



TOWN OF DOVER
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2017 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 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were Attorney Timothy Downs and Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper.

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:

1. Received from NJ League of Municipalities—Weekly Update
2. Received from Rockaway Township—Ord. 17-13 to Amend Chapter 54—“Land Use & Development Regulations”
3. Received from JCP&L—Notification to Begin Environmental Remediation
4. Received from Passaic River Coalition—Letter Requesting Financial Support
5. Received from Church of Latter-day Saints, Morristown, NJ—Invitation for Creche Christmas Celebration
6. Received from Rockaway Township—Notification of a Courtesy Hearing

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution Approving the Minutes for the November 13, 2017 Caucus and Regular
2. Resolution Approving Taxi Cab Driver’s Licenses as per Schedule A
3. Resolution Approving a Transfer Resolution

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

1. Ord. No 28-2017 – Amending and Supplementing Article XXVIII of the Town Code Entitled Parking—Ald. Visioli
2. Ord. No. 29-2017 – Amending Article I of the Town Code Entitled Police Department Organization & Membership—Ald. Visioli
3. Ord. No. 30-2017 – Amending Table of Organization of the Dover Fire Department—Ald. Romaine

ORDINANCE(S) FOR SECOND READING

1. Ord. No. 27-2017 – Amending Chapter 10 of the Town Code Entitled Contracts—Ald. Visioli

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Approving Bills List
2. Resolution Approving Temporary Protected Status for all Affected Groups
3. Resolution Authorizing the Dissolution of the Current Joint Municipal Court & Execution of a Share Services Agreement with the Borough of Victory Gardens
4. Resolution Authorizing the Termination of EMS Mutual Aid Agreements

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodd at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were Attorney Timothy Downs and Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Tara Pettoni stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper.

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public on any agenda items. Seeing no hands and hearing no voices, Mayor Dodd closed the meeting to the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF DOVER FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meeting Law, annual notice has been provided for all Mayor and Board of Aldermen meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover held their Public Meetings, and minutes of those meetings were transcribed.

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 for approval the minutes for the following meetings:

November 13, 2017 – Caucus & Regular

Alderman Picciallo has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman O'Connor passed by the following roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER APPROVING
TAXICAB DRIVER LICENSES**

WHEREAS, applications for taxicab drivers licenses have been made by the people listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Town of Dover has reviewed their applications and has advised that there is no prohibition to the issuance of their license; and,

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 taxi driver licenses for those people listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are hereby approved.

Schedule A

FIRST CLASS OF DOVER, INC.
Edward Gonzalez

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following accounts (excepting the Appropriation of Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz: 2017

Sewer OE
Code Enforcement OE

Other Insurance OE
Health S & W

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts (excepting the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Down Payments and Capital Improvement Fund) over and above the demand necessary for the balance of the year, viz: 2017

Solid Waste & Recycling OE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provision of R.S. 40A:4-58, part of the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned be and the same are hereby transferred to the account (excepting the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses or Deferred Charges) mentioned as being sufficient to meet the current demands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to make the following transfers:

FROM		TO	
Solid Waste & Recycling OE	10,200.00	Sewer OE	5,000.00
		Other Insurance	3,000.00
		Code Enforcement OE	200.00
		Health S & W	2,000.00
Total	10,200.00	Total	10,200.00

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None**

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DOVER ENTITLED “PARKING”, CHAPTER G “PROHIBITED PARKING”

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.40:48-2*, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good government, order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any law; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Board of Alderman that the current parking restrictions on Summer Avenue should be amended to promote public safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that Article XXVIII of the Revised General Code of the Town of Dover entitle “Parking, Chapter G, entitled “Prohibited Parking” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1. The current restrictions prohibiting parking on Summer Avenue is hereby stricken from the Code. Ordinance 05-1995 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Article XXVII entitled “Parking”, Chapter G, entitled “Prohibited Parking” is here by amended and supplement to include:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Summer Avenue	Both	Entire Length

A. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on even numbered days until 8:00 a.m. the following day, parking shall be permitted on

the north side of Summer Avenue (even numbered homes) beginning at the intersection of South Morris Street to its terminus. Parking is not permitted on the south side of Summer Avenue (odd numbered homes) on these days.

- B. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on odd numbered days until 8:00 a.m. the following day, parking shall be permitted on the south side of Summer Avenue (odd numbered homes) beginning at the intersection of South Morris Street to its terminus. Parking is not permitted on the north side of Summer Avenue (even numbered homes) on these days.

SECTION 3. Whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the street, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on Summer Avenue. The above parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased, until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

SECTION 4. The effectiveness of this Ordinance is contingent on signs being erected as required by law.

SECTION 5. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation or provision of this ordinance or any supplement thereto should be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned for a term not exceeding 15 days or both.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 7. 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.

SECTION 8. The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None**

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2017

AN ORDINANCE BY TOWN OF DOVER CONCERNING THE DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF DOVER ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT, "ARTICLE I, ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP" AND "ARTICLE V, TABLE OF ORGANIZATION".

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover has determined that substantial changes to the organization of its police department are necessary;

WHEREAS, the Town's Mayor and Board of Alderman have reviewed and updated the "Police Department" section of its Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 57, Article I, and Article V, of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. A NEW Chapter 57, Article I, of the "Code of the Town of Dover", as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted to set forth the basic structure, powers and duties of the Dover Police Department, and to replace the aforementioned provisions of the "Code of the Town of Dover."

SECTION 3. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed.

SECTION 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 portion thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption and publication as provided for by law. The provisions of the attached Chapter 57, Article I, shall be applicable within Dover upon taking effect and shall become a part of the new Dover Town Code once completed and adopted.

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: Alderman Camacho**

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – UNIFORMED DIVISION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the Table of Organization of the Dover Fire Department – Uniformed Division be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Table of Organization

Fire Captain (Second Level Supervisor)
Fire Lieutenant (First Level Supervisor)
Fire Fighter

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

If any portion or clause of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.

The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

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

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None**

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 CODE OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, ENTITLED "CONTRACTS."

WHEREAS, local municipalities are authorized to enact local pay-to-play ordinances which differ from the State pay-to-play law; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Board of Aldermen adopted various ordinances to restrict political contributions made to local and county candidates, as well as political action committees codified as Chapter 10, Article I, Sections 1 through 10 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the patchwork of local pay-to-play ordinances has created confusion for businesses, as well as elected officials and government officers, throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court decision of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission has given rise to the creation of Federal Super PAC's wherein campaign contributions can be made without disclosing the source of the contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover's local pay-to play ordinance does not, and cannot, address those undisclosed contributions to Federal Super PAC's, thus encouraging their use in local elections; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties throughout the State have repealed their local pay-to-play requirements to adopt the State regulations; and

WHEREAS, the adoption and enforcement of the State pay-to-play requirements is the best means to ensure a more fair and uniform requirement for all businesses performing services for the Town of Dover; now, therefore, be it

ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover that Chapter 10, Contracts, Article I, Pay to Play, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq. shall be incorporated herein in full by reference and shall constitute any and all pay to play requirements of the Town of Dover.

SECTION 2. That if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provisions so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

SECTION 3. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

BILLS LIST RESOLUTION

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.

CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$1,283,088.87
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$98,479.66
WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$34,954.32
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$219.56
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$6.60
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RECYCLING TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$373.50
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00

FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSETS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$402.36
COAH TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	\$1,417,524.87

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following claims have been paid prior to the Bill List Resolution in the following amounts:

TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$12,478.12
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER UTILITY OPERATING claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$12,478.12
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	\$1,430,002.99

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

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: Alderman Camacho

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR ALL AFFECTED GROUPS

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover is home to a large immigrant population that makes our community and our economy strong and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, Dover’s immigrant residents include a substantial number of individuals from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and other countries around the world who have been granted Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, there are an estimated 320,000 TPS holders, including nearly 200,000 individuals from El Salvador, a large concentration of which resides in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, TPS provides protection from deportation and employment authorization to individuals from countries that have experienced armed conflict, environmental disaster or other life-threatening conditions; and

WHEREAS, TPS protections must be regularly renewed to remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, TPS protections for nationals of El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and others have been in place for approximately 20 years and TPS protections have recently been extended to residents of Haiti, Syria and Nepal following devastating natural and man-made disasters in those countries; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has indicated that it is strongly considering not renewing TPS, thereby placing hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk of imminent deportation and depriving them of the means to make a living and support their families; and

WHEREAS, TPS holders have developed deep ties to the Dover community, raising families, starting businesses, buying homes and making other valuable contributions to our town; and

WHEREAS, conditions in TPS designated countries remain dangerous and unsafe such that deportation to those countries would place individuals and their families at grave risk; and

WHEREAS, an end to TPS would harm the Dover community by throwing the lives of long-term town residents into chaos, separating parents from their children, and damaging the local economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover hereby call upon our national elected representatives and the Department of Homeland Security Secretary to renew TPS protections for all eligible individuals; and be it.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover urge the members of the U.S. Congress to work on a meaningful legislative proposal that would provide access to permanent status for long-time TPS holders; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to all members of the U.S. congressional delegations from New Jersey, the President of the United States and the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Mayor Dodd has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CURRENT JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS

WHEREAS, currently the Town of Dover (“Dover”) is the lead municipality in a Joint Municipal Court Agreement with the Borough of Victory Gardens (“Victory Gardens”), Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton and Rockaway Borough (“Joint Court Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, prior to the end of 2016, Dover notified the other municipalities of its intent to withdraw from and dissolve the Joint Municipal Court Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Dover and Victory Gardens have expressed a desire to share municipal court services, specifically a courtroom, administrators and staff; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. §2B:12-1(c) authorizes two (2) or more municipalities, by resolution, to enter into an agreement to share courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and staff without the need to form an independent joint court; and

WHEREAS, Dover and Victory Gardens have expressed a desire to enter into such an agreement with Victory Gardens sharing Dover’s municipal court resources in order to conduct its own municipal court and violations bureau; and

WHEREAS, Dover has ample court staff and resources to accommodate the municipal court and violations bureau of Victory Gardens, and accepted its court sharing proposal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. §2B:12-1(c), municipalities entering into a shared court agreement must each adopt a resolution authorizing and clearly identifying the agreement;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover find that it is in the best interest of the Town to enter into the proposed Shared Services Agreement with Victory Gardens for payment from Victory Gardens as follows: First year 18,357.51, with subsequent years’ payments in an amount equal to the immediate prior year payment plus a 2% annual escalator for each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Agreement shall take effect on January 1, 2018 upon adoption of this Resolution, a corresponding Resolution by Victory Gardens, the approval by the Assignment Judge of the Morris/Sussex Vicinage and approval by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Dover, that Mayor James P. Dodd is hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement with Victory Gardens to share Dover’s municipal court services as set forth in said Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Alderman Camacho has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderwoman Romaine passed by the following roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF EMS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH MINE HILL TOWNSHIP, THE BOROUGH OF WHARTON, THE BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY, ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP AND RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Town of Dover (“Dover”) continued long standing EMS and Fire Mutual Aid Agreement with Mine Hill Township, the Borough of Wharton, the Borough of Rockaway, Rockaway Township and Randolph Township; and

WHEREAS, the Dover EMS regularly responds to EMS calls for service in these Towns; however, these municipalities rarely, if ever, reciprocate the mutual nature of the aid agreements; and

WHEREAS, volunteer BLS and EMS Squad response is dwindling in many parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, by responding to these municipalities, EMS response to the residents of the Town of Dover is often delayed or unresponsive, which has jeopardized the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town and has caused a strain on the financial resources of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, Dover EMS would consider continuing to respond to these municipalities subject to an agreement for financial compensation; and

WHEREAS, Dover desires to terminate the EMS Mutual Aid Agreements with these municipalities, but wishes to leave intact the Fire Mutual Aid Agreements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Dover that the appropriate Town personnel are hereby authorized to terminate the EMS Mutual Aid Agreements between the Town of Dover and Mine Hill Township, the Borough of Wharton, the Borough of Rockaway, Rockaway Township and Randolph Township; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town desires to leave intact the Fire Mutual Aid Agreements with Mine Hill Township, the Borough of Wharton, the Borough of Rockaway, Rockaway Township and Randolph Township; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk send an executed copy of this Resolution to the municipal clerk, administrator and all EMS departments of these Towns; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect January 1, 2018.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho & Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public.

Brian Lozano—27 Guy Street—Mr. Lozano represents a non-profit organization in Morristown, New Jersey which is known as Wind of Spirit. Mr. Lozano briefly spoke about a press conference that was held. Mayor Dodd attended this press conference at which time he gained a lot of knowledge about the TPS issue. Mr. Lozano mentioned that there are many residents in Morris County that currently have a TPS. Mr. Lozano spoke about the negative events taking place in Honduras making it unsafe for residents to return to this country. Mr. Lozano participated in a study last year and 1/3 of TPS recipients are making valuable contributions to this country. He also mentioned that a lot of the TPS holders have children that are currently in our school systems. Mayor Dodd thanked Mr. Lozano for bringing these issues to light.

Sonia Yanes—134 South Salem Street—Ms. Yanes supports the TPS Resolution. She expressed that she came to the United States when she was 19 years old. She has since obtained her Masters Degree, became a mother, she’s a homeowner and currently works for a pharmaceutical company. Ms. Yanes was looking for the Mayor and Board to also support this resolution as it affects 300,000 people around the United States.

Karol Bedoya—27 Cleveland Avenue, Morris Township, NJ—Ms. Bedoya was looking for the support of the Mayor and Board for the TPS Resolution. Ms. Bedoya came to the United States at age 14. She has two children and is also a homeowner. Ms Bedoya renews her TPS every 18 months however, she wishes the Government would make it permanent.

Marie Tambini—6-16 East Blackwell Street—Ms. Tambini wanted to thank the Mayor and Board for the Thanksgiving meals that were delivered to the residents in her building. She also commented on Blackwell Street and said it “looks great.”

Karol Ruiz—98 Prospect Street—Ms. Ruiz is the Vice President of Wind of Spirit. She thanked the Mayor and Board for their support of the TPS Resolution. Ms. Ruiz mentioned that the TPS status is an immigrant status affecting 300,000 people in the United States. She also mentioned that many residents in Dover have this TPS status. These residents are business owners as well as homeowners. Ms. Ruiz mentioned that these residents flee to this country for safety. Most of these residents are parents that have approximately 275,000 children in this country.

Jessica Giron—48 Goodale Avenue—Ms. Giron was also looking for the support of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the TPS Resolution. She has been a TPS holder for approximately 20 years. She came to the United States at a very young age. She is also a homeowner and business owner in Dover. She expressed how important the TPS is for her as well as the community.

Mayor Dodd made the motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM and Alderwoman Romaine the motion and duly seconded and passed it by the following voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Pettoni, Deputy Municipal Clerk