



TOWN OF DOVER
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2017 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.

Mayor Dodd called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

Absent: Alderman Visioli and Alderwoman Romaine

Also present were Administrator Donald Travisano, Attorney Timothy Downs and Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper.

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:

1. Received from NJ League of Municipalities—Weekly Update
2. Received from Town of Dover—Planning Board Notice
3. Received from NJ DEP – News Release on NJ Clean Water Council Hearing
4. Received from McKay Brothers LLC - Public Hearing Randolph Bd. Of Adjustment – 10/26/17
5. Received from Rockaway Twp., Ord. 17-13 to Amend Chapter 54 Entitled “Land Use & Development Regulations” to Create a New Multi-Family Residential District

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution Approving the Minutes for the October 10, 2017 Caucus and Regular
2. Resolution Urging Congress as Federal Income Tax Reform Advances to Protect the Deductibility of State and Local Taxes
3. Resolution Approving Raffle/Bingo Licenses for William Hedges Post #27, American Legion
4. Resolution Approving Taxi Cab Driver’s Licenses as per Schedule A
5. Resolution Approving Taxis as per Schedule A

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

1. Ord. No. 26-2017 – Amending “Town of Dover Rehabilitation Area: Bassett Highway Redevelopment Plan”—Ald. Visioli

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Approving Bills List
2. Resolution Authorizing the Release of the Performance Guarantee and Replace with a Maintenance Guarantee for Morris Habitat for Humanity Block 2205, Lots 1-3 Harding Avenue
3. Resolution Approving a Salary Resolution

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodd at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

Absent: Alderman Visioli and Alderwoman Romaine

Also present were Administrator Donald Travisano, Attorney Timothy Downs and Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper.

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public on any agenda items. Seeing no hands and hearing no voices, Mayor Dodd closed the meeting to the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF DOVER FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meeting Law, annual notice has been provided for all Mayor and Board of Aldermen meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover held their Public Meetings, and minutes of those meetings were transcribed.

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 for approval the minutes for the following meetings:

October 10, 2017 – Caucus & Regular

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER URGING
CONGRESS, AS FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFORM ADVANCES, TO PROTECT THE
DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Federal Tax Code is incredibly complex and every one of its provisions was enacted for a reason. While some of those reasons may no longer serve the public's interest, others remain fair and effective tools that promote the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) has been a feature of the tax code for more than 100 years. In 1913, the first federal income tax form allowed taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time. Even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

WHEREAS, this provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers in all 50 states – and in both Democratic and Republican congressional districts – benefit from the SALT deduction. The SALT deduction is claimed by taxpayers of all income levels. The deduction is especially important for middle income homeowners, as fifty percent of the deductions claimed by taxpayers making \$50,000 to \$100,000 are for property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the SALT deduction does not unfairly benefit taxpayers in high tax states. To the contrary, low tax states are

generally more dependent on the federal government, receiving more in federal funding than they pay in federal taxes. According to one study, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana are among the most subsidized states, receiving about \$3 in federal spending for every \$1 contributed in taxes; while New Jersey, New York and Illinois are among the states that receive less than \$1 from the federal government for every \$1 paid in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the SALT deduction would raise taxes on middle class homeowners – even if the standard deduction were doubled. A recent study commissioned by the National Association of Realtors found that homeowners with adjusted gross incomes (AGI) between \$50,000 and \$200,000 would see an average tax increase of \$815 if SALT were eliminated and the standard deduction were doubled; and

WHEREAS, SALT is strongly tied to home ownership since the overwhelming number of itemizers who claim the deduction (44 million) deduct property taxes (40.7 million) and mortgage interest (35.4 million). Eliminating SALT will diminish the value of the mortgage interest deduction, resulting in a 10% decline in home values in the immediate term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover urges New Jersey’s U.S. Senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and Congressmen Leonard Lance and Rodney P. Frelinghuysen to oppose, with voice and vote, any proposal to eliminate the fair and reasonable SALT deductibility provision from the Federal Tax Code; and be it, further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to our above named representatives in Congress, all other Members of the House of Representatives representing New Jersey taxpayers and municipalities, and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING
RAFFLE LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the below listed organization have applied for a Raffle/Bingo License(s); and

WHEREAS, such licenses have 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:

The below listed raffles for the date set forth following their names are hereby approved:

Schedule A

William Hedges Baker Post #27, American Legion
To be held November 8, 2017 thru November 7, 2018
Monday thru Sunday
(**RL-1065**, Pull Tab)

William Hedges Baker Post #27, American Legion
To be held November 8, 2017 thru November 7, 2018
Every Wednesday
(**BL-263**, Bingo)

**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

FIRST CLASS OF DOVER, INC.

Cristhian P. Palma

AXEL'S EXPRESS TAXI & LIMO

Art B. Cruzado

Bertha C. Ibarra

CITY TAXI & LIMO INC.

Jose Alfredo Lopez

Marco A. Ordones-Valdivieso

Luis Higuera Lopez

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER
APPROVING TAXIS/LIMOS TO BE LICENSED IN THE TOWN OF DOVER**

WHEREAS, the following companies, have applied for a license to operate the vehicle(s) listed below on Schedule A hereto and made a part hereof as taxicab(s)/limo(s) in the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate municipal departments have reviewed the application(s) as required and have no objections to same being licensed as taxicabs/limos;

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 taxicab(s)/limo(s) listed below are hereby approved for taxi/limo license(s) in the Town of Dover.

Schedule A

AXELS EXPRESS LIMO & TAXI

2012 DODGE	R346932	OT307A	TAXI #35
2010 CHRYLSER	R194141	OT1184	TAXI #31
2010 CHRYSLER	R149347	OT1184	TAXI #40

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

Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Visioli & Romaine

Abstained: None

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE AMENDED "TOWN OF DOVER REHABILITATION AREA: BASSETT HIGHWAY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN" PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-1 ET. SEQ.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*, as amended and supplemented (the "Act"), provides a process for municipalities to participate in the redevelopment and improvement of areas in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act on August 9, 2005, the Town of Dover adopted a Resolution designating the entire Town of Dover as an "Area in Need of Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Alderman directed the Town Planner Michael Hantson, PE, PP, CME to prepare an update to the existing Bassett Highway Redevelopment Plan (the Plan) pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, accounting for changes that have occurred in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances since its initial adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planner Michael Hantson, PE, PP, CME has prepared the amendments to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Plan was prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:12A-7a; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed said Redevelopment Plan and has determined that it is substantially consistent with the Town of Dover Master Plan,

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

1. Purpose & Intent; Background.

The purpose and intent of this Ordinance is to adopt by reference the amended Redevelopment Plan as prepared by Michael Hantson, PE, PP, CME – Town Planner dated September 27, 2017 entitled “Town of Dover Rehabilitation Area: Bassett Highway Redevelopment Plan.” This Ordinance is adopted under the authority of the Act. This Ordinance and the Redevelopment Plan are in conformance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A- 7.

2. Adoption of Redevelopment Plan.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby repeal the “Town of Dover Rehabilitation Area: Bassett Highway Redevelopment Plan” dated May 8, 2006, and the following shall be inserted in its place:

“Town of Dover Rehabilitation Area: Bassett Highway Redevelopment Plan” Last Revision dated September 27, 2017, which is adopted by reference, and incorporates the same herein as if set forth at length. In adopting said Redevelopment Plan, the governing body hereby declares and determines that said Redevelopment Plan meets the criteria, guidelines and conditions set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-7; provides realistic opportunities for redevelopment in said Plan are; and is otherwise in conformance with the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A.: 40A: 12A-1 et. seq. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen further find and determine that said Redevelopment Plan effectuates the objectives of the Town of Dover’s Master Plan.

3. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other part thereof.
4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
5. This Ordinance shall become final upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: Aldermen Visioli & Romaine Abstained: None

BILLS LIST RESOLUTION

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.

CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,296,150.37
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$50,186.00

WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$9,427.08
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$52,032.70
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$290.02
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$489.60
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RECYCLING TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$2,318.74
FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSETS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$30,636.32
COAH TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$1,441,530.83

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

TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$585.00
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER UTILITY OPERATING claims in the amount of:	\$1,709.01
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$2,294.01
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$1,443,824.84

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

Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None **Absent: Aldermen Visioli & Romaine** **Abstained: Alderman Camacho**

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER
AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
BLOCK 2205, LOTS 1-3, HARDING AVE.

WHEREAS, Morris Habitat for Humanity entered into a Developer's Agreement dated September 30, 2014 with the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, as part of a major sub-division and final site plan certain public improvements associated with the Morris Habitat for Humanity Redevelopment Project were to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, a Performance Guarantee was required as condition 7 of the Developer's Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Morris Habitat for Humanity, Inc. has requested the release of the Performance Guarantee; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has reviewed such request and has inspected the installed improvements and finds them acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer has recommended that a Maintenance Guarantee be posted in the amount of \$12,612.75;

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 Maintenance Guarantee be posted for the Morris Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Redevelopment Project be in the amount of \$12,612.75; and
2. The Town of Dover accepts the dedication of the public improvements associated with Harding Avenue and the amended Right of Way per the filed map.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None **Absent: Aldermen Visioli & Romaine** **Abstained: None**

SALARY RESOLUTION

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. That the annual, hourly salaries and wages as set forth hereunder be and hereby are established for the officials and listed employees of the Town of Dover at the respective sums shown following their names and or position designation following their name listed below.
2. This resolution directs the Treasurer of the Town of Dover to withhold such monies from individual salaries and wages so there is no advance payment of salaries and wages and annual sums may be adjusted through December 31, 2017.

Augustin Noriega, Seasonal Laborer \$ 16.00/hr. 10/02/2017

Alderman Camacho has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman O'Connor passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None **Absent: Aldermen Visioli & Romaine** **Abstained: None**

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public.

Seeing no hands and hearing no voices, Mayor Dodd closed the meeting to the public and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Dodd made the motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM and Alderman Picciallo the motion and duly seconded and passed it by the following voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Pettoni, Deputy Municipal Clerk