

**BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Tuesday – January 5, 2021**

1. Call Meeting to Order – *Mayor Sue Marshall*
2. Flag Salute – *Mayor Sue Marshall*
3. Open Public Meeting Act Statement - *Secretary*

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Borough of Tuckerton was hereby called to order at 7pm. Notice of this meeting is in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press.

4. Swearing in of Robert Perotti – *Mayor Sue Marshall*
5. Roll Call / Attendance - *Secretary*

	Danielle Corso	Matt Edson	Renee Gioiello	Jon Miller	Rob Perotti
Present	X	X	X	X	X
Absent					

Also In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson
Present	X	X
Absent		

*****Re-Organization*****

6. Nomination of Chairman:

Jon Miller, no other nominations.

Roll Call - *Secretary*

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Danielle Corso	X			
	X	Matt Edson	X			
		Renee Gioiello	X			
		Jon Miller			X	
X		Rob Perotti	X			

7. Nomination of Vice Chairman:

Mr. Perotti was nominated however declined. After a brief discussion, Mr. Edson was nominated. There were no other nominations.

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		Danielle Corso	X			
		Matt Edson			X	
		Renee Gioiello	X			
X		Jon Miller	X			
	X	Rob Perotti	X			

Recording of Hours (from October 7, 2020 thru present):

Danielle Corso - 4 Matt Edson – 10 Renee Gioiello – 8 Jon Miller – 8 Rob Perotti – 20

Approval of Minutes – October 6, 2020:

Mr. Edson made a motion to approve the October 6, 2020 minutes; the motion was second by Ms. Gioiello. With one (1) abstention from Ms. Corso, all were in favor, no opposed.

Old Business:

Chairman Jon Miller welcomed everyone and gave a brief summary of where the Committee left off on October. We are still in the middle of COVID. Matt Edson mentioned at the last meeting the committee had a discussion with regard to the frequency the committee would meet, whether monthly, bimonthly or quarterly. The mayor stated that the council meeting when they had the reorganization meeting, they established the meeting dates for the year, and this is the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of a couple of months. If in the future the committee would like to change that she suggested speaking with the clerk and it may have to be presented to council. Mr. Miller stated it isn't that the committee doesn't want to meet once a month, it is that we have a legitimate concern with COVID and the lack of any projects and the frequency of interjecting with people. Councilman Peterson stated if there wasn't a need for the committee to meet, the meeting could just be canceled. Ms. Corso asked if the meetings had to be in person or if they could be held electronically. The Mayor spoke of the council meetings being held remotely by something other than Zoom. She further stated that other committees just canceled their meetings. A conversation continued with regard to meeting via Zoom or other method. Chairman Miller stated he would speak with the borough administrator.

New Business:

Mr. Miller stated this is when we would be spending the next four months working on "Restaurant Week". This isn't going to happen. A conversation occurred with regard to working with the Chamber of Commerce, and perhaps inviting them to our meeting. Mr. Edson gave a report on the Seaport and the water ferry. He stated the boat is finished for the year but there are sail dates in April and Mother's Day which they are already planning for the ferry. They are hoping to be able to increase capacity by then. He thinks for the first time this year, they are going to put the White Cap in. That is the 1923 restored sailboat. It's pretty cool, it was made up in Toms River many, many years ago and then completely refurbished. It was about a quarter-million dollars rehab, building this thing

brand new. It is basically a brand new 1923 - 38' wooden sailboat. They are going to start doing trips on that this summer. Mr. Miller asked if it was owned by the Seaport, and Mr. Edson stated it is. Nobody has wanted to sail it before, so he will be captaining that boat this year. They are going to try to do six (6) person trips. A conversation occurred with regard to the Water Ferry routes and stops this year. Mr. Edson stated there is a new board this year and all suggestions are welcome. He will take all suggestions to the board. There are some plans as of July for the Seaport to try to start doing outdoor festivals tentatively again depending upon what the rules are then. A discussion also occurred about a bike share/rental program. Mr. Edson stated they do transport bikes on the ferry, but it is limited.

Members Forum: Ms. Corso spoke about social media. It's a way the committee could reach people with the committee's mission etc. Mr. Miller stated the EDC doesn't have a Facebook or a presence on it. Mr. Miller asked Ms. Corso if she would be comfortable to set it up and market it. Ms. Corso stated she would gladly take it on.

Public Forum:

A motion was made by Jon Miller and second by Rob Perotti to open the public forum; all in favor. Councilman Peterson talked about a "Marina Weekend" event. A conversation with regard to this type of event was held. A motion was made by Danielle Corso and second by Matt Edson to close the public forum; all in favor.

Approval of Secretary Services:

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Danielle Corso	X			
X		Matt Edson	X			
	X	Renee Gioiello	X			
		Jon Miller	X			
		Rob Perotti	X			

Adjournment – Chairman at 8:14 PM

Motion by Renee Gioiello, second by Danielle Corso, all in favor-none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

April D. Elley, EDC Secretary