



TOWN OF DOVER MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA AT 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

A) CALL MEETING TO ORDER / SUNSHINE STATEMENT – Mayor Carolyn Blackman to call meeting to order and read the Sunshine Statement:

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. Notice of the meeting was sent to the Daily Record and Star Ledger on January 4, 2023, and published in the Record and Ledger on January 7, 2023. Notice of Special Meeting Date and Time was sent to the Daily Record and Star Ledger on December 6, 2023. Notice was also posted on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building.” These notices were sent within 48 hours prior to this meeting and were sent in sufficient time for the publications to publish them.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Carolyn Blackman to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C) ROLL CALL – Clerk to Conduct Roll Call:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Council Member Cruz			
Council Member Estacio			
Council Member Rugg			
Council Member Ruiz			
Council Member Santana			
Council Member Scarneo			
Council Member Tapia			
Council Member Wittner			
Mayor Blackman			

D) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E) REPORT OF COMMITTEES

F) PRESENTATIONS, MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE

G) ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

a) Ordinance 33-2023 Providing for the acquisition of a Pierce Triple Combination Pumper in and by the Town of Dover, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, appropriating \$543,829 and authorizing the issuance of \$517,829 Bonds or Notes of the Town to finance part of the cost thereof

H) ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

D) APPROVAL OF BILLS

J) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

1) CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

2) RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

K) OLD BUSINESS

L) NEW BUSINESS

1. New Business Item

2. Items Requested for Discussion by individual Aldermen

M) PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Town of Dover highly values the input of residents in making important decisions that affect the residents of our community. We also believe in the rights of residents to observe Council Meetings. To ensure that all of our residents have the opportunity to offer a comment, each statement/comment shall be held to a time of three (5) minutes.

All comments must include your name and residential address at the beginning of your comment.

Public comment portions of our agenda are not structured as question-and-answer sessions, but rather they are offered as opportunities to share your thoughts with the Mayor and Town Council. The Mayor and Council will attempt to engage in dialogue but may not be able to respond to all public comments. However, all comments are considered and will be investigated and addressed as appropriate.

If you have a question that we are unable to answer at the meeting, feel free to submit your questions to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, in writing, and include your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. The email address of the Clerk's Office is doverclerk@dover.nj.us. Questions will be answered within a reasonable time.

Please be courteous and mindful of the rights of others when providing comments. Comments may not be abusive, obscene, or threatening. All members of the public attending Mayor and Town Council meetings must treat each other and the Mayor and Council with respect. Individuals offering comments are not permitted to make personal attacks on any Town Employees, the Mayor or any Member of Town Government, other testifiers, or members of the public.

N) CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

O) ACTIONS CONSIDERED FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

P) ADJOURNMENT

33-2023

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PIERCE TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER IN AND BY THE TOWN OF DOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$543,829 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$517,829 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Town as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$543,829, including the sum of \$26,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$517,829 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of a Pierce triple combination pumper, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum aggregate amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof, together with the amount of bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued by Bond Ordinance #14-2021, finally adopted July 13, 2021 and \$250,000 appropriated therefor by Bond Ordinance #15-2022, finally adopted June 28, 2022.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$943,829, including \$150,000 appropriated therefor by Bond Ordinance #14-2021, finally adopted July 13, 2021 and \$250,000 appropriated therefor by Bond Ordinance #15-2022, finally adopted June 28, 2022 and the \$543,829 appropriated herein.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is

hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Town hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Town is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Town may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Town as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$517,829, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$45,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Town hereby declares the intent of the Town to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Town is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Town and to execute

such disclosure document on behalf of the Town. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Town pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Town and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Town fails to comply with its undertaking, the Town shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Town are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Town, and the Town shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Town for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.