



**TOWN OF DOVER**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2014 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

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd

Absent: Alderman MacDonald

Also present were Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga, Administrator Donald Travisano and Attorney Downs

Clerk Verga 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.

**BEST PRACTICE DISCUSSION**

Clerk Verga explained that the town did well on the best practices survey and will receive 100% of their state aid payment.

**PROCLAMATION: DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

**MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Resolution from the Township of Montville re: Opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline
2. Resolution from the Borough of Butler re: Declaring September as "September Is Go Gold Month"
3. Notice of hearing from Randolph Township Planning Board – 11 Aspen Drive
4. Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Dover – Block 1216, Lot 3; Block 1217, Lot 9 & 20; Block 1208, Lot 7; Block 1902, Lot 22, 23 & 24
5. Invitation to the National League of Cities at the Austin Convention Center, November 19-22, 2014
6. Invitation to the 2014 College Admissions- Secrets & Strategies workshop sponsored by NJ Natural Gas
7. Invitation from Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L) to tour their Northern Dispatch Office and Presentation of their storm response and outage restoration process – Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
8. NEWS from NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) urging motorists to be extra cautious with deer mating season underway

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Resolution Approving Raffle Licenses – Schedule A
2. Resolution Removing Fire Department member - Sean Bilby

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution Approving Bills List
2. Resolution Approving Limos – Schedule A

3. Resolution Approving Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2014
4. Resolution Authorizing the sale of gas heater to the Fire Department
5. Resolution Approving the submission & execution of grant for the Thompson Ave./Legion Place Roadway Improvement Project
6. Resolution Urging Governor and Legislature to Recognize and Preserve Strength of Local Pension Funding When Considering the Recommendations of Governor Christie's Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission

Alderman Picciallo abstained from item #14-02087 on the bills list.

Alderman Visioli will vote "no" on the resolution approving limousines.

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2014**

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 7:02 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd  
Absent: Alderman MacDonald

Also present were Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga, Administrator Donald Travisano and Attorney Downs

Municipal Clerk Verga 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.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Dodd commented on the following items:

- Landscaping improvements have been made at Columbus Circle and Prospect Street Park. Greenview Landscaping has donated their time and materials to maintain the parks, in return the town will allow him to display his business sign.
- Landscaping is being completed at Hurd Park by the department of public works.
- Mayor Dodd promoted the Halloween Trunk or Treat to be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- The Senior Bus Trip to the Mount Airy Casino on October 8<sup>th</sup> was a success. He thanked Alderwoman Blackman, Alderman Picciallo and Alderman MacDonald for their assistance with the trip.
- The town newsletter has been sent to the printer and should be delivered to residents by the end of this week.
- The town has made an application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for an energy efficiency audit in all of our municipal facilities
- This past Friday, Mayor Dodd attended the Homecoming Football Game and presented the Class of 1986 with a proclamation for their 1984 State Championship.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**WHEREAS**, the below listed organizations have applied for a Raffle/Bingo License; 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**

**ST. CLARES HEALTH SERVICES INC**  
To be held December 9, 2014  
(50/50 Raffle)

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #27 WILLIAM HEDGE BAKER**

To be held from October 30, 2014 to October 29, 2015

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST #27 WILLIAM HEDGE BAKER**

To be held from November 5, 2014 to November 11, 2014

(BINGO)

**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 Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman MacDonald**

**Abstained: None**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN  
OF DOVER REMOVING SEAN BILBY FROM THE ROLLS OF  
THE DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 20-5 provides that any member of the Dover Volunteer Fire Department with less than 10 consecutive years of active service who is not in good standing for two consecutive years shall be recommended to be removed by the Board of Engineers from the rolls of the Dover Volunteer Fire Department or Rescue Squad; and

**WHEREAS**, Sean Bilby is not in good standing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dover Volunteer Fire Department recommends his removal from the rolls of the Dover Volunteer Fire Department; 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 as follows:

1. Sean Bilby is hereby removed from the rolls of the Dover Volunteer Fire Department.

**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 Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman MacDonald**

**Abstained: None**

**BILL 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.

RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:

\$5,720.25

CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:

\$593,415.92

GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$18,604.25
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$75,544.73
WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,036.75
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$25,222.03
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$4,922.82
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$31.20
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$23.00
RECYCLING TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$378.75
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSETS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$29,015.76
COAH TRUST Acct claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID</b>	<b>\$753,915.46</b>

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

CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$323,066.53
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$24,598.45
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$3,184.86
PAYROLL AGENCY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$92,939.74
UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$52.03
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS PAID</b>	<b>\$443,841.61</b>
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION</b>	<b>\$1,197,757.07</b>

Alderman Picciallo abstained from item #14-02087 on the bills list.

**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 Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega and Yzarnotegui**  
**Nays: None    Absent: Alderman MacDonald    Abstained: Mayor Dodd**

**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**

**CITY LIMO AND TAXI, INC**

2005 Dodge	2D4GP44L05R130706	OL5812J	New
2001 Dodge	1B4GP44371B266366	OL7230H	Renewal

**AXELS EXPRESS LIMO AND TAXI**

2003 Mazda	JM3LW28A530369629	OL4606J	Transfer
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**Alderwoman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Rutan and passed by the following roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd  
Nays: Alderman Visioli      Absent: Alderman MacDonald      Abstained: None**

**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:

**September 9, 2014 – Caucus & Regular**

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd  
Nays: None      Absent: Alderman MacDonald      Abstained: None**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GAS HEATER NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE TO THE  
TOWN OF DOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have received a request from the Town of Dover Volunteer Fire Department for municipal property no longer needed for public use, to wit: gas heater; and

**WHEREAS**, we possess a gas heater no longer needed for public use as the Town has replaced same; 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 as follows:

1. The Municipal Administrator is directed to coordinate with the Town of Dover's Volunteer Fire Department to sell a gas heater for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00).

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd  
Nays: None      Absent: Alderman MacDonald      Abstained: None**

**RESOLUTION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE THOMPSON AVE./LEGION PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Town of Dover formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2015- Thompson Ave./Legion Place Roadway- 00353 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Dover.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Dover and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**Alderswoman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderswoman Blackman and passed by the following roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None    Absent: Alderman MacDonald    Abstained: None**

**RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND PRESERVE STRENGTH OF LOCAL PENSION FUNDING WHEN CONSIDERING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFIT STUDY COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, State actuaries confirm that the bipartisan pension and benefit reforms that were enacted in 2010 and 2011, coupled with the consistent pension payments made by responsible local governing bodies, are delivering the savings that had been promised by their advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, when analyzing the fiscal health of public employee pension and benefit systems, the experts make a distinction between local commitments for local employees and retirees, and the commitments that are the State government's responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the latest valuation reports, the local government Public Employees Retirement System (local PERS) and the local Police and Fire Retirement System (local PFRS) are actuarially sound, in large part due to the fact that municipalities and counties have made full employer contributions as required under the law for over a decade, with local PERS currently funded (comparing assets to liabilities) at 73.9% and local PFRS is currently funded at 76.9%, according to the experts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State PERS, on the other hand, is currently funded at 48.1%, and State PFRS is a little better, at 50.8%; and

**WHEREAS**, the Officers of the League of Municipalities have submitted a statement to Governor Christie's Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission, urging that the Final Report and Recommendations of that Study Commission not, in any way, weaken the vitality of the local pension plans; and

**RESOLVED**, that the governing body of The Town of Dover urges State policy-makers to recognize and protect the strength of the local PERS and local PFRS systems, and reject any recommendations that would threaten municipal budgets and property taxpayers; and be it, further,

**RESOLVED**, that, while we recognize the State's budget problems and we are anxious to help in any way we can, we cannot help in any way that shifts new burdens to our property taxpayers and our dedicated

public servants; and be it, finally,

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, our State Senator Anthony R. Bucco, our two representatives in the General Assembly Anthony Bucco and Michael Carroll, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd**  
**Nays: None                      Absent: Alderman MacDonald                      Abstained: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**FRED KANTER** – 81 Hanover Road, Mountain Lakes – Mr. Kanter wanted to know if the original ordinance on abandoned vehicles had been repealed. Mr. Kanter noted that he assisted a resident in court on an abandoned vehicle summons which was withdrawn. He also expressed that the public comment statement on the agenda (“any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted”) is unjustifiable and a misuse of power. Mayor Dodd thanked Mr. Kanter for his comments.

**JON SPERRY** – 67 North Bergen Street – Mr. Sperry expressed that a lot of people are visiting JFK Park and many “transactions” are taking place. He noted that the porta john in the park has been tipped over. He suggested some kind of patrol in the park because it’s getting out of hand.

**EDNA HAYES** – 10 Mount Hope Avenue – Mrs. Hayes noted the streetlight at 10 Mount Hope Avenue is out. Alderwoman Yzarnotegui offered to obtain the pole number and report it to JCP&L.

**MARIA TAMBINI** – 10 East Blackwell Street – She reminded the public that tomorrow night the flu shot clinic will be held.

**Motion to adjourn made by Alderwoman Romaine at 7:15 pm,  
and duly seconded by Alderman Rutan passed by the following voice vote.**

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, Rutan, Noriega, Yzarnotegui and Mayor Dodd**  
**Nays: None                      Absent: Alderwoman MacDonald                      Abstained: None**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Margaret J. Verga, Municipal Clerk**