



TOWN OF DOVER MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DOVER TOWN HALL
37 N. SUSSEX ST., DOVER, NJ 07801
May 26, 2020

Mayor Carolyn Blackman called the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 7:03p.m. and read the Sunshine Statement that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. Notice of the meeting was sent to the Daily Record and Star Ledger on January 4, 2020 and published in the Record and Ledger on January 10, 2020. Notice was also posted on the Bulletin Board in Town Hall.

The Mayor then led those in attendance in the salute to the flag. Following the flag salute, Mayor Blackman asked for a moment of silence for all those in our community who have passed from COVID-19.

Acting Clerk Schmidt then conducted the roll which resulted in the following:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Alderman Correa	X		
Alderman Tapia	X		
Alderman Ballesteros	X		
Alderwoman Rugg	X		
Alderwoman Cruz	X		
Alderman Valencia	X		
Alderman Quinones	X		
Alderwoman Wittner	X		
Mayor Blackman	X		

Following the roll, the Clerk announced that all members of the Governing Body were present and there was a quorum. Also present at the meeting was Acting Municipal Clerk John P. Schmidt, Deputy Town Administrator Carlos Sanchez and Town Attorney Timothy P. Downs.

Mayor Blackman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020. Alderman Correa made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Wittner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 19, 2020 Regular Monthly Meeting

	A.M. Correa	A.M. Tapia	A.M. Ballesteros	A.M. Rugg	A.M. Cruz	A.M. Valencia	A.M. Quinones	A.M. Wittner	Mayor Blackman
Motion	X								
Second								X	
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

The minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor reported that the Finance committee continues to meet and work on the 2020 Budget. Mayor Blackman also said that the personnel committee will be meeting and working on budget matter. The Mayor added that at a later date there will be a public hearing where questions from the board and public can be addressed.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen then considered Ordinance 14-2020, which is an Ordinance Providing for Handicapped Parking Space at 32 Hinchman Ave. Alderwoman Rugg asked if it was two spaces or one. Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt responded that he believed it is one. Deputy Administrator Sanchez provided some additional background that the Town’s Engineering Department reviewed the location and request and that it is one space. A motion was made by Alderman Ballesteros to introduce the Ordinance, seconded by Alderwoman Cruz.

Ordinance 14-2020

	A.M. Correa	A.M. Tapia	A.M. Ballesteros	A.M. Rugg	A.M. Cruz	A.M. Valencia	A.M. Quinones	A.M. Wittner	Mayor Blackman
Motion			X						
Second					X				
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

The Ordinance was introduced by a vote of 9-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Governing Body then considered the approval of the bill list / Res. 155-2020.

Alderwoman Wittner requested that two items, PO#19-02619 in the amount of \$263.83 and PO#19-03189 in the amount of \$3,372.05 for Suburban Consulting Engr. Inc., be removed from the bill list and made a motion to remove those items, which was seconded Alderman Correa. On unanimous consent with all members in favor (Aldermembers Correa, Tapia, Ballesteros, Rugg, Cruz, Valencia, Quinones, Wittner and Mayor Blackman), the PO’s were removed.

Alderwoman Wittner then made a motion to approve the Bills List as amended, seconded by Alderwoman Rugg.

Bills List / Res. 155-2020 (As Amended)

	A.M. Correa	A.M. Tapia	A.M. Ballesteros	A.M. Rugg	A.M. Cruz	A.M. Valencia	A.M. Quinones	A.M. Wittner	Mayor Blackman
Motion								X	
Second				X					
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

The Bills List / Res. 155-2020 was passed as amended 9-0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

There was only one resolution on the agenda for the meeting Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt explained Resolution 156-2020, amending Resolution 149-2020. The Clerk explained that the wrong salary was listed in Res. 149-2020 and that the salary listed was only the base salary, not the actual salary that Deputy Chief Delaney has been making since January. Following the explanation, Alderman Correa made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Alderwoman Cruz.

Res. 156-2020

	A.M. Correa	A.M. Tapia	A.M. Ballesteros	A.M. Rugg	A.M. Cruz	A.M. Valencia	A.M. Quinones	A.M. Wittner	Mayor Blackman
Motion	X								
Second					X				
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No									
Abstain									

Resolution 156-2020 was approved 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Acting Clerk Schmidt reminded members of the governing body about the MEL/JIF Online Course Seminar. For each official who takes the online seminar, the Town receives a \$250 credit. The deadline to take the course was extended until June 1, 2020 and all members of the Board of Aldermen were registered by Administration.

The Acting Municipal Clerk also reminded everyone that FDS forms needed to be filed by April 30th. The forms were still due on April 30, 2020 but a grace period/extension was given until July. Clerk Schmidt reminded everyone to complete the form and if anyone needed help they could reach out to him.

Following Old Business, Mayor Blackman reported that she had a conference call with St. Clare’s Dover Hospital and that elective surgery has resumed at the Hospital’s Denville location. The Hospital is committed to safety and that the COVID area of the hospital is in a separate area then the surgery area. The Mayor stated that the hospital wants to work with the community and that they are ready to serve the community.

Mayor Blackman also reported that she has had phone calls with business owners and that a time is being set up for a call with the Health Department and Administration to help them and provide guidance on reopening. Mayor Blackman also commented that she made phone calls to local area funeral homes to see how they were doing. The Mayor said they were thankful from the support in the community and that the numbers were dropping.

In closing her remarks, the Mayor reminded everyone in the community to follow all regulations as it relates to COVID-19 and to continue to follow the Executive Orders of the Governor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Blackman read a statement regarding public comment and then opened the meeting to the public

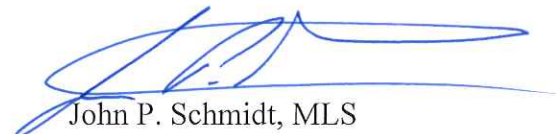
Dominic Timpani, 2 Elm Street, Dover NJ – Mr. Timpani congratulated the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and administrative staff for working on the budget. He asked how many units in the new apartments on Blackwell Street, which is over 200, and spoke of how surrounding towns had issues with parking. He asked the Mayor if she remembered earlier this year, when the Water Commission did a presentation about needed upgrades at the 11th hour. He spoke about actions of the prior administration and the old Mayor as to reckless spending. Mr. Timpani wanted to remind the public that this budget that was introduced by the new administration, was inherited from the old administration and reminded everyone of the issues and all those who walked out on the Town including two Administrators, the Municipal Clerk, Chief of Police and Chief Financial Officer.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Blackman thanked Mr. Timpani for his comments and closed the public portion of the meeting.

Mayor Blackman then thanked our Healthcare workers, Police, Fire, Board members and town employees for everything they are doing during these difficult times. She requested that residents continue to follow guidelines and to stay safe, healthy and remain calm as the community gets through COVID-19.

Mayor Blackman then entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Ballesteros moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Correa. On voice vote, 9-0 (Aldermembers Correa, Tapia, Ballesteros, Rugg, Cruz, Valencia, Quinones, Wittner and Mayor Blackman in favor) the meeting was adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. Schmidt, MLS
Acting Municipal Clerk