



TOWN OF DOVER MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DOVER TOWN HALL
37 N. SUSSEX ST., DOVER, NJ 07801
JULY 21, 2020

Mayor Carolyn Blackman called the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman to order at 7:06p.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 July 2, 2020 and published in the Record and Ledger on July 8, 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 the late Rep. John Lewis and for the family of New Jersey Federal District Court Judge Esther Salas.

Acting Municipal 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			

All 9 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, Town Attorney Timothy P. Downs, Deputy Municipal Clerk Rey Julve, Interim CFO/Treasurer Ashley Wilson, Forensic Auditor and Budget Consultant Francis McEnerney, Fire Chief Jon Filosa, Town Counsel Lisa Thompson, Police Consultant Richard Rivera, Chief Licensing Official Patrick Laverty, Chief Code Enforcement Officer/Assistant Engineer William Isselin and Deputy Chief of Police Jonathan Delaney. The Mayor explained that many of the people in attendance at the meeting were department heads and are present because of their expertise and to answer potential questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Blackman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020. Alderman Correa made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Wittner. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent 9-0.

	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									

PRESENTATIONS, MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE

Acting Municipal Schmidt then spoke about the correspondence on the agenda including Correspondence from the NJDOT, Correspondence from the Planning Board regarding Ord. 18-2020.

The last item was the public hearing and presentation regarding the budget and budget amendments. Alderwoman Wittner made a motion to open the hearing to the public, seconded by Alderwoman Rugg.

Motion to Open Public Hearing on the Introduced Budget

	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 hearing was opened on a roll call vote by a vote of 9-0. The floor was then opened to the public. Mayor Blackman opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no one wishing to address the governing body, Mayor Blackman asked for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Correa, second by Alderman Ballesteros.

Motion to Open Public Hearing on the Introduced Budget

	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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen then received a presentation regarding the budget amendments from Ashley Wilson and Francis McEnerney. Ms. Wilson then introduced Mr. McEnerney from PK O'Connor Davies. Mr. McEnerney gave his background which includes working with Essex County and municipalities including Paterson and Newark.

He explained that the current budget has an increase of 6.8% and reported that one of the problems was that the income on the 2019 budget was only \$67,000 and that the Town used most of its surplus to balance last years budget. This has resulted in the Town only having \$800,000 in surplus.

It was also explained that the budget included \$220,000 less in Salary and Wages and \$101,000 decrease in other expenses. He also explained that pension payments, payments to RVRSA has increased. The RVRSA increase is roughly a \$386,000 increase. The debt statement of the Town also increased this year by \$396,000.

Mayor Blackman asked if anyone had any questions. Alderman Correa asked some questions regarding the surplus / fund balance. It was noted that the balance of the surplus last year was 2.4 million and 1.6 million was used to balance last years budget. The challenge the Town is in now is to replenish the surplus. There was also a discussion about past historical practices.

Alderman Correa also asked about other issues driving the budget issues. One thing he noted that in 2018 and 2019 Union contracts had 0% increases and this year and next year, the contracts call for a 4% salary increase. This was confirmed accurate by both Ms. Wilson and Mr. McEnerney. Alderman Correa also questioned about the RVRSA increase and asked if it was accurate the Town has not received an increase in some years. The Town's Commissioner to the RVRSA Bill Isselin responded and explained that over time, treatment costs have increased. Additionally, Dover's usage has increased over the past few years. The rate is based on a rolling average over three years. It was also discussed that there was a \$396,000 in debt principal payments, \$105,000 increase in liability insurance, \$87,000 increase in workman's compensation, \$53,000 in unpaid bills from 2019 and an increase in Salaries and Wages of \$403,000 for the Police Department, which is mostly tied to the increase of the Collective Bargaining Agreement / Union contract.

It was also discussed that some of the challenges which the Town faced with preparing the budget is the reduction in revenue of nearly \$1,000,000 because of COVID-19 and the need to add a COVID-19 line to the budget for COVID-19 related expenses, which is one of the reasons for the budget being amended.

Aldermen Correa, who is Finance Chairman commented that although this year's budget operating costs were reduced, revenues are expected to be down and other areas increased. He commented that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen cut \$137,500 in salaries for elected officials, have a Part time municipal clerk, reduced supervisors in DPW, promoted a Police Captain to Deputy Chief at no additional compensation, settled longstanding lawsuits to stop the spending of legal fees, thus saving money were good steps, past actions hurt this years budget. Those included increased salaries of elected officials to \$60,000 for Mayor and \$25,000 for Aldermembers, \$108,000 in stage rentals and \$40,000 in publication costs. Aldermen Correa

also spoke about streamlining certain operations. One of the highlights was in the area of overtime. Deputy Chief Delaney commented that from January 2019 to July 2019 overtime costs were roughly \$205,777 in overtime and this year was from January 2020 to present has been roughly \$131,000, which has resulted in a \$75,000 savings by proper managing. He also reported that foot patrols have increased by using Special Law Enforcement Officers.

Aldermen Correa also discussed a challenge in figuring out how money was spent in the past and asked the Acting Municipal Clerk to present issues about professional service contracts. Prior to the presentation, Mayor Blackman commented that when the administration came in January, they came in blind and since coming in they have tried to be transparent and have tried to make sure that tax dollars are being spent properly. Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt then explained how professional service contracts usually work and explained that Requests For Qualifications are usually advertised toward the end of the calendar year and appointments are made in January of the following year. The Clerk reported that RFQ's for this year were advertised with a return date of early November but the RFQ's were never shared with the incoming administration and were found unopened after the new administration took office. The Clerk stated that the responses are only good for 60 days and temporary appointments had to be made since the Town had to go back out for RFQ's. He stated that as the year went on, he was asked to pull the 2018 advertised RFQ's for professionals for the 2019 year and explained that multiple people looked in various places but that they could not be found. On the third search for the records, the RFQ's were found in the Office of the Administrator, in a drawer closest to the desk of the Town Administrator which were unopened. Aldermen Correa asked if it is standard practice to not open RFQ's. The Acting Clerk responded that no it is not standard practice and mentioned that when the RFQ's went out by this administration, the Personnel Committee met beginning at 6:00p.m. and reviewed RFQ's until midnight.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee, he said that this budget has not been easy and a lot of difficult decisions had to be made. He was not happy with the tax increase and noted that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are also taxpayers.

It was noted that for the average assessed home of \$250,000, the tax increase will be \$205 for the year or roughly \$17.00 plus per month.

Aldermen Ballesteros commented that he wanted to thank the Finance Committee for their work. He asked how we could offset budget increases next year and plan for next year. Mr. McEnerney said that there are difficulties with rebuilding the surplus which may take more than one year. He commented that the Town is sitting on \$5 million in bands which were not being used which the Board has taken action on. Aldermen Ballesteros said he hopes the this can be focused on by the Board. Mayor Blackman thanked Aldermen Ballesteros and commented that in the near future the Finance Committee would begin working on next years budget.

Acting Municipal Clerk, then read into the record the resolution amending the 2020 Budget, 194-2020. A motion was made by Alderman Correa, second by Alderwoman Wittner.

Resolution 194-2020 to Amend Introduced Budget

	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 resolution carried 9-0.

The Mayor then stated that we have a resolution on the agenda tonight, approving three new volunteer firefighters who were present. Acting Clerk then read the title of Res. 188-2020 – Resolution Volunteer Fire Department Members. A motion was made by Alderwoman Rugg, second by Alderwoman Wittner.

Resolution 188-2020

	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 resolution carried 9-0.

Fire Chief Filosa welcomed the new members. Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt then gave the oath of office to the new volunteer members and Mayor Blackman presented them with their badges. Alderman Quinones, who is the Fire Committee Chairman commented that he knows the new members and congratulated them.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

The Board then considered the following ordinances. (The mover, seconder and votes are spelled out in full in the tables).

Ord. 14-2020 – Ordinance of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey Providing for Handicapped Parking Space at 32 Hinchman Ave. A motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous consent to open the public hearing.

Open the Public Hearing for Ord. 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									

Mayor Blackman opened the floor to the public, hearing no one wishing to address the governing body on the Ordinance, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

Close the Public Hearing for Ord. 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 Board then considered the adoption of the Ordinance.

Adoption of Ord. 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									

Ord. 14-2020 was adopted 9-0.

Ord. 17-2020 – Ordinance of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey
 Repealing Handicap Parking Space at 108 W. Chrystal Street

Open the Public Hearing for Ord. 17-2020

	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									

Mayor Blackman opened the floor to the public, hearing no one wishing to address the governing body on the Ordinance, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

Close the Public Hearing for Ord. 17-2020

	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 Board then considered the adoption of the Ordinance.

Adoption of Ord. 17-2020

	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									

Ord. 17-2020 was adopted 9-0.

Ord. 19-2020 – Ordinance of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey
 Authorizing an Easement Between Jersey Central Power and Light Company and the Town of
 Dover for the Property Located at Block 1219 Lot 3 for the Utility Services in Connection with
 the Dover Veterans Urban Renewal Associates, LLC Affordable Housing Project

Open the Public Hearing for Ord. 19-2020

	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									

Mayor Blackman opened the floor to the public, hearing no one wishing to address the governing body on the Ordinance, the Mayor asked for a motion to close.

Close the Public Hearing for Ord. 19-2020

	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 Board then considered the adoption of the Ordinance.

Adoption of Ord. 19-2020

	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									

Ord. 19-2020 was adopted 9-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Board then considered the Approval of the Bills List (Res. 175-2020). Mayor Blackman stated that there were two items from November, which are on page 4. Item Number 19-03242 and 20-00007.

	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									X Item Number 19-03242 and 20- 00007
Abstain									

The Bills List was approved 9-0, except Items 19-03242 and 20-00007, which were approved 8-1.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

-CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The Board then considered the consent agenda resolutions, which were read by the Municipal Clerk.

- 1) Res. 176-2020 – Resolution Authorizing Estimated Property Tax Billing for Third Quarter
- 2) Res. 177-2020 – Resolution Authorizing Individuals to Sign Documents Relating to 457 Savings Plans.
- 3) Res. 178-2020 – Resolution Approving Mobile Food Establishment License for Naraciza Calle of Victoria’s Ice Cream.
- 4) Res. 179-2020 – Resolution Approving a Junk Dealer License for C&M Metals Recycling, LLC
- 5) Res. 180-2020 – Resolution Approving Billiard Hall License for Su Casa Columbia
- 6) Res. 181-2020 – Resolution Approving Billiard Hall License for Los Arrieros Bar
- 7) Res. 182-2020 – Resolution Approving Mobile Retail Food Establishment License for Douglas Soto of Duggie Trucking LLC.
- 8) Res. 183-2020 – Resolution Approving Mobile Retail Food Establishment License for Ariel Ponce Zeferino and Scarlett Ponce of Jarro Café.
- 9) Res. 184-2020 – Resolution Approving Mobile Retail Food Establishment License for Julio Paguay of Julio’s Ice Cream.
- 10) Res. 185-2020 – Resolution Approving Mobile Retail Food Establishment License for Zoyla Parguay of Ricky’s Ice Cream.
- 11) Res. 186-2020 – Resolution Approving the Submission of a Grant Application and to Execute a Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to the White Street Project

- 12) Res. 187-2020 – Resolution Approving Taxicab Driver Licenses
- 13) Res. 189-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage for 108 W. Chrystal Street.
- 14) Res. 190-2020 – Resolution Appointing Anthony Morin as Police Officer in the Town of Dover.
- 15) Res. 191-2020 – Resolution Approving the Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage License
- 16) Res. 192-2020 – Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with John Garcia Construction Co, Inc. for Reservoir Avenue Water Main Improvements.
- 17) Res. 193-2020 – Resolution Authorizing Payments on the Interim Town Attorney Contract

Aldermen Correa stated that he had to abstain on Res. 187-2020 and asked that it be removed from the agenda. The Board acted upon Resolutions 176-186 2020 and 189-193 2020. A motion was made by Alderman Correa, second by Alderwoman Wittner.

Resolutions – 176-186 2020 and 189-193 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 consent agenda resolutions were adopted 9-0.

The Board then considered Res. 187-2020 - Resolution Approving Taxicab Driver Licenses. A motion was made by Alderwoman Wittner, second by Alderwoman Rugg.

Resolutions – 187-2020

	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
No									
Abstain	X								

Res. 187-2020 was adopted 8-0-1.

Prior to Public Comment, Mayor Blackman stated that the Town is starting a mask-up and clean-up program. The Mayor also stated that free COVID-19 testing is still occurring at St. John’s Church and encouraged people to go. She also reported that there was been 716 cases and 60 deaths in Dover. Mayor Blackman stated that COVID-19 has impacted all age groups. The Mayor also stated that the food drive with the Table of Hope is continuing.

Deputy Administrator Sanchez then spoke about COVID-19 Executive Orders and spoke about outdoor dining. He stated the Town wants to support out small business community but that businesses need to comply with state and municipal guidelines. Mr. Sanchez also spoke about the re-opening of parks and playgrounds. He asked everyone to practice social distancing and said that the playgrounds would be disinfected every morning. He also stated that trash is being left behind in some parks, including beer bottles and that this is a safety concern. He urged everyone to clean-up after themselves and asked the public not to place the Town in a position where the Town would have to close the parks again. He also reminded everyone about the 2020 Census and encouraged everyone to take five minutes to fill out the census form. Information about the census can be found on the website.

The Mayor also spoke about some issues at the soccer fields and asked everyone to use the parks properly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Stacey Gregg, 40 Sunrise Road, Rockaway – Ms. Gregg commented that the meetings are not being held by Zoom. She also mentioned that she called yesterday about the agenda and spoke about OPMA and asked when members of the Board received the agenda. Ms. Gregg also asked about the Dover Police Department and spoke about Black Lives Matter. Ms. Gregg also wanted to know when the Board would be returning to in-person meetings.

Deputy Chief Delaney mentioned that the Departments website is being updated but has a page on the Town of Dover’s website. He said the Department is always looking to be diverse as a department and that the Department is a Civil Service Department. He commented that there are 17 bi-lingual officers and roughly 50% of the Department is bi-lingual.

Alderwoman Wittner stated that she received an agenda on Friday.

Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt clarified that the agenda was available yesterday and that it could be picked up at Town Hall. It was not posted online until Monday because of technical issues on Friday. He also stated that he does not know of any law that requires it to be posted online.

Deputy Administrator Sanchez, stated that until the State of Emergency is lifted, the Town will continue to have remote meetings.

Dominic Timpani, 2 Elm Street, Dover NJ – Mr. Timpani stated he wanted to attend the meeting because he did an OPRA of OPRA requests and found it comical that former Alderwoman Cindy Romaine was making requests and asking questions. Mr. Timpani stated that during and after his time on the Board the prior administration, including former Alderwoman Romaine did not like questions. He spoke about an issue involving a Police Officer who left the Town and came back. Mr. Timpani stated he was against the Officer coming back and Alderwoman Romaine

made a speech that he should be bought be back. Mr. Timpani stated after the Officer came back, litigation occurred which Mr. Timpani said he warned about costing \$55,000. He also spoke about salary increases and how the prior administration froze hiring for a time in the Police Department. He also spoke about an OPRA former Mayor Dodd made while in office and asked why the Mayor knew a SBI number. He also spoke about why he couldn't get a proper response for records pertaining to Mayor Dodd's criminal records and asked for the Attorney General to come in to find out what happened to files.

Noreen Staples, Brookside NJ – Spoke about the meeting agenda being posted on Friday and a call which she made to Town Hall on Monday and asked questions, which the Acting Municipal Clerk stated were previously responded to Ms. Gregg.

With no one else wishing to comment, Mayor Blackman then closed the meeting to the public.

Aldermen Correa then spoke about an accident which he was involved in and thanked our first responders. He spoke about the accident and how grateful he was to be alive. He also stated the Mayor and Board are under attack for not doing anything for the residents of the Town and stated that for the first seven months under the Mayor's administration, under this Board, under Deputy Administrator Sanchez and Acting Clerk Schmidt and employees the following has been accomplished:

- Reducing the salaries of the Mayor and Board
- Made needed investments in water infrastructure
- Implemented the Police Department using body cameras
- Partnering with local churches, volunteers and groups to provide food to families in our community
- Developed an educational campaign about COVID-19 by sending 6,000 flyers to homes and businesses in our Town
- Created a Community Mediation Program
- Passed a Project Labor Agreement Act to make sure future development projects employ Dover residents
- Passed the Wage Theft Act
- Became the first Town in New Jersey to become a member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity

Aldermen Correa also spoke about other things which are being worked on regarding community engagement and took issue with comments that the current Mayor and Board of Aldermen are not doing anything.

Mayor Blackman thanked Aldermen Correa for his comments and echoed his comments. It was also discussed that Town Hall has been open electronically, by phone, email and appointment and that it has never closed but actions have been taken to protect employees from exposure. Mayor Blackman mentioned there has been no lack of service and the Town has even picked up items from residents who cannot leave their homes because of COVID-19.

Acting Municipal Clerk Schmidt commented about the recent primary election and thanked the Public Works Department, Sacred Heart Parish, the poll workers who were there from 5am to

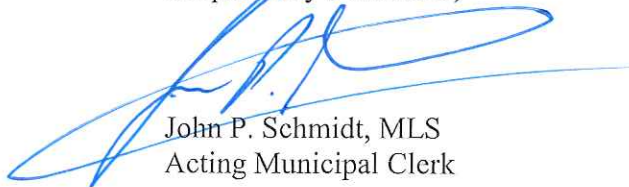
9pm and the 240 some residents who came to vote. Acting Clerk stated everyone wore masks and practiced social distancing. He also commented that the biggest complaint of the day was that there were no cops at the polling location and said there was no need for one. Mayor Blackman commented that over her 11+ years on the Board there has always been calls to Morris County and to our Police Department and was happy that this year, under the current administration that there were no issues.

Alderwoman Wittner commented about the agendas including that we should consider putting out the full agenda to the public. Alderwoman Wittner was also concerned about the timing of tonight's meeting because it was also at the same time of the Board of Education. Mayor Blackman commented that the Mayor and Board meetings are not usually on the same night of the Board of Education but that the meeting from last Tuesday had to be moved to this Tuesday.

Alderman Correa also mentioned that the current administration renegotiated the Pennrose redevelopment agreement.

Mayor Blackman then entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Wittner moved to adjourn, second by Alderman Ballesteros. On voice vote, 9-0 (Aldermembers Correa, Tapia, Ballesteros, Rugg, Cruz, Valencia, Quinones, Wittner and Mayor Blackman in favor) the meeting was adjourned at 10:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John P. Schmidt', is written over the typed name and title.

John P. Schmidt, MLS
Acting Municipal Clerk