BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Monday – December 4, 2023

Prior to the start of the meeting Mayor Marshall administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Tuckerton Borough Economic Development Committee members Pete Gioiello, Dave Shaffer, and Chuck Watson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM followed by the Open Public Meeting Act statement and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

	Pete Gioiello	Marcella Klein	Michael Leising	Jon Miller	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
Present	X			X	X	X
Absent		X	X			

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson	Councilman Brian Martin
Present	X	X	X
Absent			

Recording of Hours:

Pete Gioiello – 8 Marcella Klein – Absent Michael Leising – Absent   Jon Miller – 15
Dave Shaffer – 6 Chuck Watson - 5

Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2023

Mr. Gioiello made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023. The motion was second by Mr. Watson. All in favor; none opposed.

Open Public Forum

Mr. Gioiello made a motion to open public forum. The motion was second by Mr. Watson. All in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Miller welcomed all in attendance and stated we changed the order of the agenda so people in attendance could participate throughout the meeting. Mr. Miller welcomed Mr. Dennis Deevy of NJ Multimedia. Mr. Deevy spoke about his proposal to the town to upgrade the municipal website. He spoke of each committee's involvement and the security involved. The committee thanked Mr. Deevy and expressed their optimism with the creation of a new website. The Chairman then welcomed Mr. Ken Trainer. He introduced himself not as a business owner but a resident. He was concerned with the bringing of businesses and the increasing traffic the safety of the pedestrians crossing in certain areas. The committee assured Mr. Trainer that they understand his concerns however this concern should be brought to the governing body at their council meeting. In addition, Councilman Peterson

mentioned he had a meeting with the police chief and everyone is aware of the pedestrian safety. Mr. Trainer also stated there is money available from the state to fund certain improvements. Councilman Martin stated Pride & Celebration had Ye Ole Christmas in Tuckerton yesterday. He mentioned everyone he spoke deemed it successful and said it was great. He further mentioned moving forward in partnership with EDC it would be nice to see more businesses get involved. He stated, the businesses he spoke with are excited for next year so it is our hope to have more participation and make this bigger. Mr. Martin stated Pride & Celebration is talking about a Christmas walk next year with closing Water Street. The EDC members were very receptive of this idea, and made suggestions in support of this. Mr. Gioiello stated he would like to see a town calendar with all the events.

Close Public Forum:
Mr. Gioiello made a motion to close public forum. The motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. All in favor; none opposed.

Members Forum:
Chairman Miller called on Mr. Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer stated last meeting there were a lot of good ideas. In order to help the committee get organized, he handed out notecards and asked for each to come up with three ideas, and write one idea per card. Mr. Shaffer organized the cards. Ideas on cards were for utilizing Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton Day, Summer Concerts, Easter Egg activity hunt etc. Mr. Gioiello mentioned he planned on approaching businesses and telling them of our plans and ask if they might be interested. Mr. Gioiello would like each EDC member to approach five (5) businesses.

Approval Payment for Secretary Services

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Pete Gioiello	X			
		Marcella Klein				X
		Michael Leising				X
		Jon Miller	X			
		Dave Shaffer	X			
	X	Chuck Watson	X			

Adjournment – 6:23 PM
Mr. Watson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Mr. Gioiello. All in favor; none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:
April D. Elley, EDC Secretary