

February 2, 2026

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm. The current six Council members and Mayor Hernley were present. President Sabold called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The January 5, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

President Sabold stated there were four letters of interest received for the open Council seat. They were from Ryan Addlesberger, Douglas Ferry, Jonathan Hess and Michael Merkert. All candidates were present. President Sabold confirmed they are all registered voters of the Borough and then let them each have 2 minutes to speak if they have anything to add to their letter.

Ryan Addlesberger from 28 W. Canal Street shared that he decided to apply for the open seat since he has been to a few meetings and feels he would have things to contribute since he is a business owner possessing knowledge of managing money and investing. He would also bring a different perspective since he is younger than the Council. Ms. Snyder was curious and asked each one why they did not run for election to be on the ballot. Mr. Addlesberger stated he was unaware of the opening since he just started attending the meetings in November.

Douglas Ferry from 219 Maplewood Drive shared that he previously was on Council for 8 years and had served as the EMA. He has a lot of knowledge in road work, water and sewer lines. He did not run the last time because of his conflicting work schedule which has changed and should no longer be an issue.

Jonathan Hess from 49 Mayfield Street shared that he has lived in the Borough for 23 years. He has worked for the Borough for 7 years and served on Council for 8 years in the past. He didn't run for the seat because of time constraints with his two jobs.

Michael Merkert from 101 Intermediate Avenue shared that he is looking for an opportunity to help and give back to the Borough. He did not run for the seat since he is not familiar with the process but thought this would be a good way to get involved.

President Sabold asked if council had any questions for the candidates. There were none.

Council elected to take a vote by paper ballot. Mr. Douglas Ferry was chosen by majority votes. This will be for the second two years of the four-year term. Mr. Herrold presented Resolution # 2026-06 to fill the Council seat vacancy. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Captain Platts provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 33 calls in January. Six of those calls were in the Borough. There was zero loss.
- Mrs. Kroft added there will be a pot pie and cabbage slaw drive through sale this Saturday.
- The February and March calendars were reviewed. There were two additions. A carnival meeting on March 9th and Fire Company meeting on March 5th. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendars with the two additions. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Mayor Hernley thanked the fire department for manning the station during the recent snow event.

Douglas Ferry reported that there are two vehicles that have been sitting on Elmwood Drive for at least a year that need addressed. They make it hard to plow snow. Also, Top Dog had a truck and trailer parked there today so no emergency equipment would've been able to get through. Ms. Reed had already reported them to the police and was told they belong to one of the properties on Elmwood. During a snow emergency all vehicles are to be moved from the street so they could be towed during the next snow emergency.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga reported she will be in service on February 17th and 18th with PEMA. On February 21st the elected official's seminar will be held at York County office of emergency management. She will send new material out to those who are not attending.

Police Report – Mayor Hernley reported calls for December were up by 17 and the year-to-date total was up by 10 calls. There were two chief accommodations given out. Lt. Neidigh added staffing has been a challenge but there are three officers who have started the academy and will graduate in June. They have hired two officers that have prior police experience with possibly a third within the next few weeks. After these additions they will still be down one officer. The injured officer is doing well although he is not back to work but they are hopeful that he will be returning. The simulation training center was completed last week. This was sponsored by Inch & Co. and was put at the back of the range building on E. Canal Road. This will be available as a county-wide training center for all police departments in York County. They expect training to start in early spring. This came about after the active shooter incident at UPMC. A new mental health program started effective January 1, 2026, which will require all employees to have two mental health wellness checks per year. This has hit close to home after the incident in September resulting in the loss of three officers, and this is one way to address and deal with these situations. There are three options of providers for the employee to choose from.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Nothing to add.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski reported he has not heard back from Dutchland. The manhole project on the square is on hold, presumably waiting for permitting. Work will be done at night and could begin in March or April.

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report – Nothing to add.

Engineer's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold reported on the status of the Rutter's agreement. There was some previous discussion regarding when it was effective and if USTIF payments could continue. Rutter's believes this is the settlement of all claims and that nothing more would be paid. Since a USTIF payment was made they are requesting that it be deducted from the settlement. They added that DEP is no longer requiring any environmental covenants on the property which will add value to it. Mr. Herrold is recommending approval of the amended agreement. Ms. Snyder made a motion to ratify the agreement with Rutter's as discussed. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

President Sabold had questioned some of the invoices from Tom Wyatt. Mrs. Plowman will send them to Mr. Herrold for review.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Ms. Snyder thanked public works for all the hours they put in with the snowstorm. Mr. Neiman questioned if there are ways to improve the snow removal process. With the type of equipment the Borough has, there isn't much more they could do with the amount and type of snow we had.

Zoning Manager's Report – Ms. Snyder thanked Ms. Reed for being diligent with her work.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski is waiting on a land development plan for 76 Reservoir Drive. When that is received the Planning Commission will have a meeting. Also 22/24 W. Canal Street has not yet submitted their plans to the Zoning Hearing Board, but their attorney is working on them.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold followed up on a conversation of the next steps with a problem property on W Canal Street. The Judge can put different punishments in place. However, because the resident has pled guilty to the last two fines, it has not gone before the judge for that conversation. President Sabold commented that Ms. Reed has been doing a wonderful job trying to rectify a lot of issues but then runs into roadblocks. Mr. Herrold and Ms. Reed will discuss this further to file a type of complaint that will require them to come before the Judge. Mr. Herrold thanked the Council for being reappointed for another

year.

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 8 :00 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley commented on a few complaints he received from the snow event. He reported that Ross from Ross Industrial is retiring at the end of the month but is keeping the Borough on until the end of the year.

Ambulance Club Report - Nothing to add.

Secretary's Report - Nothing to add.

Treasurer's Report - Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the treasurers report as presented. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business - None

New Business - Ms. Snyder is working on the newsletter to go our March 1st with the water bills.

Ms. Snyder reported the Borough was awarded the DCNR grant she applied for to redo the walking path at Ketterman Park. This is a matching grant for \$145,500.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Snyder. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer