



# **TOWN OF DOVER**

## **MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL**

### **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Town of Dover**

**July 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

**Zoom**

**Meeting ID 892 0483 2597, Passcode 962295**

**A) CALL MEETING TO ORDER / SUNSHINE STATEMENT** – Mayor James P. Dodd 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 Citizen on Thursday, July 10, 2025 and will be published in both papers on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. These notices were sent within 48 hours prior to this meeting and were sent in sufficient time for the publications to publish them. All notices were posted on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building as well as posted on the Town’s website. A copy of said notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

It should be noted that an interpreter is present if a resident should need one.

**B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor James P. Dodd to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**C) INVOCATION**

**D) ROLL CALL** – Clerk to Conduct Roll Call:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Council Member Estacio			
Council Member Rodriguez			
Council Member Santana			
Council Member Scarneo			
Council Member Tapia			
Council Member Toro			
Council Member Velez			
Council Member Wittner			
Mayor Dodd			

**E) PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**—Three minutes per person

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 right 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 (3) minutes.

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.

## **F) BUDGET**

### **ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:**

- a. Ordinance 20-2025 An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION:**

- a. Resolution 169-2025 Introduction of the 2025 Municipal Budget

## **G) ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

## **H) PUBLIC COMMENT—Three minutes per person**

## **I) ADJOURNMENT**



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**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2025**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Dover in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$251,708.58 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determine that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Dover, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Town of Dover shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$880,980.03, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Town of Dover be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Attest:

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Tara M. Pettoni, Municipal Clerk

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James P. Dodd, Mayor

**INTRODUCED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_



# **TOWN OF DOVER**

## **MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-2025**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE  
INTRODUCTION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that the 2025 Municipal Budget and this Resolution are hereby approved for introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the aforementioned Municipal Budget shall be scheduled for public hearing and consideration for possible adoption at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Dover on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of the 2025 Municipal Budget shall be published once in The Citizen, on the date specified in Sheet 2 of the 2025 Municipal Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Resolution in the budget sheet is hereby adopted by this resolution

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tara M. Pettoni, Municipal Clerk

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James P. Dodd, Mayor

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_