Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published to the *Beacon* and the *Asbury Park Press* stating the time, date and place of this meeting.

The following members of Council were in attendance: Keith Vreeland, Brian Martin, Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Mike Dupuis, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Martin announced the approval of an appropriation sponsored by Congressman Van Drew and signed by the President of the United States granting 4.5 million dollars for the restoration of a living shoreline on off of Little Egg Harbor Blvd. Details and timeframes will be forth coming. He is very excited about this project.

RESOLUTION #86-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #86-24 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$411,354.89. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #87-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING JENNIFER PLACE AS A DEPUTY TAX/UTILITY COLLECTOR

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #87-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated that the Public Works yard will be closed Friday, March 29, 2024.

RESOLUTION #88-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MONMOUTH TRUCK AN AUTHORIZED VENDOR OF SOURCEWELL NATIONAL PURCHASING CONTRACT #031121-TTC FOR A TORO ZERO TURN MOWER

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #88-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore gave an update on the progress that is happening at the All Wars Memorial Baseball Field; the infield mix has been delivered and distributed properly within the infield by Corliss and Sons who thankfully volunteered their services. The building has been renovated with donations of time and material from various different people. He then thanked the South Jersey Youth Baseball Organization for all their help with the project and can't wait to see the finished project.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meetings of March 2, 2024 and March 4, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #89-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING TYLER GALGANO AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #89-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #90-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #90-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #91-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #91-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #92-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

- Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #92-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.
- Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that the governing body accept with regrets the resignation of Carolyn Keen from the Tuckerton Environmental Commission. It was so moved.
- Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that the governing body approve and waive municipal fee for a raffle to be held on November 14, 2024 by the Tuckerton Library Association. It was so moved.
- Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive municipal fee for a raffle to be held on May 19, 2024, September 29, 2024 and December 8, 2024 by the Cervetto Craftsman Club. It was so moved. Mr. Dupuis abstained.
- Mr. Martin stated the Easter Egg Hunt at the Tuckerton Seaport will be March 23, 2024 10 am to 12 pm. Rain or Shine.
- Mr. Dupuis stated the Tuckerton Environmental Commission is in need of some volunteers and if anyone is interested in joining to please contact the Mayor. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be opened to the public.

Paul Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, asked council why the contracter did not finish the sidewalk in front of Paradise Cove after they were done with their work. He also asked why they only patched the road on Admiral. Mr. Solimani also wanted an update on the lease for the sign and stated that the PCUA and TBA will be donating a PA system to the Borough for the ballfield. Finally, he stated that he is happy about the funding they received for the spit of land however he feels Thompson's Creek was left out again.

Mr. Connors stated that he wants to have the lease sent out in a couple days so we can have the first reading of the ordinance at the next meeting.

Elaine, McClure, 199 Cedar Street, stated that she is a realtor in Tuckerton and believes that the property values in Paradise Cove will not go up until something with the creek changes. She understands that it is a hard task and it is no one's fault however she believes council really needs to focus on this.

Bob Challender, 68 Edgewater Drive, stated there has been new legislation introduced, and if anyone is interested in working with him, he is going to the Environmental and Budget Committees in the Senate to see if we can get this legislation pushed through the committees and on to the floor to vote. He also stated that when the county took over the property near Paradise Cove, they put a black fence in with a bunch of signs that say no unauthorized entry, but when he called the county about it they said it really only applied to ATV's, etc. Finally he stated that the PCUA will be holding a cleanup for Earth Day on April 20th if anyone is interested in joining. He stated that he already cleaned up some of the brush and other stuff but the area around the fence still looks bad. He also wants to know who is going to be responsible for mowing around that area and if the County will deliver mulch to us.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that the fence is the county's responsibility.

Kaylyn Ullman, 239 South Green Street, asked if the Borough has spent any money on the ballfield because when she was on different committees in town she was told there was no money. She also asked what happened to the pickle ball courts.

Mr. D'Amore stated that the Borough just put out money for the soil and that they were advised against doing pickle ball courts there.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that when the ballfield was donated to the Borough it was specified to keep as a ballfield.

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There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the public portion of the meeting be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Approved:

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK
SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR