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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on April 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Complex.

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, John Schwartz, Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Mike Santo, Ron Peterson and Mayor Susan R. Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mayor Marshall presented to the Tuckerton Branch of the Ocean County Library's Liberian a proclamation designating April 7 – April 13, 2019 as Library Week.

Mr. Vreeland explained he sent to the legislative committee a draft for the ordinance on evasive plants for the Borough of Tuckerton.

Mr. Schwartz stated this evening the Borough Mayor and Council will introduce an ordinance increasing the water and sewer rates annually by \$53.29 and approve the 2019 Municipal Budget which will be a 3.8 cent increase to the municipal portion of the tax bill. The biggest reason for the increases this year is due to the overage of sewer that is treated by the Ocean County Utility Authority and the last time there was a rate increase was in 2015.

Mr. Schwartz than stated the application for dredging along with a check for \$31,000 was delivered to the DEP and wanted to thank the Mayor and Council specifically Mayor Marshall and Councilman Colangelo, Nedeane Maddox, Chairman of the Waterways Commission, Jenny Gleghorn, Administrator/Clerk and Greg Kuri from Owen Little and Associates for all the hard work they have done to make sure this project is underway. From this point forward we have to wait and see what the DEP and Armory Core of Engineers do, but this is a huge step forward.

ORDINANCE #3 OF 2019

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 249 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON ENTITLED " WATER AND SEWERS" SO AS TO REVISE THE ANNUAL RATES

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Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #3 of 2019 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading/public hearing for April 15, 2019. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Schwartz, Colangelo, D’Amore, Santo, Peterson; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

ORDINANCE #4 OF 2019

CALENDAR YEAR 2019 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #4 of 2019 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading/public hearing for April 15, 2019. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Schwartz, Colangelo, D’Amore, Santo, Peterson; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #79-19, introducing the 2019 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Tuckerton and scheduling the public hearing and adoption of the budget for May 6, 2019, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #80-19

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

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #80-19 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$371,555.46. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced the next hazardous waste disposal scheduled in the area is June 1, 2019; the Public Works yard will be opened Sundays beginning April 7, 2019 and the TEC’s adopt-a-highway program has two cleanups scheduled April 27th and May 25th please see him if anyone is interested.

Mr. Colangelo than congratulated Mayor Marshall for being appointed as the 2nd Vice President to the Ocean County Mayor’s Association

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RESOLUTION #81-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BEACH HAVEN BOROUGH FOR PUBLIC
WORKS/WATER AND SEWER EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #81-19 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore stated he has been monitoring/checking on the buildings and grounds located within the Borough of Tuckerton and he wanted to state that John Bethanis and the Public Works Department are doing a great job maintaining these places. He also stated they have gotten through the winter and did a wonderful job and he is looking forward to spring and seeing what a wonderful job they will do then.

Mr. Santo read the Construction Report and the Fire Department Report for the month of March 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meetings of March 18, 2019 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson congratulated Mayor Marshall on her appointment in the Mayors Association.

Mayor Marshall announced the Open House at the Tuckerton Library is April 25, 2019 and the special speakers will be Gretchen Coyle and Deborah Whitcraft.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body accept the letter of resignation from Brooke Salvanto from the Pride and Celebration Committee. It was so moved.

RESOLUTION #82-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE
TUCKERTON BOROUGH PRIDE AND
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

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Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #82-19 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the governing body approve a raffle application for the Episcopal Church Woman of the Holy Spirit for May 7, 2019 and waiver of Municipal Fee. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve a raffle application for the Improved Order of Redman for April 21, 2019 and waiver of Municipal Fee. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Colangelo abstained from voting.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve an instant raffle application for the Improved Order of Redman for 2019 and waiver of Municipal Fee. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Colangelo abstained from voting.

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

Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper/Leader asked to explain what the increase in the utility rates and tax rate would mean for the residents of the Borough.

It was explained that the Utility Rate will increase annually by \$53.29 so that equates to \$13.32 a quarter increase and the tax rate would equate to a \$70 annual increase on an average (\$214,195.12) assessed home.

Nedean Maddox, member of the TEC, EDC and Chairman of Waterways Commission stated she has been going to meetings about the beneficial use of dredge material and what the Commission would like to see as a beneficial use and the powers that be have been listening and not saying no; which is a good thing for the Borough and the future of dredging and partnering with Barnegat Bay to get funding for these future projects.

Peter Gioello, 385 Kingfisher Rd, thanked everyone for the submittal of the dredging permit to the DEP and asked if there is a time line as to when the Borough would receive notification from the DEP and/or Army Core of Engineers.

It was explained that the DEP at one point stated it would be a 30 day turnaround time, but this point we cannot give a time line as we are at the mercy of them.

John Zubrinski, 707 South Green Street, stated the Borough is going to be in a serious situation because the parking issues happening at Sheltered Cove Marina, he further explained that people are parking on the side of the South Green Street creating a

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traffic concern and liability. He doesn't understand how the Land Use Board could have approved them not putting in sidewalks in front of the building which would have stopped this traffic issue. He is hoping the Borough can do something about this to prevent something bad from happening.

The governing body will look into the situation and make the Police Department aware as well.

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**