



TOWN OF DOVER

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2019 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 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, Toth, O'Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor Dodd

Absent: None

Also present were Administrator Bill Reyes, Town Attorney Partner Yulieika Tamayo and Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

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—October 25, 2019
2. Received from NJ League of Municipalities—Weekly Update—November 1, 2019
3. Received from the NJDEP—Weekly Update—October 25, 2019
4. Received from the NJDEP—Weekly Update—November 1, 2019
5. Thank you Letter from Bill Isselin

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution No. 225-2019—Approving Bills List
2. Resolution No. 226-2019—Approving Taxi Cab Driver's Licenses as per Schedule A
3. Resolution No. 227-2019—Approving Taxis
4. Resolution No. 228-2019—Approving a Social Affair Permit (#8) for Casa Puerto Rico
5. Resolution No. 229-2019—Approving a Chapter 159- Morris County Historic Preservation Trust fund 2019 Grant Program
6. Resolution No. 230-2019—Approving a Transfer Resolution

AGENDA ITEMS:

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

1. Ordinance 15-2019—Appropriating \$408,709.50 for Various Improvements to Public Facilities—Alderswoman Romaine
Alderswoman Blackman asked which parks will be using the funds?
Administrator Reyes explained the funds were not only to be used for the parks but also include facilities. Alderswoman Whittner asked if any specifics? Administrator answered funds could be used for landscaping to furnishing. Nothing specific at this time.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

1. None

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 231-2019—Approving the Minutes for the October 8, 2019 Caucus and Regular

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES PROPOSED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Three Minutes per Person

Stacey Gregg from Rockaway is concerned that Ordinance 15-2019 is not specific and would like to see where the funds are to be appropriated before the second reading. Ms. Gregg is also concerned the taxi cab resolution if it had anything to do with Taxi Stands. Mayor Dodd explained that if she read the agenda she would know it was for Taxi Licenses only, which is a normal item at the meetings. Stacey Gregg explained she did not have an agenda. Mayor Dodd thought it would be a good idea Stacey did get a copy of the agenda.

John P. Schmidt asked if meeting was one or two meetings. Mayor Dodd explained it was for the public comment of the Agenda portion. There will be a second meeting a caucus and regular meeting. Mr. Schmidt stated that the public Meetings Act a portion of every meeting has to set aside for the public comment on any issue that the public on any matter. The caucus portion should also have a public comment on any issue the public feels is important to address. Town attorney explained that at the moment the Board is only taking comments on Agenda items only during the caucus meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

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 7:08 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, Toth, O'Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor Dodd
Absent: None

Also present were Administrator Bill Reyes, Town Attorney Jarrid Kantor and Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

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

Resolution No. 225-2019—Approving Bills List

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

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, Toth, O'Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor Dodd
Abstain: None

Resolution No. 226-2019 - 230-2019—Approving Taxi Cab Driver's Licenses as per Schedule A

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

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, Toth, O'Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor Dodd
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

Alderman Romaine asked that the Clerk read Ordinance 15-2019 fir first reading —Appropriating \$408,709.50 for Various Improvements to Public Facilities

Ordinance No. 15-2019—Approving Taxi Cab Driver’s Licenses as per Schedule A

Whittner passed by the following roll call vote.

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, Toth, O’Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor
Dodd
Abstain: None

Resolution No. 231-2019—Approving the Minutes for the October 8, 2019 Caucus and Regular

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

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Romaine, Blackman, O’Connor, Wittner, Quinones, Valencia and Mayor
Dodd
Abstain: Toth

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public on any agenda items

Wendy Carmona —59 Randolph Avenue—wants to know why and when will the public be allowed to run on the public school track. Mayor Dodd explained that the track should be open in the future. The Board of Education will need to add cameras, and security.

John Schmidt- City of Gloucester-Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Schmidt read the Statute. Public has right to witness deliberations of its members. The action of the presiding officer because of a disagreement with another member of the public body to have police officers remove someone from a public meeting. Should that happen? Mr. Schmidt expressed It should have never happened.

Stacey Gregg—Rockaway, NJ—Ms. Gregg would like an answer from the Board concerning Mr. Schmidt question. Stacey Gregg was dismayed with the threats towards Alderman Whittner, Alderman Blackman and ultimately with the removal of Alderman Valencia. It was a misuse of power. Stacey Gregg would like the intimidation to end and an apology needs to be made. Ms. Gregg expressed that abuse is taught please do not use it anymore.

Karol Ruiz—86 South Morris Street— The Meridia building is it being sold to a new owner? The apartments have remained vacant! Does the Town/schools receive taxes for that building? Pilot? If they get a new owner will the Town be able to renegotiate and get more taxes than the reduced rate they now receive?

Mayor Dodd made the motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM and Alderman Romaine the motion and duly seconded and passed it by the following voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Respectfully submitted,

**Reynaldo Julve
Technical Assistant**

Approved 3-24-20

Carolyn Blackman 3-24-20
Carolyn Blackman, Mayor