

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
AUG 14 2018**

Chairperson, Jon Miller, called the Tuckerton Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, AUG 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

The following members were in attendance:  
Jon Miller, Tim Hart, Nedean Maddox, Rob Perotti

Jon Miller led the salute to the flag.

**MINUTES:**

Tim Hart moved, seconded by Rob Perotti that the JULY 2018, meeting minutes be approved. It was so moved by a unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee at 7:10 PM.

Nedean Maddox abstained, she was absent at the July meeting

**RECORDING OF HOURS:**

LOGGED HOURS: To be posted on the FY2018 for the month of AUGUST are as follows: Economic Development Committee recognizes their members' donation of time and knowledge for studies and research along with attendance of monthly meetings and available workshops /seminars.

Tim Hart	6.0	Nedean Maddox	8.0
Jon Miller	16.0	Rob Perotti	16.0

### **CHAIRMAN'S FORUM:**

Chairperson, Jon Miller, reviewed the Water-Ferry project and "Restaurant Week" proposed event

Mr. Miller reported he and Rob Perotti met with Jack Mallon, Tuckerton Board Engineer and Planner, to discuss the Economic Redevelopment Zone . There are extreme instances in need of repair , and will not fit into the master plan at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The ship for the Water- Ferry project is expected to be completed by early September . There are many people anticipated, interested for the maiden voyage , they may hold two separate maiden voyages. They have investigated for a larger boat holding 40 people, the cost is an additional \$30,000; the current vessel holds 28 persons.

The Water-Ferry will be used for Eco-Tourism in the fall and will be active 7 days a week all summer. When not traveling back and forth to Beach Haven, they anticipate heavy utilization for the Eco -tours. When the county writes the grant it should be indicated for student hours along with the Water-Ferry, this will produce positive feedback, reported Tim Hart.

It was discussed that the ferry will operate free of charge . There is

consideration for a \$10 reservation fee which will include free admission to the Tuckerton Seaport . They anticipate 22 seats available for reservations and 6-8 seats for a first-come-first-serve basis

Jon Miller, Chairperson, announced that Jack Mallon from T&M Associates , the Borough Engineer, has officially resigned from the land use board due to health reasons

Jon Miller stated that he and Rob Perotti spoke to Jack Mallon about the rundown Main Street. Extreme circumstances, however were quite different that included building up a landfill. Rob stated he would like to do a follow-up discussion with the mayor of Beach Haven.

Rob suggested petitioning the D.O.T. for on-street parking and lowering the speed limit

Jon Miller announced he will be attending the land use board meeting and will ask for their support with the Economic Redevelopment Zone. He will explore interest in lowering the speed limit from the lake to the Grapevine Restaurant . The meeting is on Thursday.

Jon anticipates some controversy, as Route #9 is a major artery, and they must conduct traffic studies. They must also document that other towns along Route #9 have a 25 mile an hour speed limit.

Jon Miller stated our goal for Restaurant Week is anticipated early spring time frame. Nearby towns such as Red Bank, Margate and Ventnor sponsor one in March and April

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Rob Perotti made a motion to open Public Forum, Nedean Maddox

seconded the motion.

Ron Peterson, Councilperson liaison for EDC was in attendance

Councilman Peterson inquired about the feasibility of retaining additional vendors at the Seaport to locate inside of the empty buildings, in comparison with the Historic Town of Smithville

Tim Hart related this has been an ongoing debate. They now rent to the Union Market and Gallery, locally owned and promote community events such as farmers market and hand-made crafts; the Seaport currently has a blacksmith on location, and in the fall will have a full-time glassblower. The glass blower and blacksmith provide a service and in return have access to the buildings. This creates more interest and draw for tourism market.

The seaport has had several discussions with Rutgers University to use one of their buildings as a dormitory. They are exploring options including summer camp for Marine Science Education, replied Tim Hart

Tim also discussed the Seaport has offered the Tuckerton Historical Society property to hold their events and has looked into other Environmental groups to come set up and partner with the Seaport.

Rob Perotti made a motion to close Public Forum, motion seconded by Nedeane Maddox.

**INVOICE:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Rob Perotti to approve the invoice for Secretarial Services to Susan Maguire, for \$75 for the month of AUGUST. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of the Economic Development Committee.

**ADJOURN:**

Nedean Maddox moved, seconded by Rob Perotti that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Maguire, Secretary  
Economic Development Committee