

TOWN OF DOVER

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DOVER TOWN BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

4110 SOUTH BEAUMONT AVENUE (DOVER TOWN HALL) KANSASVILLE, WI 53139

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sam Stratton called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call:** Chairman Sam Stratton, 1st Supervisor Mike Shenkenberg, 2nd Supervisor Jared Guillien, Kansasville Fire Department Ron Molnar, Water Patrol Andy Mammen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kim Springer, and Clerk/Treasurer Camille Gerou. Absent: DHD Roads Superintendent Zack Hegemann and Racine Sheriff Department Charles Gehrand
4. **Review of Previous Town Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024:** Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the September 9, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 Motion carried.
5. **ELSUD Payables for October 2024:** Jared Guillien made the motion to approve ELSUD to pay their expenses of \$54,785.32, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 Motion carried.
6. **Town of Dover's Payables for October 2024:** After reviewing the payables, Jared Guillien made the motion to approve paying the Town's expenses of \$136,327.98, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 Motion carried. Chief Molnar requested that the check amount to the lawyer for the Seagrave litigation be verified.
7. **Public Comments:** **A)** A resident noted that the Fire/EMS Department has the largest budget. The resident stated that the Fire/EMS Budget is more than the whole town's budget ten years ago and is getting out of control. Discussion regarding changing the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) retirement category based on the EMS workers being cross trained in Fire Department duties which are utilized roughly thirty percent of the time seems to be an added expense that Dover did not have to assume since it is not a state requirement. A retirement rate that was 6.9%, raised to 14.3% seems excessive. Discussion took place that staffing is critical and one main component is to stay competitive in wages and benefits. In years to come, Dover perhaps should consider going back to EMS contracting. Discussion was held that while utilizing contracted EMS the service was substandard, and Dover did not collect the revenue for any completed service calls. Discussion took place regarding the amount of money that is brought in through Lifequest, a third party billing agency for EMS. The Dover EMS has now joined a union, negotiations have not begun. The Fire Chief was asked to investigate the actual numbers regarding EMS. **B)** The same resident inquired when the EMS personnel receive training/schooling paid for by Dover, if they are required to sign retention agreements. The Chairman noted that the Fire Chief was asked to implement a retention policy right after the Dover EMS was formed. The Fire Chief will follow up on this subject. **C)** The same resident asked if the Gateway contract was increased to help cover some of the increasing costs. The Gateway contract increased to \$33,750.00 for 2025 from \$27,000.00. **D)** It was asked if there are detailed EMS reimbursement reports showing where we collect the most dollars. The Chief stated that there are several reports. The concern was that Dover taxpayers are covering the operating cost and a great deal of mutual aid calls are being handled but the operating costs are not being covered by people utilizing the services. **E)** The Town of Brighton is holding their town meeting this evening as well. The proposed Fire/EMS Contract for \$63,578.28 is being reviewed. **F)** The resident asked if a new fire truck is really needed. The Board replied that the current truck is a 1993, and the pump was rebuilt this year for the first time. **G)** The resident

asked if more detail on the police report could be obtained. The Chairman noted that the Sheriff Department is charging Dover very little for the services Dover is getting. The report format is the same for all municipalities. **H)** Chairman Stratton and Chief Molnar have been exploring the possibility of allowing a cell phone tower to be installed by the Fire Department. Chief Molnar has verified that it will not impede Flight for Life. Negotiations are being discussed for a yearly lease or a lump sum ninety-five year payment. This will be a collapsable tower with no guide wires, and Verizon will be the main tenant.

- 8. Applications for New Town of Dover Operator's Licenses for: Ville Inn Kelly Hawley, Tiffany Moss, Sara Peterson, Laura Scharpf, Michael Scharpf, Gambler's Bar Noah Mann and Baggers Debra Chapman:** Background checks were provided. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the new Dover Operator Permits, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 Motion Carried. (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
- 9. Refund of Road Bond for: Karl & Dyanne Rogall 24616 LaFollette, and Vertical Works 2421 Marshall Square:** Zack, DHD Roads, checked and confirmed that there was no damage to the roads. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the refund of the road bonds, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 Motion Carried. (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
- 10. Renewal of Wisconsin Humane Society Contract for 2025 in the amount of \$3,690.00:** In 2024 \$6,930.00 was paid, based on the number of animals surrendered the previous year. For 2025 the contract amount is \$3,690.00. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$3,690.00, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion Carried.
- 11. Renewal of Gateway Contract for November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:** The Gateway contract increased to \$33,750.00 for 2025 from \$27,000.00 in 2024. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion Carried.
- 12. Resolution 2024-06 Revision of Ambulance Rate Schedule:** Chief Molnar explained that since a portion of Lakeview Rehab is considered a hospital this resolution will allow for additional revenue to be collected for conducting interfacility transfers, such as from Lakeview to another hospital. This should result in an increase of revenue around a thousand per week. Jared Guillien made the motion to sign Resolution 2024-06, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion Carried.
- 13. The 2025 Budget Presentation Meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 6pm.:** This meeting is for the public to review the proposed 2025 budget and ask questions.
- 14. Review of Reports from: DHD Roads, Fire, Water Patrol, and Sheriff's Department --** Chief Molnar discussed the Raymond fire fighter who lost his life in a motorcycle accident by Alpine Valley. December 7th a house burn is being planned on County Line Road Brighton. Calls have been down by thirty percent. Tomorrow there is a planned fire evacuation drill at Boland Hall Vet's Building. Chief Utecht, Water Patrol, reported that the buoys were removed on September 29th. Preliminary numbers for 2024 show 310 hours spent on patrolling, with 28 citations issued. Training will occur on the off season for the officers. The Chief will also research replacing the Zinnen Boat Launch pier.
- 15. Closed Session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.:** Jared Guillien made the motion to go into closed session at 7:27pm., seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 Motion Carried.
- 16. Motion to Enter into Open Session:** Mike Shenkenberg made the motion to go into open session at 7:52pm, seconded by Jared Guillien. VOTE: 3/0 Motion Carried.
- 17. All Business of Closed Session:** As of January 1, 2025 Chris Utecht will be switching positions with Andy Mammen.
- 18. Adjournment:** Jared Guillien made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm., seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. All were in favor. Motion carried.