELLED |
|---|------------------|
| General Fund Balance | \$ 208,332.15 |
| General Capital improvement Fund | \$ 581.01 |
| General Debt Authorization Cancellation | \$ 79,857.74 |
| Neighborhood Preservation Program DCA Grant | \$ 20,000.00 |
| NJ DOT Grants | \$ 109,743.49 |

RESOLUTION 26-107

INTRODUCTION OF 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Town of Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey for the calendar year 2026.

| General Appropriations: | <u>Year 2026</u> |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19) | \$ 13,211,948.00 |
| 2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28) | \$ 3,057,416.00 |
| 3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29) | <u>\$ 1,500,000.00</u> |
| 4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29) | \$ 17,769,364.00 |
| 5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) | \$ (6,926,896.00) |
| 6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11) | <u>\$ (584,374.00)</u> |
| 7. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11) | \$10,258,094.00 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published on the Town of Boonton legal notice webpage found at www.boonton.org as of April 7, 2026, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Town Hall on May 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 26-98 through 26-107

| Town Council Discussion | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|------------------|--------|--------|
| MOVED: WEKILSKY | | | SECOND: CAScone | | |
| Ms. DeVenezia congratulated Alec Doherty on joining the BFD. | | | | | |
| Motion to Adopt | | | | | |
| MOVED: MEEHAN | | | 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 |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 5-26 (Public Hearing/Proposed Adoption)

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$990,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement to be made or acquired by the Town of Boonton, New Jersey. For the said improvement or purpose stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$990,000, said sum being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$90,000 from the Water Capital Improvement Fund of the Town as a contribution-in-aid of financing said improvement or purpose.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose, including for the purpose of applicable United States Treasury regulations the reimbursement of expenditures heretofore or hereafter made therefor, and to meet the part of said \$990,000 appropriation not provided by the application of said contribution, negotiable bonds of the Town are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$900,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"). In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$900,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is the improvement of the water supply and distribution system in and by the Town, including the upgrade of the Wellfield Water Treatment Plant, which shall include without limitation the construction and installation of a concrete pad, together with all designs, studies, engineering surveys, permits, water lines, valves, structures, site work, equipment, work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file or to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for said purpose is \$900,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purpose is \$990,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor being the amount of the said \$90,000 contribution from the Water Capital Improvement Fund of the Town.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is a property or improvement which the Town may lawfully acquire or make as a

general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purpose within the limitations of said Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by said Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Town Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that, while the net debt of the Town determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance, the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$900,000, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law may be included as part of the cost of said improvement and is included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Town solely for purposes described in paragraph (h) of section 40A:2-7 of the Local Bond Law, and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance are to issued for a purpose which is self-liquidating within the meaning and limitations of section 40A:2-45 of the Local Bond Law and are deductible, pursuant to paragraph of (c) of section 40A:2-44 of the Local Bond Law, from the gross debt of the Town.

Section 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer, the acting chief financial officer or the treasurer of the Town (the "Chief Financial Officer"), provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 40A:2-8 of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes at not less than par from time to time at public or private

sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Town at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, interest rate and maturities of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and, unless paid from revenues of the water supply and distribution system of the Town, the Town shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget or temporary capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, are on file with the Town Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

| Motion to Open Public Hearing | | | | | |
|--|-----|----|------------------|--------|--------|
| MOVED: DE VENEZIA | | | SECOND: CASCONE | | |
| Seeing no one come forward, Council President Weisman closed public comment. | | | | | |
| Motion to Open Subject for Town Council Discussion | | | | | |
| MOVED: CASCONE | | | SECOND: WEKILSKY | | |
| Mr. Weisman stated that the ordinance had been vetted through the Finance Committee. | | | | | |
| Ms. DeVenezia commented that the purpose of these bonds is to upgrade the wellfield water treatment plant which is long overdue. | | | | | |
| Motion to Move Ordinance 5-26 Forward | | | | | |
| MOVED: DE VENEZIA | | | 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 6-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON AND PROVIDING FOR LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS

| MOVED: MAZZEI | 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 |

ORDINANCE 7-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

| MOVED: CASCONE | 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 8-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING A SECTION WITHIN THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, ARTICLE XVIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 300, ZONING AND LAND USE, SECTION 300—71.1 CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS REQUIRED.

| MOVED: CASCONE | SECOND: DE VENEZIA | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|----|---------|--------|--------|
| | 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 9-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON TO UPDATE THE WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES BASED ON EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNITS (EDUs)

| 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

Council President Weisman announced that the ballot drop box had been relocated to the back of the building and that Town legal notices were now posted to the legal notice webpage on the Town’s website rather than in the newspaper.

Ms. Mazzei said that the Flag Committee had met on March 20th and had voted 3-1 in favor of the Pride flag being added to the current ordinance.

Attorney Pasternak said that he had reviewed the Flag Committee’s elaboration and would prepare a short legal memo that will assist the Governing Body in understanding the guidance from his office.

Council Member Balan thanked the other members of the Flag Committee for the robust discussion of the matter. He noted that the next step is review of the proposal.

Mr. Pasternak said he could address his memo to the administrator who could share it with the Council.

Mr. Balan encouraged feedback from taxpayers on the proposed increases covered in the budget presentation.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Brian Vint of Crown Road wished Mr. Henry good luck in his retirement. He questioned the benefit of pilot programs to municipalities.

Mr. Weisman said that pilot programs are a complicated issue.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting shall adjourn.

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| MOVED: WEKILSKY | SECOND: DE VENEZIA | TIME: 8:01 PM |
| VOICE VOTE: | IN FAVOR: <u> X </u> | AGAINST: _____ |