

January 5, 2026

MINUTES

The reorganizational meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday January 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Council members in attendance were Lori Koch, Paul Neiman Jeff Raffensberger, Joseph Sabold, Thomas Slusser Jr. and Cynthia Snyder.

District Justice David Eshbach administered the oath of office to reelected officials. Those taking the oath of office included Council members Lori Koch, Paul Neiman, Joseph Sabold, Thomas Slusser Jr, Cynthia Snyder, Mayor Dennis Hernley and Tax Collector Samuel Herman.

Mayor Hernley opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hernley called for nominations for Borough Council President. Mrs. Koch nominated Mr. Sabold, seconded by Mr. Neiman. There were no other nominations. Mr. Sabold was elected as Borough Council President. Mayor Hernley called for nominations for Borough Council Vice-President. Mr. Neiman nominated Mrs. Koch, seconded by Mr. Sabold. There were no other nominations. Mrs. Koch was elected Borough Council Vice-President. Mayor Hernley yielded the meeting to Joseph Sabold.

President Sabold asked for nominations for Borough Solicitor. He explained that our Solicitor Andrew Herrold has left MPL Law and is now with Anstine & Sparler. We have the option to follow him there, stay with MPL with another solicitor or go to another firm. Ms. Gangloff was present for Mr. Herrold. She added that Anstine & Sparler is a great firm and that she is also transferring. The rates will be as previously budgeted. Mr. Slusser made a motion to reappoint Mr. Andrew Herrold at Anstine & Sparler as solicitor for the Borough. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

President Sabold asked for nominations for Borough Engineer. Mr. Sabold made a motion to reappoint JR Holley & Associates representative David Lipinski as Borough engineer. There were no other nominations. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Sabold called for nominations to appoint the Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Slusser made a motion to reappoint Brenda Plowman as Borough Secretary-Treasurer. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

President Sabold called for nominations to appoint the Vacancy Board Chair. Mr. Slusser made a motion to reappoint Jonathan Hess as the Vacancy Board Chair. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

The December 1, 2025 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion. Mr. Slusser abstained due

to being absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Platts provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 29 calls in December. Five of those calls were in the Borough. The total calls for 2025 were 365.
- Captain Platts read the list of 2026 officers. He will provide this list to Mrs. Plowman.
- The January 2026 calendar was reviewed. Mr. Raffensberger added a carnival meeting will be on January 12th at 6:30 PM. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar with the addition. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- The February 2026 calendar was reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga added there was .83” of rain and 4.8” of snow in December. She pointed out the back page of her report shows the team volunteer hours for 2025. Ms. Zarlenga had a meeting with Justin Eberly ESC from Dover Township and will be meeting periodically as a joint effort. On January 17th from 9 AM – 1 PM there will be a meeting regarding TMI and on February 21st from 9-11 AM a seminar for elected officials.

Police Report – Mayor Hernley reported calls were down by 11 in November. The YTD calls total was down by 7. Corporal Stephen Lebo will now be in charge of the detectives. Erika Eiker was promoted to Sergeant. Mayor Hernley warned about all the telephone scams and advised to just hang up from these calls.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Nothing to add.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski introduced Josh Allen the engineer from Dutchland. He was present to discuss the concerns of Council in regards to the clarifier wall repair. Mr. Lipinski mentioned the cracks went from one a few weeks ago to seven now appearing. Borough Council is wondering what they are looking at long term with the issues that have been occurring and how long this repair should last. Mr. Allen explained there have been more cracks in the epoxy than he hoped for or expected. The material is epoxy and is tougher than concrete which would harden and provide a smooth surface on top of the wall for the clarifier to run smoothly on. Prior to this repair, there were some notches cut out and patched. The wheel was hitting those notches causing it to bounce around. The desire was for the epoxy material to create a smooth surface for the wheel to eliminate the bouncing, which it has. Dutchland had not used this material to this extent before but always had good results with it. In our application there have been cracks but Dutchland has continued to support the Borough with this issue. Mr. Allen believes our cracks are coming from a thermal expansion and contraction with the changing of the seasons. Mr. Slusser asked what the long-term fix will be for this. Do they continue to repair cracks or do we start over? Mr. Allen explained that the goal was to have a smooth surface for the wheel to run on and he understands this is occurring. As issues come up, they have been addressing each one for the last year and a half. They replaced the soft spots which now

have cold joints. Mr. Allen says in hind sight he would put more cold joints in for relief which would then minimize cracks in other places. He doesn't feel the cold joint is a long-term structural issue. Mr. Neiman asked what the fix would be now. They did not expect the issues we are having and that is why they have been supporting us by addressing them as they arise. Dutchland does not have an issue with continuing to address them as they arise. If they were to do this again, they would put expansion joints in. They could still add expansion joints and is something they will consider. He is hopeful at some point the cracks will stop. Ms. Gangloff suggested an agreement for how long they will continue to support the issues. The Borough would not expect them to continue forever. Mr. Allen will find out what Dutchland's thought would be regarding their continued support. Ms. Snyder thanked him for being willing to work with us. The Borough thanked him for coming to discuss this issue.

Mr. Lipinski reported he has not heard from USG and is assuming they still have not gotten the permit so they can repair the manhole in the square.

Mr. Lipinski mentioned the sewer lateral letters that need revised. Mr. Herrold is working on them.

Mr. Lipinski reviewed the lateral televising from 510 Oakwood Drive. It looks like there are clumps of debris in the flat area of the line. He received notification from the 2024 state grants that had 300 million dollars to grant but they received requests for 1.2 billion. We are under a consent order from DEP so we are hoping this will help us get funding. Grant recipients will be notified at the end of 2026. If we are granted funds the work would be done in 2027. He is looking if there are any projects we can do for this year.

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Nothing to add

Engineer's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – Ms. Gangloff reported that Rutter's would like to pay the amount agreed to less the last USTIF payment of \$15,817.56. She states Mr. Herrold agrees with this. Mr. Slusser made a motion to deduct \$15,817.56 from the settlement. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business – The fire hydrant at Mayfield and N Main Street has been looked at but not repaired yet.

New Business – Mr. Sabold explained there are additional meters that did not read last quarter. The water committee reviewed options of replacing the meters like we have been doing, replacing just the transmitters or installing a new updated meter. Due to lack of funds in water the committee recommends replacing the transmitter only at this time. Ms.

Snyder made a motion to replace the 16 transmitters, 2 FAM meters and 2 encoders boxes for \$4,373.33. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – President Sabold thanked Mr. Grim for all their work salting the streets. The one Christmas tree had fallen over and damaged the planter box. They will attempt to repair it when the weather is better.

Zoning Manager's Report – Ms. Reed reported a junk vehicle at 39 W Canal Street has had several citations given and the problem continues. She wondered what Council feels should be the next steps. We could have it towed but then the Borough incurs the cost of towing and storage. The Judge could move the ignored citations to jail time. Ms. Gangloff will have Mr. Herrold get back to her on this.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski followed up on the subdivision at 76 S. Reservoir which is still in progress. At 22/24 W Canal Street, Ms. Reed is waiting for the property owner's lawyer and engineer to submit paperwork for the variance. Mr. Lipinski emailed information on the placement of a stop sign in reference to Butter Road and N Main Street. Charlene Addelsberger from 28 W Canal Street, asked if our engineer has an opinion at the zoning hearing board in reference to 24 W Canal, which he does not. Ryan Addelsberger states if they remove the garage, it would resolve the parking issue for them.

Solicitor's Report – Ms. Gangloff presented five Resolutions for authorizing special occasion liquor license for Union Fire & Hose fundraiser dinners. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve Resolutions number 2026-01 through 2026-05 for the special occasion liquor license for the dates set forth in the Resolutions. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion. Mr. Slusser and Mr. Raffensberger abstained due to their position at the fire department. Motion carried.

Ms. Gangloff explained that Council has 30 days from today to appoint someone to fill the open two-year Council seat. This will be done at the next meeting February 2, 2026.

Mr. Lipinski and Ms. Gangloff left the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley thanked the fire department for the Santa's drive run through the Borough on Christmas morning. He thought a representative from the school district was coming to the meeting so he will follow up with them.

Ambulance Club Report – Mr. Raffensberger reported the next meeting is January 19th.

Secretary's Report – Nothing to add

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Slusser questioned the high amount of the bill from Dover Township for leak detection. Mr. Sabold read the details of the invoice. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mrs. Plowman reported we were not set up to invest with CD's through PLGIT. She is

working on setting this up. Another term investment has now matured as well. These funds will be invested in a 5-month CD as previously approved.

Mrs. Plowman reported the storm drain at 56 S. Main Street is possibly clogged or has some other issue. When it rains the grate lifts and water runs away from it to the one apartment. This will be looked at to determine if any repair is needed.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Raffensberger. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer