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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on March 6, 2023 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, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Martin stated that the Tuckerton Elementary School will be hosting a clothing drive this Saturday from 8am – 12pm and none of the clothes collected will be shredded. They will all be going to local thrift stores.

RESOLUTION #66-23

**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 #66-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$45,681.32. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #67-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
CANCELLATION OF TAX TITLE LIEN NO. 22-
00073**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #67-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #68-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX
COLLECTOR TO REFUND**

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #68-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated that the Public Works Yard will be open on Sundays again starting April 2nd. Furthermore, they will be open on Easter but not Good Friday (April 7th). He also stated that Daylight Savings time will be March 12th and that if anyone has any questions on the Document Shredding Program or Hazardous Waste Program, both flyers are on the Borough website with more information.

RESOLUTION #69-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING PERMIT ON KINGFISHER ROAD FOR BLOCK 112 LOT 19 AND GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 229-15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #69-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the minutes of the meetings from February 21, 2023 be approved. It was so moved by unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #70-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE FY 23 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #70-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson Read the monthly activity report for the Police Department for the month of February 2023. A copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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Mayor Marshall summarized and email she received stating that they were able to capture, spay/neuter and release three cats from Clay Street and she believes that this is a good thing.

RESOLUTION #71-23

**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 #71-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin stated that the Borough is not on the agenda for the March 1st meeting to discuss funding for Landyard Lagoon because the DEP has not given us the paperwork for the extension. He continued that everything else is in order to receive funding and he is going to the County on Thursday to get everything together.

Mr. Peterson stated that the Economic Development Committee and the Pride and Celebration Committee are collaborating on Tuckerton Day which will be October 7th, 2023 from 12pm-4pm at Tip Seaman Park. He stated that there will be activities, food, and a car show.

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

Paul Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, stated that he has received a lot of information on Thompson's Creek and wants to thank everyone because it's been a long battle. He continued that the petition is going well and that Assemblyman Rumpf will be coming to the next PCUA meeting. He asked if the Thompson's Creek dredging permit is going to expire soon and stated that he does not believe Council thinks it will happen. Mr. Solimani also states that they have a sign for Paradise Cove and needs to know if they need a permit to install it. Finally, he stated that he believes cannabis retail would be good for the town.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that she believes the permit does not expire until 2024 and the Borough cannot get an extension until then.

Mr. Martin stated that he takes offense to Mr. Solimani stating that Council does not think the dredging will happen at Thompson's Creek and stated that they are always looking for ways to make it happen.

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Kaylyn Ullman, 239 South Green Street, thanked everyone for coming out to the composting event at the Library, it was very successful and wants to plan another. She continued by reading a letter stating how cannabis will really help the town in many ways.

Charles, Jersey Shore Extracts, LLC, stated that he is the co-founder of Jersey Shore Extracts and would like to give some facts on cannabis. He stated that there is no recent research that has shown that cannabis will increase crime in towns. He also stated that cannabis has led to a drop in opioid addictions because cannabis is an exit drug not a gateway drug. He continued to state that research shows that people on average spend \$150 when going to a cannabis retailer. He asked Council what steps have they taken so far to change the ordinance.

Mr. Colangelo stated that he personally is still researching and meeting with other municipalities to see what has worked with their towns.

Mr. Vreeland stated that they have a group looking into it and they are not sitting around doing nothing.

Michael Gremling, 297 Great Bay Blvd., stated that he has been meeting with a lawyer in regards to a property in town to also sell cannabis and is concerned because he is putting a lot of money into this. He stated that its time for Council to make a decision.

Mr. Martin stated that he believes that the residents argument is based off of anti-marijuana and he believes that it should not matter if you are or are not anti-marijuana he is looking at it from a revenue standpoint. He continues that it will help with the Borough's Bond rating. He also stated that there are a lot of factors to consider as where the town should allow it because we are a smaller Borough. Finally he stated its going to be a slow process.

Mr. Peterson stated that they also have to take into account the residents' opinion as a whole.

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**