



TOWN OF DOVER

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (UNOFFICIAL) MINUTES

ADOPTION OF THE 2022 LEVY-BUDGET

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sam Stratton called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairman Sam Stratton, Supervisor #1 Mike Shenkenberg, Supervisor #2 Jared Guillien, Water Patrol Josh Martinson, DHD Maintenance Zack Hegemann, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kim Springer, Clerk/Treasurer Camille Gerou. On Speaker Phone: Fire Department Ron Molnar
Residents in Attendance: William Stratton and Mario Denoto.
3. **Verify Posting of Meeting:** The clerk verified the posting.
4. **General Town Information by Chairman Stratton:** A)Chairman Stratton explained the mill rate dropped from \$2.17 for 2021 to \$2.06 for 2022. An error was made by Gardiner Appraisal in reporting an inflated estimated new construction dollar amount which they did not correct after Dover's Board of Review or before the June report cutoff. As a result, the 2022 budget is very tight. Chairman Stratton went on to say that the Gardiner Appraisal contract was sent out for bids this year before contract renewal with nobody interested in job due to tight staffing constraints.
B)Curbside/outside reevaluations will be completed in 2022. C)Roads Department Update: In 2021, Minnetonka Road and 2 miles of Schroeder Road were completed. In 2022, with the tight budget constraint, we are waiting on bids to replace several culverts and are considering chip sealing some of Dover's better roads to provide longevity. A grant is being applied for to repair sinking Church Road from Highway N to Cox Road. This project is estimated at close to \$900,000 with a guard rail being added. Casandra Court subdivision's road will be accepted by the town when the shouldering is complete. Dover's Engineer did inspect the Casandra Road reconstruction this last month. A new Case mowing tractor with a ninety-six-foot flail mower and fourteen-foot boom should be delivered any day. The boom will assist in getting around guard rails and into steep areas. D)Fire Department Update: The Fire Department has ordered a new, mostly stainless steel, engine at a cost of roughly \$900,000. The first-year installment of seven-year payment plan will be due in 2023. The price has been locked in and is being built to Kansasville's Fire Department Committee specifications. Starting February 1, 2022, Kansasville EMS will be handled internally with paid Dover employees. Curtis/Medix will no longer be under contract. Ambulance billing and collections will be handled by a third-party firm. When the Emergency Medical Techs are not on calls, they will be handling the administrative reporting documentation and other duties as assigned. There are preliminary discussions of Gateway expanding at the Kansasville Fire Station but at this point there is nothing in writing. A new three-year fire contract was discussed with Brighton Chairman, Sue Crane. The new contract would have an increase of three percent in 2022, two percent in 2023 and two percent in 2024. The Treasurer was instructed to send the contract revisions to Attorney Ludwig for December 2021 board signature.
5. **Public Comments:** Mario Denoto discussed his candidacy for Burlington School Board beginning in January 2022. He is asking for the communities' support as he attempts "to change the flavor of the current board". Per Mario, he would like to see more of the parents in charge of what is happening in schools. Mr. Denoto also discussed his sons recently completed Eagle Project at the Dover Veteran's Park on Highway 11 where he worked on the landscaping, painting, fixing the picnic tables and updating pictures.

6. **Adoption of the 2021 Town Tax Levy of \$736,437.00 to be Paid in 2022 Pursuant to Sections 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes:** Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
7. **Group Health Insurance Plan Discussion/Adoption:** Discussion occurred regarding wanting to hire quality long term employees for Dover, and that offering insurance to employees 30 hours or more is required under the Affordable Care Act. Various plans and pricing were discussed along with full-time employee's life insurance coverage, after ninety days, in the amount of \$20,000. Horton Insurance who handles Dover's auto and building insurance coverage provided the discussed quotes. Employees working over 30 hours weekly would be offered the insurance at one hundred percent coverage. The town is required by the Affordable Care Act to offer health insurance to employee's dependent children, age 26 and under. The cost of the dependent insurance will not be covered by the Town of Dover. The responsibility of dependent premium payment falls on the employee. Jared Guillien made the motion to provide the Option 8 Humana Gold Health Insurance with a \$1,500 individual deductible as well as a \$20,000 Basic/Life/AD&D Insurance, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) State Insurance will be investigated further at a later date as the initial time estimate to get a program set up would be approximately four months depending on the number of employees.
8. **Adjourn:** Jared Guillien made the motion to adjourn at 6:45pm., seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Motion carried.

Submitted this 17th day of November 2021
Camille Gerou, Clerk/Treasurer