

## CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2008 7:00 PM

The Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Clerk Verga called the meeting to order and asked for a nomination from the board for someone to chair the meeting in Mayor Dodd's absence.

Alderman Timpani nominated Alderman Visioli and duly seconded by Alderman Delaney and passed by the following voice vote. All ayes

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and prayer was given by Pastor Martinez asking for guidance and strength to do what is right for our people.

### **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Alderman Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

**ABSENT:** Mayor Dodd

Also present were Administrator Garvin, Attorney Pennella and Clerk Verga

### SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially designated Town newspapers and notice is posted in the Town Hall.

## MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from NJDEP re: Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notice located at 246 W. Clinton Street
- Notice from NJ League of Municipalities re: Survivor Skills for Supervisors seminar
- Notice from Morris County Clerk's Office re: Filing of map for Woodmont: Minor Subdivision Map Lot 1.04 Block 9-01 and Final Plat Harding Avenue Resubdivision Block 2205 Lots 1, 2, 3 &17
- Notice from Verizon re: Annual Notice Rate Change
- Ordinance from Borough of Rockaway re: Amending Land Use Administration and Procedures Article V
   Fees and Escrow Deposits
- Ordinance from Borough of Rockaway re: Amending Chapter 172 Zoning
- Notice from Dover Planning Board re: Application for a minor subdivision approval to create 2 new building lots with existing single family remaining
- Financial Report Dover Municipal Court December 2007

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

• Ordinance #03-2008 re: Handicap parking space located at 19 Guy Street

## ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

- Ordinance #1-2008 re: Authorizing the sale of real property to the State of New Jersey
- Ordinance #2-2008 re: Vacating a portion of Park Avenue

### RESOLUTIONS

- Approving Bills List
- Transfer Resolution



- Approving the settlement of tax court appeal for 69 King Street
- Approving the settlement of tax court appeal for Townsquare Inc. (22-40 Richboyton Rd.)
- Approval of Raffle License for Dover Auxiliary St. Clare's to be held at 400 W. Blackwell Street on 6/26/08 at 2:00 p.m.
- Approving two Taxi Cab Driver Licenses for Antonio Medina and Alex Rodriguez (Axel's Express)
- Approving One-Day ABC Licenses for El Sonero Mayor (#1, #2) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#4, #5) 41 W. Blackwell Street on 2/08/08 and 2/16/08 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 22, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 North Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Alderman Visioli called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

### ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Absent: Mayor Dodd

Also Present: Administrator Garvin, Attorney Pennella and Clerk Verga

Clerk Verga stated adequate notice has been provided and this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Alderman Visioli opened this portion of the meeting to the public for agenda items only at 7:08pm. Seeing no hands and hearing no voices this portion of the meeting was closed.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Reported on the Local Finance Notice received changing the statutory dates for budget introduction, which was changed from February 11<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup>. Also touched on parameters for the cap levy.
- Meeting with the current vendor for the Flea Market and discussed possible changes with the layout, for preparation of bid specs.
- Meetings concerning PBA and FMBA negotiations with Attorney Pennella, Alderman Poolas and Mayor Dodd.

Alderwoman Romaine questioned if the Auditors were done with the Annual Financial Statement, Administrator Garvin stated it should be complete by the end of the month.

Alderman Visioli inquired if there was a date set for another meeting with the Flea Market and stated the meeting should include the Police Chief and Engineer. The town has to take the new Bravo Supermarket and bridge repairs into consideration when talking about the footprint.

### ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Alderman Fahy:**

Reported on the reorganization meeting of the Library Board. He thanked Alan Bocchino who
was in the audience for his two terms as president. They approved their budget and discussed
maintenance issues including a new security system. They also inquired about closing the library
in inclement weather.

### **Alderman Delaney:**

- Attended various events including ribbon cutting ceremony for Dover Diner, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Governor Corzine's speech about taxing toll roads, Memorial Association Meeting.
- Would like to thank the Fire Department and Mutual Aid departments who responded for the Su Casa Columbia fire. Stated the fire department is always looking for more volunteers.



## **Alderman Timpani:**

- Police Committee meeting discussed were complaints about speeding and he reported they will be taken care of.
- Reported that the Ed Dolls Cleaners has finally been razed.

### **Alderwomen Romaine:**

- Attended Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and thanked town personnel who organized same.
- Recreation Commission had their reorganization meeting and would like to thank Jerry Hoffman
  for his 27 years of service as a commissioner. Also two commissioners volunteered to become
  certified through Rutgers to be able to teach the volunteer coaches clinic, which is required for all
  our sports.
- Finance committee will have budget meetings with department heads starting the first week of February.

#### **Alderman Donofrio:**

- Board of Health had their reorganization meeting and discussed raising the fees for death certificates.
- He stated his dissatisfaction on the amount of tickets issued to people (150) for not clearing the snow and ice from sidewalks and the price of same (\$250). He feels the fine is excessive and would like to look at existing code for possible changes.

#### **Alderman Poolas:**

- Attended the following meetings: Ribbon cutting for Dover Diner, COAH rule changes for redevelopment, Police Committee and Flea Market.
- He was very pleased that John Rich received the volunteer of the year award with all he does for the town.
- Dover Memorial Association is working on plans for the parade. They purchased new flags for Hurd Park and Prospect Street Park.

He was sad to report that Bill Casterline who was grand marshal of the 2003 parade has passed away. He was Dover's most decorated war veteran; he served in World War II and Korean War.

He agreed with Alderman Donofrio that the Ordinance should be revised. He would like to announce that any seniors who need help whether it is raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. please call and arrangements will be made to help. To date I have had only three phone calls.

### Alderman Picciallo:

- Attended COAH Meeting and stated how critical it was going to be for our redevelopment.
- Along with Alderman Poolas, they are almost done doing an audit of streets in their ward for either no parking or one side of the street parking for snow.
- Attended other events such as the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Governor Corzine's speech, Dover Diner Ribbon Cutting, Memorial Association Meeting.
- Will schedule a follow-up meeting with Steve Nichols of Saint Clare's Hospital concerning the possibly of donating garbage cans and benches.
- Code Enforcement Department is sending out letters to businesses in Spanish and English explaining
- The Daily Record newspaper had an article about a woman being cited for running an illegal



- school bus in Dover. He would like to give accolades to our police department especially Captain Ugalde for their work concerning this. I am a strong advocate for the safety of our children.
- Concerning the citations for not clearing sidewalks, I believe Code Enforcement did the right thing. There are some extenuating circumstances and that can be determined by the Judge. Anyone who made an attempt to clear their sidewalks was not cited.

#### Alderman Visioli:

- Our obligation as a member of this board is to insure the safety of our residents.
- Bassett Highway Committee Meeting will be discussing the impact of the new COAH obligations to developers.
- As chair of the personnel committee, in the process of reviewing personnel charts for all departments.
- Planning Board will have their reorganization meeting on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## ATTORNEY REPORT

• Reported there are two resolutions on the agenda concerning settlement of tax court appeals for Townsquare Inc. and A & H Partnership that he worked on with the Tax Assessor. He would like the Board's support on them.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

## ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance #03-2008 re: Handicap parking space located at 19 Guy Street

## ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER PROVIDING FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE AT 19 GUY STREET

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Description for handicap parking space to be located at 19 Guy Street

Said handicap parking space shall be located along the westerly curb line of Guy Street beginning at a point 123 ft. south of the southwesterly curb line intersection of king street and guy street, thence continuing in a southerly direction for a distance of 20' to a point.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this within ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.



Alderman Timpani has moved the foregoing ordinance be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Delaney and passed for first reading by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

## ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance #1-2008 re: Authorizing the sale of real property to the State of New Jersey

## ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Be it ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, Morris County, New Jersey as follows:

1. There is hereby authorized to be sold by private sale pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:12-13 the following portions of property, right of way or easements to the State of New Jersey, by the Commissioner of Transportation:

Parcels R 54A, R 54B, 54C and 54D, as indicated on a map entitled "New Jersey Department of Transportation, General Property Parcel Map, Route 46 (1953), Section 8, from Blackwell Street to Tabor Road, showing existing right of way and parcels to be acquired in the Town of Dover, Townships of Rockaway and Denville and Borough of Rockaway, County of Morris, June 2004."

- 2. Consideration for the transfer is as follows:
  Parcel R 54 A \$200.00; Parcel R 54 B \$1,100.00; Parcel 54C \$1,000.00 and Parcel 54 D \$3,000.00.
- 3. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute a contract for the sale of such above referenced parcels for the consideration listed. The Mayor and Clerk are also authorized to execute any and all

documents of transferral necessary to effectuate the terms and conditions of the sale.

- 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this within ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
- 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
  - 6. The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

Alderman Visioli opened the meeting for a public hearing, seeing no hands and hearing no voices this portion of the meeting was closed.

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing ordinance be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Donofrio and passed for second reading by the following roll call vote.



Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

Ordinance #2-2008 re: Vacating a portion of Park Avenue

## ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER VACATING A PORTION OF PARK AVENUE

Be it ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, Morris County, New Jersey as follows:

1. The following portion of Park Avenue in the Town of Dover, Morris County, New Jersey is hereby vacated:

The easterly end of Park Avenue beginning at the common lot lines of Block 1901, Lot 28 and Block 1901, Lot 29 where said lot line intersects Park Avenue, and continuing in an easterly direction to the end of the existing right of way.

- 2. The Town hereby reserves an easement upon the vacated portion of roadway for all utilities including but not being limited to electric, water, sewer, cable television; and
- 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this within ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
- 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
  - 5. The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

Alderman Visioli opened the meeting for a public hearing, seeing no hands and hearing no voices this portion of the meeting was closed.

Alderman Visioli has moved the foregoing ordinance be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Timpani and passed for first reading by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

### RESOLUTIONS

## Approving Bills List

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover have examined all bills presented for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds in the account(s) to which respective bills have been charged.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover do hereby approve the bills as listed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials are hereby authorized to sign the checks for payment of same.

RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$99,412.72
CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,015,003.83
CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,397.13
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$501.53
WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$17,020.44
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$36.00
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$52.21
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$3,230.80
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	
RECYCLING TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	
FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSETS ACCT claims in the amount of:	
TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$3,830.88
DOVER MARKETPLACE INC TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	
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TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID \$1,140,485.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following claims have been paid prior to the Bill List Resolution in the following amounts:

TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$468,283.51
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$297.27
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$154,399.53
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$2,969.35
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$21,521.94
CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$289,095.42

## TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION

\$1,608,769.05

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

## Transfer Resolution

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts (excepting the Appropriation of Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz: 2007

Board of Adjustment OE



Fire S & W

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts (excepting the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Down Payments and Capital Improvement Fund) over and above the demand necessary for the balance of the year, viz: 2007

Engineering OE

Planning Board OE

Solid Waste & Recycling OE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of R.S. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned be and the same are hereby transferred to the account (excepting the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being sufficient to meet the current demands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

FROM		TO	
Engineering OE	2,560.00	Board of Adjustment OE	5,960.00
Planning Board OE	3,400.00	Police S & W	100,000.00
Solid Waste & Recycling OE	50,000.00	Fire S & W	50,000.00
Total	155,960.00	Total	155,960.00

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Visioli and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX COURT APPEAL ON BLOCK 603, LOT 1

WHEREAS, Townsquare Inc. filed an appeal with the Tax Court of New Jersey bearing Docket # 002015-2006 and # 000703-2007 for property located at 22-40 Richboynton Road, Dover, New Jersey being further described as Block 603, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reviewed Answers to Interrogatories and leases and has

consulted with the expert appraiser for the Town, Robert J. Edgar, who has thoroughly reviewed the appeal and discovery provided by the taxpayer; and,

WHEREAS, the current assessment is \$3,872,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after review and negotiations with the taxpayer, a settlement has been reached as

follows:

2006 – withdraw the complaint 2007 – \$3,500,000.00

2008 – \$3,250,000.00; and



WHEREAS, no refund is to be paid and instead a credit is to be granted; and

WHEREAS, no interest is to be paid; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover believe it to be in the interest of the Town to approve of such settlement based on the Tax Assessor and expert appraiser's recommendation;

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

- 1. The tax court appeals of Townsquare Ind. in the above referenced tax court cases are hereby approved to be settled on the terms set forth above.
- 2. The Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney are hereby authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the New Jersey Tax Court.

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF TAX COURT APPEAL ON BLOCK 603, LOT 1

WHEREAS, A & H Partnership filed an appeal with the Tax Court of New Jersey bearing Docket # 004915-2006 and # 000707-2007 for property located at 69 King Street, Dover, New Jersey being further described as Block 2018, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has reviewed Answers to Interrogatories and consulted with the expert appraiser for the Town, Robert J. Edgar, who has thoroughly reviewed the appeal; and,

WHEREAS, after review and negotiations with the taxpayer, a settlement has been reached as follows:

2006 – withdraw the complaint

2007 – withdraw the complaint

2008 – the assessment shall be \$2,551,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the current assessment is \$3,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover believe it to be in the interest of the Town to approve of such settlement based on the Tax Assessor and expert appraiser's recommendation;

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

- 1. The tax court appeals of A & H Partnership in the above referenced tax court cases are hereby approved to be settled on the terms set forth above.
- 2. The Tax Assessor and Municipal Attorney are hereby authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement for filing with the New Jersey Tax Court.

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolutions be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Timpani and passed by the following roll call vote.



Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING OF RAFFLE LICENSE

WHEREAS, the below listed organization has applied for a Raffle License; and

WHEREAS, such license has been reviewed by the appropriate departments and found to meet with all of the requirements and conditions of the municipality;

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

1. The below listed raffle for the date set forth following their name is hereby approved.

Dover Auxiliary Saint Clare's Health System to be held on June 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Alderman Timpani has moved the foregoing resolutions be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Delaney and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING TAXICAB DRIVER LICENSES

WHEREAS, applications for taxicab drivers licenses have been made by the people listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Town of Dover has reviewed their applications and has advised that there is no prohibition to the issuance of their license; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the taxi driver licenses for those people listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are hereby approved.

## Schedule A

Axel's Express - Antonio Media and Alex Rodriguez

Alderman Delaney has moved the foregoing resolutions be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Romaine and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: None



#### RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL AFFAIR

WHEREAS, El Sonero Mayor filed an application for their first and second Special Permit for Social Affair to be held at the Baker Theater, which is their fourth and fifth event; and

WHEREAS, El Sonero Mayor, a non-profit organization is permitted to have twelve events per year and Baker Theater is permitted to have twenty-five; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief will determine what special conditions if any are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following applications for Alcoholic Beverage Social Affair Permit(s) be approved:

- 1. El Sonero Mayor is approved for a concert/dance (#1, #2) to be held on Friday, February 8, 2008 and February 16, 2008 at the Baker Theater, 41 W. Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ (#4, #5) from 7:00pm through 2:00 am.
- 2. This approval is conditioned upon security satisfactory to the Town of Dover Chief of Police being in place for this event.

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Visioli and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani and Romaine

Nays: None Absent: Mayor Dodd Abstained: Alderman Poolas

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Edward Correa – 88A East Blackwell Street – Commented, as he called it the ticket blitz, he feels like this is the norm in town and that \$250 is expensive. There are hard working families in town he also feels unfair housing violations are also given. Would like to know where the money goes.

It was explained that fines or fees collected go into the general fund.

Antonio Acosta – 130 Madison Street – He wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed Alderwoman Romaine back. He commented as a kid when he walked to East Dover School he was also forced to walk in the street because sidewalks were not cleared. He feels that \$250.00 is a lot of money; maybe the fine could start at \$50.00. He also asked if a welcome to Dover sign could be placed by Route 15 and Mt. Pleasant Ave. He commented that the town must enforce property maintenance by the NJ Transit rail yard.

Connie Sibona-Foster – 90 Penn Ave. – thanked the town for the volunteer appreciation dinner. Asked about the status of the house she complained about at 84 Penn Ave., it has been vacant for two years and has broken windows, fence and the sidewalks are never shoveled. Alderman Visioli responded the complaint was given to Code Enforcement and a summons was issued. She also asked who a resident could write to complain about the NJ Transit property.

Daniel Martinez – 15 Lawrence St. – safety should be key, but a major concern he had was two weeks after the ticket blitz the town's leaf vac was out cleaning icy leaves which is also dangerous. He inquired about the illegal



busing.

Alderman Poolas responded that the leaves fell late this year and the same trucks that are used to plow snow are also used for the leaf vacs. Leaves were plowed along with snow. He stated he lives by N. Dover School and sees all the illegal busing going on. He has no sympathy for the women this is her third time caught for illegal busing.

Alderwoman Romaine stated she sat on a committee three years ago about illegal busing and changing the streets by North Dover School because of safety issues.

Amelio Lemos – 48 Second Street – stated it was difficult for the town trucks to push the snow back and feels the town should have more consideration for the amount of the fine.

Maria Tambini- 16 Blackwell Street – Asked if the illegal bus driver was being paid by parents? The answer was yes, she was being paid by parents.

Seeing no hands and hearing no voice Alderman Visioli closed the meeting to the public.

The Board was in consensus and asked Attorney Pennella to look into changing the fines. Administrator Garvin stated the current ordinance provides a fine up to \$1250.00 and it is the judge's discretion on the amount of the fine.

Alderman Visioli asked for volunteers for a committee to look at our existing ordinance. The committee is Alderman Visioli, Picciallo and Donofrio.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:22pm by Alderwoman Romaine and seconded by Alderman Timpani and passed by the following voice vote. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Verga