

Mayor & Town Council
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 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
Mr. Patrick Laverty		X	
Ms. Elizabeth Bonsiewicz	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 Bonsiewicz at ebonsiewicz@boonton.org or by mail addressed to Elizabeth Bonsiewicz, 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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85826555060>

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

Economic Development/Special Projects-Council Member Meehan-*Mr. Meehan reported that the Committee had met the previous Friday and discussed grants including the TAP grant, the Highlands grant, the Trails grant, an AARP grant and a grant to put Wi-Fi in our parks, as well as the Darress Theatre, NPP, the community garden and the Transit Village process.*

Parking-Council Member Lopez-Mayor Lynch made comments in Ms. Lopez's absence, stating that the Committee had met and reviewed RFP's regarding parking meters. There would be follow-up with those who had submitted proposals. A contract for "safety sticks" to monitor yellowed-striped no parking areas had been received.

Public Works Committee-Council Member Mazzei-Ms. Mazzei reported that at a meeting on February 23rd, the Committee discussed snow removal. She commended the DPW and its new superintendent Erik Gore for their performance during the recent storms. Mr. Gore assessed the storm response and made recommendations to the Committee. In the future, the Town will communicate with residents regarding snowstorm response through its newsletter. DPW office renovations, the Street Department Supervisor role and care of the salt equipment were also discussed.

Mayor Lynch mentioned that property damage believed to be caused by Town plows should be addressed with Janine Olley, Assistant to the Administrator.

Board of Health-Council Member Lopez-Regarding two ordinances that had been referred to the Town Council by the Board of Health, Mr. Weisman stated that one was on the evening's agenda for introduction and the other was still being discussed in committee.

Boonton Main Street-Council Member Meehan-Mr. Meehan said that BMS would be holding a "Taste of Boonton" event on Friday, March 6th. He announced upcoming events including a spring stroll down Main Street in April, a gallery walk in May, a town clean-up on April 18th and the opening of the Farmers' Market on May 16th. BMS would focus on attracting those visiting the Farmers' Market up to Main Street. There are a number of ribbon-cutting ceremonies scheduled for March. Lawn games at Canalside Park were planned. Removal of snow from Main Street sidewalks was being addressed.

Green Team- Council Member Cascone-Ms. Cascone said that the Green Team had reviewed its core team goals for 2026. Goals include Sustainable New Jersey certification and the reinstatement of the Shade Tree Commission. The Team also discussed textile recycling, town-wide clean-ups, the community garden, education and seminars regarding invasive species and other topics and the promotion of the reservoir trails project.

Historic Preservation Commission-Council Member Balan-Mr. Balan said that the Commission had discussed the update to the Rockaway Street Historic District and the Highlands Center designation.

Housing Authority-Council Member DeVenezia-Ms. DeVenezia said that the monthly BHA meeting had been canceled because there was no action required.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 26-84 through 26-87

RESOLUTION 26-84

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 February 17, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-85

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 26-86

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-59 provides that if, during the first 3 months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or an appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided. No transfers may be made to appropriation reserve for contingent expenses or deferred charges; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further finds and declares that the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the following transfers are both necessary and appropriate; and

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 Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the CY2025 Budget.

Current Account				
Account Number	Account Name	From	To	Purpose
5-01-20-165-111	Engineering S/W	35,000		
5-01-21-180-227	Planning Board O/E		35,000	PB legal settlement fees
	Totals:	35,000	35,000	

RESOLUTION 26-87

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 February 4, 2026, for contracts to procure water treatment chemicals; and

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

JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. (“JCI”)
Shannon Chemical Corporation (“Shannon”); 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 Town Engineer, who has 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, Liquid Gas Chlorine: JCI with 45 cylinders at \$303.00 per cylinder, for a Total Price of \$13,635.00; and

As to Item #3, Liquid Corrosion Inhibitor: Shannon with 27 drums per year, 30-gallon drums, unit price \$374.72, for a Total Price \$10,117.44; and

As to all remaining Items, no bid having been received; and

As each bid proposal is substantially in proper form, from responsible bidders 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 respective contracts to the identified lowest responsive responsible bidder, for each chemical as set forth above.

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify that \$23,752.44 is available in Water 06-05-55-502-231

Michael Yazdi

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Roll Call Vote for Resolutions 26-84 through 26-87

Town Council Discussion					
MOVED: MAZZEI			SECOND: BALAN		
Motion to Adopt					
MOVED: CASCONE			SECOND: BALAN		
	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 4-26 (Introduction\Title Only)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON AND PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES/VAPE SHOPS/EDIBLES PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND DRUGS

MOVED: WEISMAN		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 Member Cascone wished a Happy Purim to those who celebrate.

Council Member Weisman said that both he and Council Member Cascone had attended an Iftar dinner at the Islamic Center the prior evening and that it was a beautiful and moving experience.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public came forward

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

MOVED: MAZZEI	SECOND: WEISMAN	TIME: 7:21 PM
VOICE VOTE:	IN FAVOR: <u>X</u>	AGAINST: _____

