



TOWN OF DOVER

MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2008 7:00 PM

The Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Mayor Dodd called the meeting to order at 7pm.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and prayer was given asking for guidance and strength to do what is right for our people.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Alderman Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd

ABSENT: None

Also present were Administrator Garvin, Attorney Pennella and Clerk Verga

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially designated Town newspapers and notice is posted in the Town Hall.

MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council re: 2008 meeting schedule
- Notice from Morris County Dept. of Planning, Development and Technology re: Flyer concerning aviation
- Newsletter from St. Clare's Foundation re: Fall2007 and Winter 2008 events
- Tax Collector's Report for December 2007

AGENDA ITEMS:

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

- Ordinance #1-2008 re: Authorizing the sale of real property to the State of New Jersey
- Ordinance #2-2008 re: Vacating a portion of Park Avenue

Alderman Visioli explained that we have a total of eight non-buildable lots on Park Ave and it was the recommendation of the Tax Assessor that the town vacate them. Attorney Pennella explained the property would be divided among the existing property owners.

RESOLUTIONS

- Approving Bills List
- Approving the joining of Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McARP)
- Approving tax reimbursement for Block 1404 Lot 2 (159 N. Sussex Street)
- Approving redemptions of Tax Sale Certificate 06-00018 and 06-00019 for Block 2023 Lot 2 and Block 2023 Lot 4 (246 US Hwy. 46 and 248-250 US Hwy. 46)
- Approving Calendar Raffle License for Sacred Heart School to be held daily from 3/01/08 to 5/31/08 at 7:00 p.m.
- Approving Raffle License for College Club of Dover to be held on 3/25/08 at 9:00 p.m.
- Approving Social Club Licenses for Acropolis Social Club, Club Colombia and Dover Hilltop Athletic Club

Alderman Romaine inquired about the requirements needed for a Social Club License, i.e. parking etc. because she has received complaints about Hilltop Athletic Club. Attorney Pennella said we could look at changing the



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code but most of these clubs would be grandfathered in.

- Approving One-Day ABC License for Casa Puerto Rico (#1) to be held at 50 W. Blackwell Street on 2/16/08 from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- Approving One-Day ABC Licenses for Global Reach International (#1-3) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#1-3) on 2/15/08, 2/22/08, 2/23/08 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 North Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Mayor Dodd called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd

Absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Garvin, Attorney Pennella and Clerk Verga

Clerk Verga stated adequate notice has been provided and this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Dodd opened this portion of the meeting to the public for agenda items only at 7:07pm.

Joan Bocchino – 49 Princeton Ave. – commended the board for participating in the Morris County Adaptive Recreational Program (McArd), which is a program that provides recreational services for people with disabilities. Her son was on trip with them tonight.

Seeing no hands and hearing no voices Mayor Dodd closed this portion of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- At the February 12, 2008 meeting there will be a public session explaining the revaluation process.
- NJ DOT Safety Fund

MAYOR'S REPORT

- I am diligently looking at ways to better serve my constituents.
- He would like to welcome Alderwoman Romaine back to this board.
- Reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is looking at attorneys.
- The sweeper and leaf vacuums are back out.
- Along with Alderman Picciallo and Code Enforcement we are going to educate our downtown business owners on what is expected of them, concerning property maintenance. A letter will be going out in spanish and english.

ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alderman Picciallo

- Attended the holiday party at Millpond Towers
- Attended Three Kings celebration at Casa Puerto Rico



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Alderwoman Romaine

- Obtaining information on web sites.
- Worked with the Mayor's Assistance program, and thinks business owners should have butt cans.

Alderman Timpani

- Reported that the Searing Street project is halted because of the weather.
- Would like to propose changing Maple Avenue to one side of the street parking because of emergency vehicle access, plowing, etc.
- Commented on broken meters in our parking lots, he feels if the meter is bagged people should be able to park there.

Mayor Dodd commented Alderman Delaney chaired the Parking Study Committee. One of the problems is our meters are old and we can't get replacement parts to repair them. The study recommended we put a kiosk system in for which we have to find the funds for.

Alderman Delaney suggested we move all the broken meters to one lot.

Alderman Visioli

- Working with the administrator to compare our towing charges with other towns.
- Working on the DPW and Water Department merger.

Alderman Poolas

- Attended party at Millpond Towers

Alderman Delaney

- Attended the Three Kings celebration at Casa Puerto Rico
- Announced Dover High School will be having an all you can eat spaghetti dinner

Alderman Fahy

- He commends the Public Works Department for all their efforts
- Had a complaint concerning a contractor filling in a back yard on First Street, two years ago the owner tried to put a parking lot.
- Worked with Code Enforcement on recycling complaints.

Alderman Donofrio would like the town to look into a product called Ice Ban, which is used to treat salt so it works below 32 degrees.

ATTORNEY REPORT

- He received a very unusual letter from Judge Bozonelis that there is a conflict between the partners of DGR.
- Received a motion on AZUA their council is seeking to be relieved for nonpayment.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

Ordinance #1-2008 re: Authorizing the sale of real property to the State of New Jersey



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is hereby vacated:

The easterly end of Park Avenue beginning at the common lot lines of Block 1901, Lot 28 and Block 1901, Lot 29 where said lot line intersects Park Avenue, and continuing in an easterly direction to the end of the existing right of way.

2. The Town hereby reserves an easement upon the vacated portion of roadway for all utilities including but not being limited to electric, water, sewer, cable television; and

3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this within ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

5. The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

Alderman Visioli has moved the foregoing ordinance be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Timpani and passed for first reading by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

RESOLUTIONS

Approving Bills List

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover have examined all bills presented for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds in the account(s) to which respective bills have been charged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover do hereby approve the bills as listed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials are hereby authorized to sign the checks for payment of same.

RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,258,837.07
CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$679,746.13
CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$15,543.68
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	
WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,894.14
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$13,786.39
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	



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WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate 06-00019, was sold to Robert Rothman, for an 18% redemption fee; and,

WHEREAS, J & A Realty Associates/Julio Acevedo, owner, has effected redemption of Certificate 06-00019 in the amount of \$4,588.84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Treasurer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$4,588.84, payable to Robert Rothman, 411 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 06-00019 on this 8th day of January 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution are returned to the Tax Collector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of this resolution are returned to the Tax Collector.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Approving Calendar Raffle License for Sacred Heart School to be held daily from 3/01/08 to 5/31/08 at 7:00 p.m.

Approving Raffle License for College Club of Dover to be held on 3/25/08 at 9:00 p.m.

WHEREAS, the below listed organizations have applied for Raffle Licenses; and

WHEREAS, such licenses have been reviewed by the appropriate departments and found to meet with all of the requirements and conditions of the municipality;

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

1. The below listed raffles for the dates set forth following their name are hereby approved:
 - A. College Club of Dover on March 25, 2008 at 9:00pm.
 - B. Sacred Heart School on Mondays from March 1 through May 31, 2008 at 7:00pm.

Approving Social Club Licenses for Acropolis Social Club, Club Colombia and Dover Hilltop Athletic Club for year 2008

WHEREAS, any person or group of persons, association or corporation, which meets for the purpose of promoting athletic sports, contests, exhibitions, classes or gymnasium; and

WHEREAS, any person or group of persons, association or corporation, which owns, leases, operates or controls premises for the purpose of social intercourse and entertainment; excluding fraternal organizations of state or national scope and religious organizations; and



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WHEREAS, the appropriate fees have been received with the renewal application;

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 renewal of the following Social and Athletic licenses are hereby approved.

Dover Hilltop Athletic Club
17 Grant Street

Club Colombia
116 E. Blackwell St.

Acropolis Social Club
22A Roswell St.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Alderman Poolas

Approving One-Day ABC License for Casa Puerto Rico (#1) to be held at 50 W. Blackwell Street on 2/16/08 from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, Casa Puerto Rico filed an application for their **first** Special Permit for Social Affair to be held at 50 W. Blackwell Street; and

WHEREAS, Casa Puerto Rico, a non-profit organization is permitted to have twelve events per year; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief will determine what special conditions if any are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following application for Alcoholic Beverage Social Affair Permit(s) be approved:

1. Casa Puerto Rico is approved for a concert/dance (#1) to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 50 W. Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ from 8:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Poolas, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Alderman Poolas

Approving One-Day ABC Licenses for Global Reach International (#1-3) to be held at the Baker Theatre (#1-3) on 2/15/08, 2/22/08, 2/23/08 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, the Global Reach International filed an application for their **first through eighth** Special Permit for Social Affair to be held at the Baker Theater, which is their **first through eighth** event; and

WHEREAS, Global Reach International, a non-profit organization is permitted to have twelve events per year and Baker Theater is permitted to have twenty-five; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief will determine what special conditions if any are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover,



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County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the following applications for Alcoholic Beverage Social Affair Permit(s) be approved:

2. Global Reach International is approved for a concert/dance (#1-8) to be held on 2/01/08, 2/02/08, 2/08/08, 2/09/08, 2/15/08, 2/22/08, 2/23/2008 and 3/01/08 at the Baker Theater, 41 W. Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ (10) from 7:00pm through 2:00 am.
3. This approval is conditioned upon security satisfactory to the Town of Dover Chief of Police being in place for this event.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Fahy, Delaney, Visioli, Donofrio, Picciallo, Timpani, Romaine and Mayor Dodd

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: Alderman Poolas

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public.

Virginia Brennan – 17 Cross Street – Questioned why the municipal building was painted, if bids were received.

Mayor Dodd responded that he has a lot of pride in our town. The municipal building was painted years ago by slap workers and also the Department of Public Works as a stop gap measure, they are not professionals. Now we have a court room that we can be proud of. Other work that has been done is a new reception desk, floors, molding. We must maintain of our own property if we enforce property maintenance for everyone else.

She also commented about not helping seniors in Town of Dover.

Mayor Dodd replied he appointed a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee which includes Aldermen Poolas, Delaney and Picciallo.

Maria Tambini – 6-16 E. Blackwell Street – Wanted to thank the board for all the services that are offered to the seniors.

Mary Jenkins – 305 S. Morris Street – Wanted to know the status of her complaint about 306 S. Morris Street always having to many cans of garbage out.

Rick Kraus – 303 S. Morris Street – spoke about the same complaint as above.

Mayor Dodd commented that their concerns were understood and Administrator Garvin will follow up with you tomorrow. He all so stated that the process has to take its course.

Robin Foster – 90 Penn Ave. – Asked the board for better enforcement in the downtown area.

Joan Bocchino – 49 Princeton Ave. – Thanked the mayor for appointing her to a board. Stated it was good to see a woman back on the board. Questioned why the Better Deal Car Lot had twenty-five cars on it and they are only allowed twelve. She also asked if trying to keep the downtown area clean would it be extend to the Route 46 Corridor.

Mayor Dodd asked how long can the former car lot which has a blue tarp on it can stay like that.

Alderman Timpani stated the cars are removed there is only one pick-up truck there.

Attorney Pennella stated it is decided on a case by case basis and involves the insurance company. He recommends checking with Bill Isselin.



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Alderman Timpani raised the concern of an illegal deck on the Salvation Army Building and asked about the snow fencing around the gas station at Mt. Hope Ave.

Connie Sibona Foster – 90 Penn Ave. – Commented the speed bumps are great on N. Sussex St. and asked if any other places were earmarked to get them. She has been complaining about speeding on Penn Ave for fifteen years and radar is not consistent enough.

Alderman Timpani (Police Committee Chair) and Administrator will meet with Chief Valentine to discuss a radar initiative.

Maria Tambini – 6-16 East Blackwell Street- Saw that some places were using cardboard cops at a cost of \$120.00. Stated the painting of the courtroom and library are beautiful, also about the money that was saved with the Mayor's Assistance program doing many repairs at the library.

William Hann – 9 E. Munson Ave. – Stated he sees a lot of good such as new businesses as he walks. Commented on leaves and bottles being in the park at Second Street.

Edward Correa – 80A E. Blackwell St.- Would like to know the purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission and how members were selected.

Mayor Dodd stated the purpose is to protect the history of our downtown area; Dover is designated as a historic district. They have control over store fronts, awnings, etc. Members are appointed by the mayor and I tried to select members who have knowledge of our heritage and history and also understand the need for redevelopment. He recommends a copy of the ordinance be picked up.

Emiliano Limos – 48 Second Street – Inquired about the three social affair permits for Global Reach International., he questioned the non-profit status and if we knew where the money was going.

Mayor Dodd asked Clerk Verga to respond.

Clerk Verga responded that an organization receives non-profit status from the state and they are required to submit reports to the state on where their money went. The town is not privy to the reports submitted to the state.

Seeing no hands and hearing no voices Mayor Dodd closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

Alderman Fahy asked about the status of minutes. It was explained the clerk's office has been short staffed and they will be caught up now that an employee was hired.

The mayor received an e-mail from Fred Huston informing him that Mr. Houston had film reels from the late 1800s of a baby parade. He is giving them to Alderman Poolas to hand over to the Historical Society and hopefully they can transfer to different media.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:18pm by Alderwoman Romaine and seconded by Alderman Timpani and passed by the following voice vote. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Verga, Municipal Clerk