# AGENDA, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN CAUCUS MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Dodd called meeting to order at 7 PM

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL: Present Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

7:00 PM - PRESENTATIONS - PROCLAMATION TO STEPHANNIE HERRAN, Dover High School

Student

FEASIBILITY STUDY

by DeFeo Associates requested by Board regarding potential merger of DPW and Water Departments

This meeting is in compliance with the open public meetings act.

# **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Letter from NJ League of Municipalities re: Transportation Trust Fund
- 2. Letter from NJ League of Municipalities re: Proposed re-adoption with amendments N.J.A.C. 10:50
- 3. Letter from NJ League of Municipalities re: Employee Benefit Reform
- 4. Letter from NJ League of Municipalities re: Truck Ban Regulations struck down by Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- 5. Memo from NJ League of Municipalities re: Rescheduling of the Newly and Re-elected Officials seminar
- 6. Resolution from Township of Hanover re: Amending NJ Employer-Employee Relations Act
- 7. Notice from Dover Area Chamber of Commerce re: First Quarter Membership Luncheon with guest speaker Bill Isselin, Chief Code Enforcement Officer

## **ATTORNEY CORRESPONDENCE:**

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- 8. Bills List Resolution
- 9. Resolution re: Appointing Margaret Verga as Acting Town Clerk
- 10. Resolution re: Approving the interfund transfer of Firefighter Nicholas Best from PERS to PFRS
- 11. Resolution re: Authorizing an application for subdivision Block 2101 Lots 1, 2 & 3
- 12. Approval of One-Day ABC License for Global Reach International (#2) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#2) 41 W. Blackwell Street on 3/25/06 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- 13. Approval of One-Day ABC License for Torneos y Eventos Soccer Club (#1) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#3) 41 W. Blackwell Street on 3/18/06 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- 14. Approval of One-Day ABC License Casa Puerto Rico (#4) to be held at 50 W. Blackwell Street on 4/23/06 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- 15. Approval of Taxi Cab Drivers License for Edwardo Salinas (Chamo Limo)
- 16. Approval of Taxi Cab Licenses (See Schedule A)
- 17. Ordinance #03-2006 re: Amending and supplementing Chapter 349 Taxicabs and Limousines/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Delaney
- 18. Ordinance #04-2006 re: Morris County Improvement Authority Leasing Program/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Romaine
- 19. Ordinance #05-2006 re: Athletic Code of Conduct/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Fahy
- 20. Ordinance #06-2006 re: Amending Chapter 236 to amend Review Fee Escrow Deposits and Application Fees/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Romaine

21. Ordinance #07-2006 re: Authorizing the purchase of part of Block 2101, Lots 1, 2 & 3/1<sup>st</sup> reading/Ald. Visioli

## AGENDA, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Dodd called meeting to order at 7:47 PM

ROLL CALL: Present Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

This meeting is in compliance with the open public meetings act.

## **PUBLIC PORTION** – 3 Minutes

Mike Cicchetti – Salem St., Dover felt there is a lot of financial problems since the retirement of Supervisor Andy Dujack and questioned whether the current Water Department Supervisor could handle any merger. Attorney advised Mr. Cicchetti those personnel issues could not be discussed in public.

Antonio Costa- 139 Madison St. – Commended this Board for the job they have been doing year to date. Flea market should be re-examined – it has lost its luster.

At this point Mayor opened meeting to public regarding Berkshire St.

Bill Stansky, 80 Berkshire Ave., Dover.

Have concerns for Berkshire Ave. parking on both sides of street that is only 22' wide. Mr. Stansky requested Alderman Burbridge and Town Administrator have one side of street no parking designated. Town Engineer, along with DWP and Police Dept. recommended no parking on either side due to the width of the street based on criteria and public safety. Discussion by Mayor, Alderman Poolas and Alderman Burbridge followed. Mayor Dodd requested an ordinance be prepared for next meeting – no parking on "easterly side" of Berkshire.

Public Portion of meeting closed by Mayor Dodd

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Water Dept. concerns from previous meeting was looked into regarding (50) new meters without purchase orders. There was a mix up with regard to shipping by vendor and this is a duplicate shipment for meters that were already received with a purchase order. Goods are being picked up. (10) Missing computers, no longer able to be used by the department and were auctioned off. \$28,000. in outstanding engineering bills. There are no outstanding invoices from any of our vendors specific to engineering costs.

First responder sheets must be turned into the Administrator.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Met with St. Clare's executives. The Mayor reported on the future plans for expanding services and centers at the hospital. The Mayor attended open house at the inter-faith food pantry. Additional police officers are now on staff.

All town flags in the Town of Dover are to be flown at half-mast in honor of Mr. Alphonse Ciardi who recently passed away.

#### ALDERMAN'S/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

## **Alderman Newman**

Streets and Road Department is doing work as required by them.

## **Alderman Poolas**

Attended inter-faith food pantry open house, handled several resident complaints. Contacted Friends of Rockaway River regarding river clean up. Tom Barth Memorial placard is being made and will be dedicated at little league opening day at King Field.

## Alderman Visioli

Has had several meetings regarding parking of oversized vehicles on public streets. A draft will be ready at next meeting for discussion only. Concerned with traffic flow around flea market and questioned as to whether the amount of "foot print" could be decreased.

## **Alderman Romaine**

Attended meeting to do update engineering projects to take place in Town as well as discussed 2007 projects. Audit for NJ Storm water and we passed inspection with the State. Master plan updates and drafts were reported. Code enforcement report for January was given. Attended St. Clare's meeting also to help insure better communication between the hospital and Town. The Finance Committee has been meeting to review the budget.

# Alderman Fahy

Attended meeting at St. Clare's. Requested town administrator generate a letter to the State in regards to the status of the completion of the bridge on the Rockaway Road. The Recreation department is working on plans for summer programs.

## Alderman Ryan

Attended Board of Education Meeting and reported on same. Alderman Ryan is pleased that the Town took into consideration his request for giving proclamation this evening to Stephanie Herran. Open houses for high school and middle school are to be held.

## **Alderman Delaney**

Annual Police Report is on website. Statistics on police department activity was reported by Alderman Delaney.

## Alderman Burbridge

Shade Tree meeting was attended by Alderman Burbridge and reported on same. Attended Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and two classes at Rutgers Center on Ethics and Labor Relations. Installation of best location of bike rakes was discussed. Library board meeting was attended and reported on.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Working on the Sale of Spring Street and moving forward. Assisting Recreation Dept with procedures and policies. Various parking issues are being worked on as well as various purchases of property issues.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 22. Bills List Resolution
- 23. Resolution re: Appointing Margaret Verga as Acting Town Clerk
- 24. Resolution re: Approving the interfund transfer of Firefighter Nicholas Best from PERS to PFRS
- 25. Resolution re: Authorizing an application for subdivision Block 2101 Lots 1, 2 & 3

## Items 22-25

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Burbridge

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd. Noes:none

Abstain: none Absent: none

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 26. Motion to approve One-Day ABC License for Global Reach International (#2) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#2) 41 W. Blackwell Street on 3/25/06 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- 27. Motion to approve One-Day License for Torneos y Eventos Soccer Club (#1) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#3) 41 W. Blackwell Street on 3/18/06 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

#### Items 26 – 27

Alderman Burbridge has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Burbridge

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: Poolas Absent: none

28. Motion to approve One-Day ABC License Casa Puerto Rico (#4) to be held at 50 W. Blackwell Street on 4/23/06 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

#### **Item 28**

Alderman Burbridge has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Delaney

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

## Item 29 - 30

- 29. Motion to approve Taxi Cab Drivers License for Edwardo Salinas (Chamo Limo)
- 30. Motion to approve Taxi Cab Licenses (See Schedule A)

Item #30 - recommendation made by attorney to table Item 30 after concerns raised by Alderman Visioli

Alderman Delaney has moved that item 30 be tabled from consent agenda and duly seconded by Alderman Visioli.

Mayor Dodd made a motion to make a voice vote on item 29.

Mayor has moved the foregoing consent agenda item 29 be adopted by a voice vote.

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

31. Ordinance #03-2006 re: Amending and supplementing Chapter 349 Taxicabs and Limousines/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Delaney

# **This Portion Open to Public**

Name and address was not audible. Questioned why item 30 was tabled.

Connie Sibona-Foster. Questioned Alderman Newman's reasoning for wanting to restrict free enterprise by the hospital opening up a drug store on their premises, yet why does he feel it is appropriate for taxi/limo's to not have restrictions placed on them also.

Mike Picciallo – 142 N. Sussex St. Thanked for opportunity to service as citizen representative on Taxi/Limo Committee. He expressed that the committee was thorough in their research before writing this ordinance before the board this evening and addressed, after many reviews of other town's ordinances the points of public safety and the ability to speak English in order to operate a taxi/cab in the Town of Dover and incorporated into this ordinance.

Mike Cichetti – 130 S. Salem St. He feels that the town government does not belong in regulating business enterprise by limiting the numbers of certain types of businesses allowed.

Bill Cook – 91 Princeton Ave. Question, since each company is allowed 12 cabs, if company "A" has 12 and company "B" has 12 what happens if company "A" buys "B", then they essentially own 24 cabs.

Carlos Panetos (sp) 109 First St. Cannot believe all the stories about taxi's you read in the paper. Should not limit number of taxi's a company has. Cabs should fire bad drivers – if they had good drivers we would see less problems. Also need more cabs so they can get to customers faster, less than 5 minutes. He has does not agree with the ordinance in that the drivers must speak English.

Alice Fieola – 95 Elm St. Had an accident with taxi cab, the owner was responsible and took care of everything. Feels that not speaking English in taxis should not be a problem.

Kim Delaney – 17 Rutan Dr. Thanked the taxi/limo committee and their representation of the people that want a positive change regarding the taxi ordinance.

Robin Foster - 90 Penn Ave. If these drivers have the will to learn English, they can do it.

Sergio Ferraro – business owner, Dover. Agrees that complaints and safety issues must be addressed, as well as taxi owners should be given a fare increase by the town.

Josephine Romerz – 81 Bassett Highway, represents Apple Limo. Questioned why motor vehicle gives test in Spanish, yet ordinance address must be spoken in English.

Danilo Arias – 91 First St. unable to understand this portion of tape

Debbie Mantini – 306 E. McFarland St.

Questioned if this ordinance is enforceable and who is going to determine who speaks proper English. Why didn't committee go to individual cab companies. Note was made by Administrator that all owners were invited to taxi limo meetings

Mike Cichetti – 130 S. Salem St. The Police Dept. should be taking care of safety issues regarding taxis. Also felt taxi committee should not have been counting taxi's going through various streets.

Luis Guerrra (sp) 67 Sammis He is a taxi driver, needs the job. Taxi drivers do a lot of good for the town. He feels he is a good resident of Dover. The solution is to get rid of the bad drivers and teach the drivers good habits and the laws.

This portion of meeting was closed to meeting by Mayor Dodd.

#### Item 31

Alderman Delaney has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Poolas

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: Alderman Newman, Alderman Ryan

Abstain: Alderman Burbridge

Absent: none

32. Ordinance #04-2006 re: Morris County Improvement Authority Leasing Program/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Romaine

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Visioli

Meeting opened to the public – none heard.

This portion of the meeting was closed by Mayor Dodd

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

32. Ordinance #05-2006 re: Athletic Code of Conduct/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Fahy

Alderman Fahy has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Visioli

Meeting opened to the public – none heard

This portion of the meeting was closed by Mayor Dodd

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

33. Ordinance #06-2006 re: Amending Chapter 236 to amend Review Fee Escrow Deposits and Application Fees/2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing/Ald. Romaine

Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Burbridge

Meeting opened to the public - none heard

This portion of the meeting was closed by Mayor Dodd

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

34. Ordinance #07-2006 re: Authorizing the purchase of part of Block 2101, Lots 1, 2 & 3/1<sup>st</sup> reading/Ald. Visioli

Alderman Visioli has moved the foregoing consent agenda items be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Fahv

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none

## UNFINISHED OR NEW BUSINESS: No new or unfinished business

# **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Matty Barrick – Bassett Highway. Questioned whether another Economic Development Committee and will be opened to the public.

Osvaldo Orama - Randolph NJ Pleased with the new board and support staff.

This portion of meeting closed to the public

# **ADJOURN**

Motion made at 10:18 by Mayor Dodd to adjourn this meeting. So moved by Alderman Burbridge

Ayes:: Alderman Romaine, Fahy, Burbridge, Newman, Delaney, Poolas, Ryan, Visioli and Mayor Dodd.

Noes: none Abstain: none Absent: none