

TOWN OF DOVER

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DOVER TOWN BOARD PUBLIC MEETING (UNOFFICIAL) MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 – 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, Fire Department Ron Molnar, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kim Springer. Absent with prior approval Clerk/Treasurer Camille Gerou and DHD Roads Zack Hegemann.
4. **Review of Previous Town Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026 and December 22, 2025:** Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the January 12th minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the December 22nd minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. VOTE: 3/0 Motion carried.
5. **April 7, 2026 Town of Dover Referendum Discussion:**

Chairman Stratton asked for decorum and to share ideas in a constructive way. Chairman Stratton noted that a reassessment does not automatically mean the town collects more money. The levy determines how much total money is collected. Reassessment simply redistributes the tax burden based on updated property values. If everyone's values go up evenly, the mill rate adjusts downward. The total levy stays the same unless it is intentionally increased. If someone's property went up more than average, they may pay more. If it went up less than average, they may pay less. That is how the formula works. Discussion occurred regarding the reassessment that is being completed in 2026. Dover does not dictate when reassessments are completed, it is state mandated.

Chairman Stratton noted that the proposed referendum, this is not something being forced. It is being brought forward for the people to decide. If the community believes this is necessary to maintain services, then it will pass. If the community does not believe it is necessary, it will fail. We are here to look at the numbers, understand the facts, and decide as a community how we want to move forward. Chairman Stratton then explained a handout showing a mill rate pie chart overview of all taxing entities and provided a brief overview of why this referendum is being requested. A common question was why Dover has not raised taxes over the years to keep up with increasing costs. By law, a municipality can only increase its tax rate by approximately one percent annually. Dover has consistently applied this allowable one percent increase each year; however, the rising cost of living has exceeded that rate, creating a gap between revenue growth and expenses. Obviously, you are seeing things out in our community that need attention: our roads, trees need trimming, shouldering, etcetera which are not being worked on in 2026 because there is not enough money to go around. Special assessments, fire and garbage, were added to generate additional income approximately three years ago. Based on a formula established by the Department of Revenue, the mill rate for Dover decreased after the special assessments were applied. The addition of the special assessments did add approximately a hundred dollars overall, per tax parcel, per thousand dollars. Funds collected through designated special assessments must be used solely for their intended purpose. Fire assessment revenue is restricted to Fire Department related capital and operational expenditures.

Residents questions were addressed and their statements noted. The referendum subject will be discussed at future monthly meetings, please encourage others to attend, or attend again with additional questions.

6. **ELSUD Payables for February 2026:** Jared Guillien made the motion to approve ELSUD to pay \$24,926.64 in February expenses, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion carried.
7. **Town of Dover's Payables for February 2026:** After reviewing the financials, Jared Guillien made the motion to approve paying February's expenses of \$192,204.83, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes) Motion carried.
8. **Wisconsin Humane Society One Year Contract:** Chairman Stratton has contacted the Humane Society's VP of Operations regarding the amount of money we are being charged for stray cats. Per Dover's Attorney, Peter Ludwig, cancelling the contract is a route we can go; however, the Humane Society may be willing to discuss other arrangements. Subject tabled.
9. **Applications for Town of Dover Operator's Licenses for The American Roadhouse- Brittany Stockton:** Background checks were reviewed. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the operator's license, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 Motion carried. (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
10. **Applications for Dog Kennel License for Mary Hartog 22524 Durand (4 dogs):** It was noted that no complaints are on file. Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the kennel license, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 Motion carried. (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
11. **Application for a Class B Beer and Class B Liquor License Requested by Linda Mann for Ma's Place LLC dba Ma's Place, 3731 S Beaumont Avenue, Formerly Gambler's owned by David Prange:** Jared Guillien made the motion to approve the Class B Beer and Liquor license for Ma's Place, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. Vote: 3/0 Motion carried. (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)
12. **Review of Reports from: DHD Roads, Fire, and Sheriff's Department:** FD Report by Chief Molnar: New engine is on track for delivery in June 2026. Forty participants were enrolled for the Ice Rescue training last weekend. Aerial Fire (ladder) truck training is being planned for Dover's fire staff. Discussion occurred over the brightness of the newly replaced LED sign. A night dimmer will be installed. (This LED sign was replaced by an insurance claim). The Road's Department and Racine County Sheriff's report handouts were available.
13. **Public Comments:** Jim Schaal voiced his concern regarding the new WE Energy pipeline going through Dover and the condition of our Town roads. Sam said he would investigate who is responsible for fixing any damage caused by their project. It was noted that the Dover's Roads Department should have signage ready for heavy trucks utilizing Dover's roads. Mario Denoto noted that he is running for the Burlington School District Board April 7th to try to control costs. Chairman Stratton thanked all who stayed throughout the entire meeting and the importance of understanding how the monies are spent and upcoming concerns/projects.
14. **Motion to Enter 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.:** No closed session was held.
15. **Motion to Enter into Open Session:** No closed session was held.
16. **All Business of Closed Session:** No closed session was held.
17. **Adjournment:** Jared Guillien made the motion to adjourn at 8:39pm, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted the 25th day of February 2026

Recorded by Kim Springer Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Transcribed by Camille Gerou, Clerk/Treasurer