



TOWN OF DOVER

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (UNOFFICIAL) MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stratton.

Pledge: The Pledge of Allegiance was Recited

Attendance: Chairman Sam Stratton, 1st Supervisor Mike Shenkenberg, 2nd Supervisor Jared Guillien, Gordon Maier Auditor Julie Craig, Clerk of Courts Christine Jacobsen, Water Patrol Ken Arnold, Kansasville Fire/Rescue Department Battalion Chief John Dahms, Superintendent Roads Dept Zack Hegemann, Superintendent of Eagle Lake Sewer Jeff Bratz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kim Springer, and Clerk/Treasurer Camille Gerou. Jared Guillien arrived late due to school. Nine citizens attended.

Annual Report: Department report packets were included with the agenda. Key highlights are summarized below:

1) Review of the 2025 Town of Dover Audit Completed March 2026 by Gordon J. Maier & Company:

Julie Craig CPA Managing Partner from Gordon Maier provided an overview of the thirty-six-page report.

The expenditures and revenues were reflected on page five. No issues were noted.

2) Acceptance of the Town of Dover Audit Report: Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the Town of Dover audit report as presented, Mike Shenkenberg seconded. VOTE: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)

3) Review of the 2025 Eagle Lake Sewer Audit Completed March 2026 by Gordon J. Maier & Company:

Julie Craig provided an overview of the eighteen-page report. Jared Guillien made the motion to accept the ELSUD audit report as presented, Mike Shenkenberg seconded. VOTE: 3/0 (Jared yes, Mike yes, Sam yes)

4) Approval of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Minutes: Mike Shenkenberg made the motion to accept the 2025 meeting minutes as presented, Sam Stratton seconded. VOTE: 2/0 (Mike yes, Sam yes)

5) Summary of 2025 and Future Planning Discussion, Chairman Stratton:

In 2025: a) Andy Mammen became the Water Patrol Chief b) In an effort to earn more interest for the purchase of the fire engine, \$58,657.53 of the Fire Department Special Assessment Money was moved from Community State Bank to the Town Bank FD Engine Money Market c) February 2025 the first meeting with EMS Union Reps occurred d) Fonk's Mobile Home Park was purchased by a company called Ravinia. The Mobile Home Park is called Hickory Haven now e) All three members of the Town Board ran unopposed for a two-year term ending April 2027 f) Judge Heather /Niski ran unopposed for a four-year term g) Cunningham Road was repaved h) The Fire Department driveway/parking area was repaved.

2026 to date: a) In January the Union EMS contract was signed b) Dover's insurance company replaced the Fire Department electronic sign which was damaged by a power surge c) April Referendum failed d) The WI Humane Society contract was not renewed e) Free dirt/fill from Microsoft causing fill issues- please remember to pull a fill permit & not block drainage f) An EMS provider was arrested after discharging a firearm from the Fire Department property. The incident is currently under investigation by the Racine County Sheriff's Department and a third party. Since this issue is being investigated it cannot be commented on. g) A falling tree limb struck a passing vehicle traveling on a County Road within the Town of Dover. h) The Army Core of Engineers is looking into the Archibald Land on Durand Avenue i) Two road grants are currently outstanding: the Church Road project, which must be completed by June 30, 2029 to qualify for funding, and the Haag Drive project, which the completion time frame has not yet been determined. Although both grants have been secured, the town does not currently have funds available to allocate to these projects.

Departmental Reports:

- 1) **Municipal Court – Judge Heather Niski & Clerk of Courts Christine Jacobsen:** Christine Jacobsen noted that citations were down in 2025, compared to 2024. In 2025, a total of 390 citations were issued, of which 299 were related to traffic violations.
- 2) **Water Patrol:** Lieutenant Ken Arnold read the Water Patrols report. Chairman Stratton reported that the 2026 buoy installation is anticipated within the next couple of weeks. Due to significant rainfall, a Slow No Wake restriction is in effect for all of Eagle Lake until water levels subside.
- 3) **Buildings, Park, & Roads Department – DHD Maintenance, Zack Hegemann:** Zack provided his report overview. An update was provided on BD (formerly Highway 75). A major culvert failure was identified, and securing grant funding will be necessary to support repairs. The roadway is currently projected to reopen by September 2026.
- 4) **Fire & EMS Department – Battalion Chief John Dahms:** There were 957 calls in 2025, with 576 EMS (emergency medical services) calls. There were six full-time EMS employees and approximately fourteen part-time employees who are cross trained for fire calls as well. A contract was signed for purchasing a fire engine in the amount of approximately \$790,000 in 2021. The company asked for more money due to the economy. Dover did not agree to their large price increase and took the company to court. Dover won the court case in 2025 for the same initial contract price. A 2026 engine will be delivered in June 2026, Dover's legal fees were covered, extra equipment was included, and they paid for the repair to our current engine that occurred during this period. Revenue generation through Life Quest/EMSMC, Dover's third-party billing collection system, is being reviewed.
- 5) **Eagle Lake Sewer Utility District, Superintendent Jeff Bratz:** Jeff provided an overview of his report. He stated that flows were down in 2025 compared to 2024. Lately with the weather the sewer plant has seen huge increases in flow rates. On Friday night the power went out, basements took on water. That water goes down the floor drains which are routed into the sewer. The massive amount of rain resulted in 55,000 gallons of overflow going into the creek, which eventually leads to Eagle Lake. DNR reports were completed, a notification as posted on Eagle Lake Sewer's Facebook page, Dover's website, and an announcement will appear in the paper. Sump pump inspections will continue in 2026. Twelve to fifteen houses have been corrected to date. Please remember, only flush toilet paper into the system. Disposable wipes, paper towels, homemade "paper towels," plastics, etcetera will not degrade in the system. The lift station upgrade total cost was estimated at \$4,028,588.00, but the final cost was \$3,617,288.93. The 20-year loan payments for the lift station upgrades are estimated to be \$231,000.00/year. The interest rate for this is 2.145%. The very last payment due is 5/1/2042.

Dates to Note: Sunday, July 12th - KFRD Pancake Breakfast & Safety Day 7AM – 12 Noon

Public Comments: 1) A discussion was held regarding an annual review of safety policies outlined in the employee manual, as well as the implementation of annual core training sessions for all employees. 2) A discussion was held concerning the evolving role of volunteer fire departments, with concerns noted about their long-term sustainability. Fire districts were also discussed. It was observed that Wisconsin differs from Illinois in that, in Illinois, fire districts have independent taxing authority comparable to that of school districts. 3) A discussion was held regarding the tornado siren. It was noted that the non-emergency Sheriff's Department is responsible for activating the siren, and that the siren functioned properly during the Thursday test. 4) Britton Road signage was discussed. Class B and speed limit signs will be added, and special attention will be requested from the Sheriff's Department to address safety concerns.

Adjournment: Jared Guillien made the motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Mike Shenkenberg. All were in favor.

Submitted 28th day of April 2026
Camille Gerou Clerk/Treasurer