



**TOWN OF DOVER**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF DOVER**  
**MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR JANUARY 1, 2018**

The Reorganization 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 12:00pm.

**Judge Maenza administered the Oaths of Offices to:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman William O'Connor**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderwoman Cindy Romaine**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Steven Toth**

Mayor Dodd recognized dignitaries in the audience including Senator Bucco, Assemblyman Bucco, Sheriff James Gannon, Freeholder Douglas Cabana and former Alderman Scott Miller.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops past and present.

Invocation was given by Pastor Maria E. Leon

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

**ABSENT:** Alderman Visioli

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Donald Travisano, Town Attorney Timothy Downs, Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga and Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

Deputy Clerk Tara Pettoni stated this meeting is in compliance with the open public meetings act.

Kathy Gratacos sang God Bless America and America the Beautiful

**Business of the Year Presented to Goodale Pharmacy & Surgical Services**

**RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERMAN VISIOLI (read by Deputy Municipal Clerk in Alderman Visioli's absence)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**  
**APPOINTING CECILIA GUZMAN, ESQ. AS JUDGE OF THE SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE**  
**TOWN OF DOVER AND BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2B-1, et seq. that Cecilia Guzman, Esq. is hereby appointed as Judge of the Shared Municipal Court of the Town of Dover and Borough of Victory Gardens for a term of three (3) years commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**  
**APPOINTING DOUGLAS CABANA, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR OF THE SHARED MUNICIPAL**  
**COURT OF THE TOWN OF DOVER AND BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2B-1, et seq. that Douglas Cabana, Esq. is hereby appointed as Municipal Prosecutor of the Shared Municipal Court of the Town of Dover and Borough of Victory Gardens for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
APPOINTING GERALD KELLY, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE SHARED  
MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWN OF DOVER AND BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2B-1, et seq. that Gerald Kelly, Esq. is hereby appointed as Municipal Public Defender of the Shared Municipal Court of the Town of Dover and Borough of Victory Gardens for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER,  
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING TARA PETTONI AS ACTING MUNICIPAL  
CLERK**

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Verga, the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Dover, is retiring as of February 1, 2018 as Clerk of the Town of Dover; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133 allows for the appointment of an acting clerk to fill such vacancy for up to one year; and

**WHEREAS**, Tara Pettoni has served as Deputy Municipal Clerk of the Town of Dover and is available to fulfill the duties and obligations of the Clerk’s position; and

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

1. Tara Pettoni is hereby appointed as Acting Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133; and
2. This appointment shall expire on January 31, 2019 unless further action is taken by the Governing Body.

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Visioli**

**Abstained: None**

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**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Judge Cecilia Guzman, Esq.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Prosecutor Douglas Cabana, Esq.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Public Defender Gerald Kelly, Esq.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Acting Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.**

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**RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERMAN PICCIALLO**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**  
**DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**WHEREAS**, Revised Statute 40A:5-14 of the State of New Jersey provides that the Governing Body of every municipality shall designate the depository or depositories wherein all public monies and other funds of the municipality shall be kept.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following financial institution is designated as the depository wherein all such public monies and fund shall be deposited to the credit of the Town of Dover and the custodian shall be the Town Treasurer for the year commencing January 1, 2018:

*Provident Bank*

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**  
**DESIGNATING MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the regular public caucus meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be held at 7:00 p.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the regular public meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the caucus meetings at the Dover Town Hall on the second and fourth **TUESDAY** of each month (\*except as otherwise noted) namely:

JANUARY	9 & 23
FEBRUARY	13 & 27
MARCH	13 & 27
APRIL	10 & 24
MAY	8 & 22
JUNE	12 & 26
JULY	10 & 24
AUGUST	14 & 28
SEPTEMBER	11 & 25
OCTOBER	9 & 23
NOVEMBER	8* & 27
DECEMBER	11*

**REORGANIZATION** JANUARY 1, 2019 - 12 NOON

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTING AS THE**  
**REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY OF THE TOWN OF DOVER DESIGNATING MEETING DATES FOR THE**  
**REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY FOR THE YEAR 2018**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen acting as the Redevelopment Entity of the Town of Dover that the Redevelopment Entity meetings for the Town of Dover for the year 2018 shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the caucus meetings at the Dover Town Hall on the second and fourth **TUESDAY** of each month (\*except as otherwise noted) namely:

JANUARY	9 & 23
FEBRUARY	13 & 27
MARCH	13 & 27
APRIL	10 & 24
MAY	8 & 22
JUNE	12 & 26
JULY	10 & 24
AUGUST	14 & 28
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OCTOBER 9 & 23  
NOVEMBER 8\* & 27  
DECEMBER 11\*  
REORGANIZATION JANUARY 1, 2019 - 12 NOON

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
APPOINTING INSURANCE CARRIERS FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for various insurance coverage's for the Town of Dover; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for this purpose;

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

1. **THE TOWN OF DOVER** shall participate in the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund for the following items:
  - (a) comprehensive property and liability;
  - (b) automobile liability and property damage;
  - (c) workmen's compensation;
  - (d) boiler and machinery; and
  - (e) excess liability (umbrella)
  - (f) police professional liability
  - (g) public official liability
  - (h) environmental liability
  - (i) employment practices liability

This coverage shall be for the Town of Dover and Dover Water Commission.

2. **BENSON THOMPSON AGENCY, INC. AND HENRY O. BAKER INSURANCE, INC.** is hereby appointed as insurance agent to obtain additional coverage as necessary for the Town of Dover during the year 2017.
3. The appointment to act as insurance agents for the Town of Dover are made without competitive bidding as it is an exception under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in the newspaper designated as the Town of Dover official newspaper for the publishing of notices and shall be available at Town Hall.
5. This appointment shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AUDITOR TO  
NISIVOCIA LLP UNDER A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dover has a need to contract for Auditor services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq.;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Administrator recommends that Nisivoccia LLP is qualified to perform this work on behalf of the Town of Dover; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Administrator recommends the award of a contract to Nisivoccia LLP, 200 Valley Road, Suite 300, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856, under a fair and open process, for a one year period unless further authorized by the governing body; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with Nisivoccia LLP for the work described above, for a one year period; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appointment for Auditor for the Town of Dover is made as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because Auditors are a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution, certified to be a true copy by the Town Clerk shall be advertised as required by law within ten (10) days from the date adoption; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Professional(s) listed above is/are directed to prepare a written contract to be executed with the Town and that a copy of this Resolution, the Business Entity Disclosure Certification and Contract shall be placed on file with the Town Clerk.

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**TOWN OF DOVER  
TEMPORARY BUDGET 2018**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides for the making of temporary appropriations to finance the operations of municipal government between the first day of January of the budget year and the date of the adoption of the budget for such year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that there be and is hereby appropriated as follows:

CURRENT FUND	<b>6,625,981.00</b>
WATER UTILITY	<b>1,438,043.68</b>
PARKING UTILITY	<b>172,469.50</b>

as temporary appropriations for the year 2018

<u>FCOA</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>		
	<u>GOVERNMENT</u>		
20-100	Administrative & Executive	Salaries & Wages	40,000.00
		Other Expenses	30,000.00
	Mayor & Board of		
20-110	Aldermen	Salaries & Wages	50,000.00
		Other Expenses	12,000.00
20-125	Town Clerk	Salaries & Wages	55,000.00
		Other Expenses	6,000.00
20-130	Financial Administration	Salaries & Wages	55,000.00
		Other Expenses	25,971.00
20-135	Annual Audit	Other Expenses	20,000.00
20-145	Collection of Taxes	Salaries & Wages	20,000.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
20-150	Assessment of Taxes	Salaries & Wages	24,000.00
		Other Expenses	8,000.00
20-155	Legal Services & Costs	Other Expenses	50,000.00
20-165	Engineering Services	Salaries & Wages	65,000.00
		Other Expenses	14,000.00
20-167	Planning Consultant	Other Expenses	-
20-170	Economic Development	Salaries & Wages	55,000.00
		Other Expenses	18,000.00
20-175	Historic Preservation	Salaries & Wages	800.00
		Other Expenses	1,200.00

21-180	Planning Board	Salaries & Wages	800.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
21-185	Board of Adjustment	Salaries & Wages	800.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
22-195	Construction	Salaries & Wages	55,000.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
22-200	Code Enforcement	Salaries & Wages	65,000.00
		Other Expenses	2,000.00
	Other Insurance/Gen'l		
23-210	Liability		160,000.00
23-215	Workers Compensation		160,200.00
23-220	Group Insurance		925,000.00
25-240	Police	Salaries & Wages	1,120,000.00
		Other Expenses	60,000.00
25-250	Police Dispatch/911 Office of Emergency	Other Expenses	
25-252	Mgmt.	Salaries & Wages	2,500.00
		Other Expenses	2,000.00
25-265	Fire	Salaries & Wages	150,000.00
		Other Expenses	2,700.00
	Uniform Fire Safety		
25-266	Act	Salaries & Wages	35,000.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
25-275	Municipal Prosecutor	Salaries & Wages	15,000.00
26-290	Streets & Roads	Salaries & Wages	250,000.00
		Other Expenses	35,000.00
	Snow & Ice		
26-292	Removal	Salaries & Wages	30,000.00
		Other Expenses	50,000.00
26-295	Solid Waste & Recycling	Salaries & Wages	45,000.00
		Other Expenses	300,000.00
26-300	Sewer	Salaries & Wages	55,000.00
		Other Expenses	3,000.00
	Public Buildings &		
26-310	Grounds	Salaries & Wages	65,000.00
		Other Expenses	30,000.00
27-330	Health	Salaries & Wages	43,000.00
		Other Expenses	30,000.00

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27-347	Sr. Citizen Services	Salaries & Wages	10,500.00
		Other Expenses	6,000.00
28-370	Parks & Playgrounds	Salaries & Wages	23,000.00
		Other Expenses	35,000.00
28-375	Shade Tree Maintenance of Free Public	Other Expenses	10,000.00
29-390	Library		120,000.00
30-419	Lease Agreement	Other Expenses	
	Utilities & Bulk		
31-430	Purchases	Other Expenses	400,000.00
37-480	Judgements		
42-490	ILSA - Municipal		

	Court		
42-330	ILSA - Mt Olive Twsp Health Services		30,000.00
43-490	Municipal Court	Salaries & Wages	120,000.00
		Other Expenses	10,000.00
43-495	Public Defender	Other Expenses	10,000.00

STATUTORY EXPENDITURES

36-471	Public Employees Retirement System		415,000.00
36-474	Consolidated Police & Firemen's Pension Fund		
36-475	Police & Firemen's Retirement System		-
36-472	Social Security/medicare		110,500.00
36-477	DCRP		25,000.00

OTHER OPERATIONS

Municipal Alliance  
Grant/Local  
Municipal Alliance  
Grant/County

**SUB TOTAL 5,581,971.00**

45-920	Debt Service - Payment of Bonds	Principal	845,000.00
45-930		Interest	199,010.00
45-935	Debt Service - Interest on Notes	Interest	-

**TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS 6,625,981.00**

WATER UTILITY

55-500		Salaries & Wages	314,000.00
55-500		Other Expenses	326,938.00
55-508		Social Security	24,021.00
55-511		Capital Imp Fund	
55-540		PERS	95,000.00
		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>759,959.00</b>

55-520	Debt Service - Payment of Bonds	Principal	520,000.00
55-522		Interest	138,084.68
55-524	NJEIT		20,000.00
	<b>TOTAL WATER APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>1,438,043.68</b>

PARKING UTILITY

55-500		Salaries & Wages	34,000.00
55-500		Other Expenses	26,346.00
55-503		Social Security	2,601.00
55-540		PERS	14,100.00

	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>77,047.00</b>
55-520	Debt Service - Payment of Bonds	70,000.00
55-522	Debt Service - Interest on Bonds	25,422.50
	<b>Interest</b>	
	<b>TOTAL PARKING APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>172,469.50</b>

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Visioli**

**Abstained: None**

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**RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERWOMAN ROMAINE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
APPOINTING ROBERT SPERRY AS FIRE CHIEF FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that Robert Sperry be and hereby is appointed **FIRE CHIEF** for the Town of Dover for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
APPOINTING OFFICERS TO THE DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that the persons listed below be and hereby are confirmed as officers of the Fire Department of Town of Dover, and of its various companies as listed commencing January 1, 2018.

**DEPARTMENT DEPUTY CHIEF:** Richard Cloughley

**EMS CAPTAIN:** Thomas Bartku

**ENGINE CAPTAIN:** Jon Sperry Sr.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING  
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following be and hereby are appointed **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS** for the Town of Dover for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

**CLASS I:**  
Richard Koval  
Joan Smith

**CLASS II:**  
Keith Arentowicz  
Thomas Caccavale  
James Rice  
Vincent Zenna

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER**  
**APPOINTING CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following be and hereby are appointed **CROSSING GUARDS** for the Town of Dover for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

Arlene Belmonte  
Mary Bizarro  
Donald Brockman  
Maria Cloughley  
Cathy Cole  
Gail Daly  
John Filipski  
David Heun  
Vanessa Ladino  
Carol Lally  
Paola Moyano  
Marie Nieves  
Philip Paulson  
Dorothy Sacoto

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Visioli**

**Abstained: None**

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**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Robert Sperry.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Fire Chief Richard Cloughley.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to EMS Captain Thomas Bartku.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Engine Captain Jon Sperry, Sr.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Police Captain Justin Gabrys.**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Alexander Echevarria, Boris Sanchez, Juan Concepcion, Jarrod Dillard and Robert Fenske.**

**Introduction of Francisco Aragon**

**Officer of the Year Award presented to Ronald "Joseph" Camacho**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Firemen Evan Ridner and Kyle Dickerson.**

**Introduction of Dominick Ruiz**

**Mayor Dodd administered the Oath of Office to Police Chaplain Leonel Robles, Rod Perez Vega and Johnury Triunfel.**

**Mayor Dodd presented the Past Fire Chief's Badge to William Gilbert.**

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**RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERWOMAN BLACKMAN**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following be and hereby are appointed to the **PLANNING BOARD** commencing January 1, 2018.

- Scott Miller – Regular Member, 4 year term ending 12/31/21**
- Frank Zanotti – Regular Member, 4 year unexpired term ending 12/31/19**
- Nicola Cerilli – Regular Member, 4 year term ending 12/31/21**
- James Visioli – Class III Member, 1 year term ending 12/31/18**
- William Isselin– Class II Member, 1 year term ending 12/31/18**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following be and hereby are appointed to the **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** commencing January 1, 2018.

- Paul Schmolke – Regular Member, 4 year term ending 12/31/21**
- William Hann – Regular Member, 4 year term ending 12/31/21**
- Richard Fox – Regular Member, 4 year unexpired term ending 12/31/18**
- Gilbert Roman – Alternate II, 2 year term ending 12/31/19**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the following be and hereby are appointed to the **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** commencing January 1, 2018.

- Bill Bisset – Alternate II, 1 year term ending 12/31/18**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING BOARD COMMITTEES**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 01-2005 provides for the process of appointments to the Standing Committees of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen have submitted interest forms that indicate which committees they wish to serve as chairperson.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to serve as Chairperson (first name) & members of the Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen:

- FINANCE.....**Ald. Romaine**, Visioli, Picciallo
- POLICE .....**Ald. Visioli**, Romaine, MacDonald
- FIRE .....**Ald. Romaine**, Blackman, Toth
- PUBLIC WORKS .....**Ald. Picciallo**, MacDonald, Toth
- RECREATION/EDUCATION .....**Ald. MacDonald**, O’Connor, Camacho
- LIBRARY .....**Ald. Picciallo**, Blackman, Camacho
- HEALTH .....**Ald. Blackman**, Picciallo, Camacho
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT .....**Mayor Dodd**, Romaine, Visioli
- PERSONNEL.....**Ald. Visioli**, Romaine, Picciallo
- CONSTRUCTION, ZONING, ENGINEERING, ..... **Ald. O’Connor**, Toth, Romaine
- CODE ENFORCEMENT

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor will serve as ex-officio member to all committees.

**Alderman Blackman has moved the foregoing resolutions be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo and passed by the following roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Visioli**

**Abstained: None**

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**RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERMAN MACDONALD**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING ANDREW DUJACK TO THE ROCKAWAY RIVER WATERSHED CABINET FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that **Andrew DuJack** hereby is appointed as a representative to the **Rockaway River Watershed Cabinet** for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER FORMALIZING A TEN DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, property tax payments are required to be made on the first of the month in February, May, August and November of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has enacted a provision for interest payments and late payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the law allows for a ten (10) day grace period from the first of the month within which time payment will not be deemed late and no interest charged; and

**WHEREAS**, if payment is made after the ten (10) day grace period interest runs from the first of the month, not the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover as follows:

1. The Town of Dover adopted the ten (10) day grace period for the payment of taxes as described above.
2. The Tax Collector is authorized to accept the payment of taxes without any interest within such ten (10) day period.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND SEWER TRANSMISSION FEES FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that the interest rate to be charge on delinquent taxes and delinquent sewer transmission fees in the Town of Dover in 2018 shall be eight percent (8%) per year on sums up to \$1500 and eighteen percent (18%) on the portion of tax and sewer transmission delinquencies in excess of \$1500 to be calculated from the date of the tax and sewer transmission fees were payable until the date of actual payment.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER ESTABLISHING A PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 75 "Laws of 1991" authorizes the Governing Body to fix a 6% penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000, and who fails to pay said delinquency prior to yearend closing; and

WHEREAS, said penalty is to be calculated with interest included in the total delinquency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that this Resolution be adopted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be returned to the Tax Collector.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Visioli

Abstained: None

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RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERMAN TOTH

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING TARA PETTONI AS ASSESSMENT SEARCHER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that Tara Pettoni be and hereby is appointed ASSESSMENT SEARCHER for the Town of Dover for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPOINTING KELLY N. TOOHEY AS TAX SEARCHER**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, NJ that Kelly N. Toohey be and hereby is appointed as TAX SEARCHER for the Town of Dover for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER DESIGNATING DONALD TRAVISANO AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 requires that each public agency designate annually an individual to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.).

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 Donald J. Travisano, Town Administrator is hereby designated PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER for the year 2018.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Visioli

Abstained: None

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RESOLUTIONS presented by ALDERMAN CAMACHO

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL NOTICES FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the **STAR LEDGER, DAILY RECORD** and the **CITIZEN OF MORRIS COUNTY** are designated the **OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS** for the publication of legal notices for the Town of Dover for the year 2018.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
ESTABLISHING FEES TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 authorized any person to request that a public body mail to him copies of any regular meeting schedules or any notice of any special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, said Act authorizes a public body to establish, by resolution, a reasonable fee to cover the cost of providing and transmitting such notice of said meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, as follows:

1. That the fee to be charged to any person requesting notice of any regular or special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover shall be \$25.00 per year.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER  
DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR THE TOWN OF DOVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that adequate notice be given of all meetings of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the requirements of adequate notice specifically states that said notice be mailed, telephoned, telegammed or hand delivered to at least two newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, the three newspapers designated, the **STAR LEDGER, DAILY RECORD** and the **CITIZEN OF MORRIS COUNTY** shall have the greatest likelihood of informing the public of the Town of Dover of the meetings of the Town of Dover; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the newspapers to receive such notices shall be the official newspaper of the Town of Dover.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that the three newspapers that are to receive notices of the public meetings on behalf of the Town of Dover are the **STAR LEDGER, DAILY RECORD** and the **CITIZEN OF MORRIS COUNTY**.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DOVER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF  
IMAC INSURANCE AGENCY LLC AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Dover is a member of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, (hereinafter known as the MEL), a public entity established under Public Law 1983, c.372 of Title 40A enabling local contracting units to join together for the purpose of self-insuring for excess coverage's as defined by statute; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the MEL provide for appointment of a Risk Management Consultant by the municipality or authority to advise the municipality or authority on matters relating to the MEL's operation and coverage's provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the Risk Management Consultant's specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- 1.) Evaluation of the town's or authority exposure
- 2.) Explanation of the various coverage's available from the MEL and assisting the municipality or authority in the selection of proper coverage.
- 3.) Preparation of applications, statement of values, etc., required by the MEL

- 4.) Review of the town's or authority's assessment and assisting in the preparation of the town's or authority's insurance budget.
- 5.) Review of losses and engineering reports and providing assistance to the town's or authority's safety committee
- 6.) Assistance in the claims settlement process.
- 7.) Attendance at the majority of meetings of the MEL's Commissioners/Board of Fund Commissioners and the performance of such other services as required by the municipality or authority of the MEL.

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws of the MEL further provides for said Risk Management Consultant to be paid a fee of six percent (6%) of the municipality's or authority's assessment for the current fund year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that IMAC Insurance Agency LLC is appointed as Risk Management Consultant for years 2018 through 2020.

**Alderman Camacho has moved the foregoing resolutions be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Toth and passed by the following roll call vote.**

**Ayes: Aldermen Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Alderman Visioli**

**Abstained: None**

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**MAYOR DODD'S TOWN ADDRESS:**

My Fellow Residents and Friends: Good afternoon and Happy New Year 2018!

I wish to acknowledge the dignitaries in attendance –Senator Bucco, Sheriff James Gannon, Freeholder Cabana, Reverend Clergy, Judge Maenza, Elected Officials, and Past Members of the Board of Aldermen.

It is my high honor to be here, as it is every year, to celebrate our progress and reaffirm our commitments to you, to our Town and to one another.

As President Kennedy stated, “Things do not just happen. Things are made to happen.”

On that note, I want to acknowledge the many people who work so hard each and every day to make our Town a better place to live, work and play. Let me start with the members of the Board of Aldermen: Mike Picciallo, Bill O'Connor, Tom MacDonald, Cindy Romaine, Jim Visioli, Carolyn Blackman, Steve Toth, Ron Camacho -- please join me in giving them a round of applause.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our valued Town officials who work tirelessly to bring my, and this Board's, vision into reality for the residents of this Town: Town Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Department Directors, Representatives from the Police and Fire Service and all Town Employees.

I want to especially acknowledge our Town Clerk, Marge Verga, who is retiring at the end of January after 25 years with the Town. Marge, thank you for your many years of service and for your loyalty, hard work and dedication. May the years ahead bring you joy and relaxation. Congratulations on your retirement.

Marge, you are leaving behind a great legacy and big void. We are lucky to have Tara Pettoni to step into the role of Municipal Clerk. Tara, although you have only been here for three years, you have established yourself as competent, professional and hard-working and you deserve to hold this position.

While we are losing a strong woman, leader and mentor to retirement, it is my honor to welcome a new leader and mentor to the fold. Today, I will swear in the Honorable Cecilia Guzman as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court. Judge Guzman will serve as Dover's First Hispanic Judge and First Female Judge. I am proud to contribute to her trailblazing and pleased to welcome her to Dover - a community she knows exceptionally well.

I would also like to thank the community partners who are integral to the Town's work. Nonprofits, clergy, civic leaders -- many of you we work with on a weekly, if not daily basis, and we appreciate your passion for our Town.

On New Year's Day, we have the opportunity to reflect on the past and establish goals for the year ahead. This was a year of continued progress, accomplishment and transformation. In 2017, we embarked on the *Year of the Youth*, in which we

engaged in many activities geared to our most precious resource and up and coming population. Under the tutelage of the Department of Economic Development, Community Affairs and Recreation, these activities included:

- The establishment of a Youth Council- whose members represent academic, athletic and faith based groups
- Our First Youth Soccer tournament for our U-13 players
- A Youth Town-wide clean-up throughout all 4 wards
- The First annual Touch a Truck Event with more than 20 vehicles
- Monthly game board and craft nights
- Extended summer hours at Crescent field
- The revival of the Mayor's Basketball tournament
- The first Dover Little Theater youth group
- The first Ciclovía (Bike Rodeo) with more than 15 stations
- Breakfast and lunch for 130 children in our Summer Program—plus a free trip to One World Trade Center for all the Summer program participants
- The first annual Free Book bag giveaway, which included more than 1000 book bags filled with school supplies; and
- A Polar Express movie night for 200 children

We not only met, but exceeded our goals and expectations for 2017 and the focus on our Youth, like our Seniors in 2016, will not end because the calendar has turned.

My, and this Board's, priority to you over the years has been to remain vigilant of the bottom line and fiscally responsible in every action we take. Today, we reaffirm to continue:

- to do more with less,
- to cut where possible,
- to look for outside of the box revenue streams; and
- to keep any increases to a minimum.

I am proud to report that our Town's finances are stable, strong and our financial outlook has never been more optimistic. For my twelfth consecutive year as Mayor, this Administration has delivered a balanced budget, below statutory caps, with increased municipal services and minimal tax implications. Dover continues to lead Morris County with the lowest taxes of any full service community and it has strongly maintained its Standard & Poor's 'AA' credit rating. We will continue to work hard towards attaining a AAA rating.

Our pledge to the residents of Dover is that this financial outlook will continue in 2018 and beyond.

Amazing things are happening no matter where you look in Dover today and redevelopment has always been a priority for my administration. We have worked tirelessly and 2017 was the year that these redevelopment efforts started to bear fruit.

Many years ago, we had the foresight to redevelop a contaminated landfill in North Dover. The land laid fallow and the site generated no ratables for the Town. We leveraged the value of the land towards the cleanup and redevelopment of the property and today, the site boasts two fully occupied hotels and a Fed Ex shipping and distribution center. In 2018, a Cube Smart Storage Facility will break ground and be added to our tax rolls.

In early 2016, the Town was approached by a Developer Nick Tsapatsaris to remake and remodel the Guenther Mill on King Street. In early 2017, the Agreement was finalized and as we speak, that building is being transformed into market rate housing and flexible space with new windows, a repointed façade and a pedestrian plaza on King Street.

We have partnered with Pennrose Developers to redevelop two town lots into a mixed use market rate project and a veteran's housing complex. The Veteran's Project is slated to break ground in 2018.

Most impressively, in June, Meridia Transit Plaza broke ground on a \$57 million project that is slated to open in early 2019. When completed, this transformative project will add 214 units of market rate housing, accessory streetscape and a public pedestrian plaza that will function as a Town center.

In the upcoming year, our team will remain steadfast and hard at work, leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to attract new business, redevelopment and new ratables to Town.

On the horizon in 2018 is our most exciting project yet. The Town has entered into an agreement to purchase the Berkeley College Building on the corner of North Sussex Street and Blackwell Street. We will relocate our New Town Hall there and finally consolidate all of our municipal offices under one roof. You will finally have the town hall that you deserve. Our current town hall will continue to be used for police, fire and municipal court and the new town hall will anchor the downtown area.

In addition to these Redevelopment efforts, the Town implemented numerous Capital Improvement Projects throughout the year. These projects, administered through the Department of Engineering, Planning and Zoning, included:

- The 2017 Small Cities Grant, which was comprised of First Street, Second Street and Byram Avenue Roadway Improvements
- Randolph Avenue Roadway Improvements
- Thompson Avenue and Legion Place Roadway Improvements
- A Town Hall Generator; and the
- Rutgers Street Bridge Replacement Project

Perhaps most impressively, we invested nearly \$2 million in Blackwell Street Streetscape Improvements, which included stamped concrete sidewalks, flowering cherry trees and tree grates, state of the art light posts and LED lights, nostalgic holiday decorations and a wireless mesh network for speakers and a future camera system.

As a complement to redevelopment and new business attraction, our Code Enforcement Department, along with the Department of Public Works, led the efforts to keep Dover vibrant and beautiful. Code Enforcement:

- Identified nearly 900 locations with property maintenance violations.
- Performed nearly 500 C of C inspections for change of tenancies and sales of properties; and
- Performed approximately 2,823 total inspections.

Following suit, the Department of Public Works continues to implement my vision to ensure our Town is kept clean and pristine. I am proud to say that our Town has never looked finer. In addition to daily maintenance and upkeep, the Department:

- Crack sealed 30.4 miles of roads
- Elevated and trimmed approximately 80 trees
- Replaced approximately 500 feet of sidewalk
- Installed new lighting at Overlook and Hurd Parks
- Planted an adornment of shrubs and roses to complement the Hurd Park pavilion
- Repaired, replaced and installed 153 road signs



- Repaired or cleaned over 260 catch basins
- Purchased a new Garbage Truck, Utility Truck, Leaf Vacuum, Front End Loader, Tree Chipper and Sewer Camera

Aside from beautification and maintenance of our Town, protecting our natural resources and precious assets is of the utmost importance. The Dover Water Department began a large scale meter change project to reduce estimated readings. The project replaced many old and outdated water meters in our service area with new meters that can be read remotely by radio signal. In doing so, the entire Town can be read in a few days and billing will be streamlined and uniform for residents.

In addition to radio reads, the system now allows us to run leak reports, which will help reduce bills and conserve water. In all, over 3,000 water meters have been upgraded to radio remote meters.

Additionally, the Dover Water Department:

- Responded to over 2,000 service requests,
- Over 1,000 utility mark-outs
- Replaced 5 Fire Hydrants and installed numerous hydrant markers
- Installed a new 10 inch water main on Warren Street
- Repaired and upgraded our pumping facilities to improve safety, redundancy and reliability, thus reducing emergency call-outs, emergency water main repairs and outages.

Finally, the Water Department is in the process of developing a comprehensive water master plan. The master plan will help to prioritize water system improvement projects and get them completed in an efficient and cost effective manner.

The ultimate goal of any smart town or city is to improve infrastructures while minimizing costs, foster innovation in different industries, and improve the quality of life for its citizens. Smart towns and cities also have an obligation to improve its residents' health and welfare.

In 2017, the Health Department, which operates as a shared service with the Township of Mount Olive, and the Boroughs of Wharton and Mount Arlington, helped keep our residents fit, happy and healthy. This Department:

- Organized and operated the Second Annual Mayor's Health and Wellness Fair, which was an overwhelming success.
- Managed a Vital Statistics Program that issued 1,250 birth, marriage & death certificates.
- Issued 750 Garbage & Recycling violation notices.
- Conducted 204 Inspections of Retail Food Establishments.
- Implemented a Public Health Nursing Program that monitored communicable diseases, audited school immunizations and conducted immunizations and flu vaccinations for Dover Seniors and at risk residents; and
- Conducted a Rabies Vaccination Clinic for Dogs & Cats (Nov 18): 108 dogs & 18 cats vaccinated; 126 total.

No elite or well-regarded municipality in the State of New Jersey can claim that status without having a highly functioning and successful public safety operation. It is my, and this Board's, reoccurring commitment to not rest until this Town is included on such lists. Our public safety operations continue to make great strides towards highly functioning and successful.

The Dover Police Department continued its transformation into a more structured, functional and modernized law enforcement agency. This was achieved by implementing new policing strategies, hiring new officers, filling supervisor vacancies by promotion, employing new policies/procedures and programs, acquiring new equipment, obtaining advanced training and restructuring the command staff.

Effective today, the Town is hiring five new police officers.

Police Officer Boris Sanchez

Police Officer Juan Concepcion

Police Officer Jarrod Dillard

Police Officer Robert Fenske

Police Officer Francisco Aragon

Four of these officers have already successfully completed basic training at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. In addition to cost savings, they will be on the streets immediately.

In November 2017, one new police officer was hired to replace a recently retired officer. This officer came to the department highly trained with several years of experience, and therefore did not need to attend the six-month long police academy training. As a result, he has begun patrol duties immediately.

Police Officer Alexander Echevarria

Several new Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers were also added to the police roster this year. There are presently three Class II officers assigned to the patrol division, enhancing law enforcement efforts directed in the downtown area with foot patrols.

It is also my pleasure to introduce the newest Captain in the Dover Police Department.

Captain Justin Gabrys

Most impressively and of worthy note is that all of these officers were hired through attrition at no additional costs to the taxpayer.

In 2018, the Dover Police Department will continue to transform into a highly functional and professional organization. This will be achieved through the following measures:

- Drafting and implementing new operational and administrative policies/procedures, and acquiring relevant, meaningful training.
- Continuation of proactive policing strategies, such as directing officers to spend down time clearing open arrest warrants, conducting directed traffic enforcement operations, DWI patrols and actively targeting known offenders engaging in ongoing criminal conduct.
- Increased community policing deployments that deal consistently with quality of life concerns and interact with the public, business community and civic groups.
- Fostering positive working relationships with the faith-based community. There are almost 30 such entities in Dover serving the community.
- Collaboration with incoming Morris County Sheriff James Gannon to address the heroin/opioid epidemic through coordinated education, enforcement and intervention efforts.
- Continued partnership with the Dover School System. Adding educational programs on drinking and driving along with interactions with the police.
- Community Programs such as internet safety for students and parents.

This year we will unveil a Police Chaplaincy Program, which has proven to be a hugely successful model in many municipalities across the nation. An advanced element of community policing, the Police Chaplaincy Program will create a partnership with various faith-based leaders in Dover, who will respond and assist police and other law enforcement agencies in their approach to the community.

The goal is to have Police and Clergy working together during times of crisis or incidents to form a more comprehensive response to those in need. Furthermore, the faith-based leaders will perform tasks of a more emotional, social or spiritual nature, while the officers handle those tasks that are of a law enforcement nature.

Under the direction of Public Safety Director Dan DeGroot and Deputy Chief Anthony Smith, I am honored to announce that Pastor Leonel Robles will serve as the Senior Chaplain, Reverend Rod Perez-Vega will serve as a Chaplain, Johnury Triunfel will serve as a Youth Chaplain and Michelle Espada from our Department of Community Affairs will serve as the liaison to the program.

The Dover Fire Department remains vigilant, equipped and ready to meet every emergency. Under the leadership of our Public Safety Director, the Department has commenced rebuilding the supervision and management structure in both the Uniformed (Career) Division and Volunteer Division.

The DFD has retained The Rodgers Group, a private organization renowned for accrediting and professionalizing public safety agencies, to develop modernized policies, procedures and guidelines to better manage staff and govern operations within the Fire Department.

With the declining numbers of volunteers in Fire Departments nationwide, the Town of Dover has hired three new firefighters in the Uniformed Division, effective today, to increase the day to day abilities and effectiveness of the department to better serve the citizens of Dover. This will ultimately be achieved by ensuring there are two career firefighter/EMTs on duty 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Evan Ridner

Kyle Dickerson

Dominic Ruiz

In cooperation with the Police Department, the License Department spearheaded my quality of life task force. The department licensed and enforced various categories from garage sales and vendors and peddlers to taxis and limos.

If you have noticed, the obstruction of traffic on Blackwell Street by limos and taxicabs, licensed and unlicensed, has been greatly reduced. Through enforcement and consistent administration, the total active number of authorized vehicles (Limo and/or Taxi) in Town now stands at 67, down from 220+ from over 2 years ago, a nearly 70% reduction in the fleet. These results were achieved through the kind of outside the box thinking required to tackle a problem of this magnitude.

In prior years, we launched yearlong initiatives focusing on a critical idea or segment of our population, but I believe this year is going to be the best thus far, because I believe in Dover. My belief is rooted in the fact that as you travel around Town, you cannot help but see the extraordinary progress, smart growth and economic opportunity that we continue to build together.

Our forward momentum, with a nod to our rich history and traditions, are at the heart of what makes Dover so special. We are boosting our stature in Morris County and beyond.

Today, we launch a year-long initiative called '*D.O.V.E.R. BIZ*,' which stands for Downtown. Opportunities. Vision. Engagement. Revitalization.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of any effective revitalization effort and early ingredient in building a strong downtown and local business district. Our first initiative will be to establish a Historic Downtown Business Improvement District in order to create a clean, safe, vibrant and diverse environment for everyone who spends time in the area – current residents, business owners, visitors and tourists alike.

By creating the BID, we will engage all members of the community in an opportunity to develop a vision for the community's future; take advantage of outside funding; create incentives for redevelopment and encourage investment in the community; and make it easier for interested businesses and developers to invest in the community in ways that support the community's long-term priorities.

While we are connecting and revitalizing the business people in our community, we will simultaneously look to revitalize the brick and mortar exteriors of our businesses. We will achieve this through incentives by creating a Building Façade Improvement Program.

We will encourage local businesses, through tax abatements, to make exterior improvements in order to enhance the appearance of their buildings; attract customers and visitors; and demonstrate the economic vitality of the community.

The improvements will conform to our form based code, historic designations, applicable zoning and use requirements.

In keeping with our business friendly mantra, we will focus on developing new programs, activities and events to enhance and support our local businesses. These will include: Quarterly working business meetings; Business to Business Meet and Greets; and Expansion of our relationship with Morris County EDC.

To showcase our Historic Downtown and introduce the world to our many great outstanding existing restaurants, coffee shops and local businesses, we will support our current assets by establishing: A Holiday window decorating contest; Restaurant week; A Scare crow decorating contest; and A First Night Festival and Ball Drop.

As a community rich in history and tradition, it is imperative that we plan for the future, yet honor and respect the past.

I am pleased to announce the kick-off a Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

Banners will be hung along Blackwell Street from Memorial Day through Labor Day. This program will honor veterans and active duty service members — both living and dead — from the Town of Dover and each banner will feature an individual's photo, name and branch of service. Companies, organizations and families can sponsor the banners.

This program will be coordinated through our Department of Community Affairs and the deadline for submission is early-March.

As an accent to revitalization, we will be establishing the Downtown Dover Farmer's Market, which will help build community sustainability through the farming and production of local food by local farmers for feeding local people and visitors to the region.

Historically the center-pieces of urban planning, markets provide a space to purchase fresh, affordable products that reflect the diversity of a community and region. Furthermore, the very nature of the buying and selling process creates a level of socialization non-existent at a regular supermarket, transforming farmers markets from just another place to buy food to an engine for community life.

For those interested in urban food access, markets represent an important strategy in the efforts to bring affordable, healthy food options to every demographic and socio-economic level in the community.

Since the Board of Aldermen and I established a new Economic Development, Community Affairs and Recreation Department, we have been working on meeting with local and regional organizations to partner and establish a working relationship that can help and empower all the residents of Dover.

Our goal is to collaborate and utilize our collective resources to improve the quality of life for all Dover residents. One of the ways to achieve this goal is to work with faith based organizations. I hosted a special "Meet and Greet" with all the members of Dover's faith based organizations this past summer. In addition to getting to know each other a little better, we shared ideas, programs, services offered and discussed how we can all work together to strengthen Dover families and our community.

Our next step is to work with a Faith Based Advisory Committee that will share with us thoughts, concerns and suggestions straight from their members. We are confident this is the beginning of a wonderful partnership and dialogue to create a network geared towards improving the lives of all our residents. I am honored to announce the members of the advisory committee.

Reverend Rod Perez, Chairman

Pastor Fred Becker

Pastor Maria E. Leon

Pastor Charles Perez

Pastor Jaime Rodgers

In previous New Years' Day speeches, I spoke about our responsibility to our past, to our present, to our future, and to one another. We have worked hard to keep those responsibilities not only on our minds, but to make sure that they have a handprint on our heart.

We have continued to cultivate a culture of inclusion, business opportunity and job growth, which will become hallmarks of the Town of Dover. We are always working to make sure that opportunity and prosperity are shared by people who were raised in Dover, or have come to Dover.

The strength of our Dover family has always been our diversity and multiculturalism. Whether white collar or blue, black or white, rich or poor, gay or straight, male or female, child or adult, Latino or other, you have always been welcome as an important part of Dover. This is not a Dover for SOME; this is a Dover for ALL.

If you were at the Meridia Transit Plaza groundbreaking, you heard me say the following. It is appropriate to restate it.

*Today, we no longer accept "Oh... you're from Dover." It's no longer OK to hear things like "Dover? Why would you want to go there?" Dover has always been a special place. For those of us who live, work and play here, it's time for us to share our little secret with the outside world.*

As always, I am honored and humbled to serve as your Mayor.

Thank you and may God continue to bless the Town of Dover and the United States of America.

### **2018 MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CHAPLAINCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Pastor Leonel Robles, Senior Chaplain  
Johnury Triunfel, Youth Chaplain  
Reverend Rod Perez Vega, Chaplain

#### **FAITH BASED ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Reverend Rod Perez Vega, Chairman  
Pastor Fred Becker  
Pastor Maria E. Leon  
Pastor Charles Perez  
Pastor Jamie Rodgerson

#### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Bill Bisset – Alternate I – 2 year term exp. 12/31/19

#### **PLANNING BOARD:**

Mayor's Representative – Alderwoman Cindy Romaine – 1 year term exp. 12/31/18

#### **WATER COMMISSION**

Aldo Cicchetti – 3 year term exp. 12/31/20

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Robin Kline – 5 year term exp. 12/31/22  
Gianna Garzon – 5 year term exp. 12/31/22

#### **LIBRARY**

Michael Picciallo – 1 year term exp. 12/31/18  
Irene Hansen – 5 year term exp. 12/31/22

#### **MOBILE VENDOR COMMITTEE**

Alderman Visioli, Chairman  
Alderman Picciallo  
Alderman Camacho

#### **PARKING STUDY COMMITTEE**

Alderman O'Connor, Chairman  
Alderman MacDonald  
Alderman Toth

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Alderwoman Romaine, Chairman  
Alderwoman Blackman  
Alderman Picciallo

#### **TAXI/LIMO COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Visioli, Chairman  
Alderman Picciallo  
Alderman MacDonald

The board wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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 2:11 pm and seconded by Alderwoman Romaine and passed it by the following voice vote:***

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Pettoni, Deputy Municipal Clerk