

OCTOBER 4, 2021

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on October 4, 2021 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, Brian Martin, Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Suzanne Taylor, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Martin explained the Borough will be received 100% of its State Aid because we scored 95% on the Best Practice Survey given by the State of New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #150-21

**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 #150-21 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$93,917.37. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council

RESOLUTION #151-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL
CERTIFICATION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL
AUDIT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #151-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council. He also wanted to congratulate Garrett Loesch, CFO for having a perfect audit (no comments) for the 2020 year.

Mr. Colangelo reminded residents the Public Works Yard will be closed on 10/11/2021 for the observance of Columbus Day.

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Mr. D'Amore read the Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Departments monthly report for September 2021, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2021 be approved. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Vreeland abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION #152-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY ASSESSING LIEN UPON
DWELLINGS OR LANDS FOR PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO BOROUGH
ORDINANCE §103-2 AND PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A.
40:48-1.14**

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #152-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #153-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY ADOPTING REVISIONS TO THE
BOROUGH'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES MANUAL AND THE EMPLOYEE
HANDBOOK**

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #153-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson read the Police Report for the months of August and September 2021; a copy of which, is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mayor Marshall announced the Halloween Walk will be Friday October 29, 2021 at the Tuckerton Seaport.

Mrs. Taylor stated the Environmental Commission will have a roadway clean up on October 23, 2021 beginning at the complex at 8 am with a rain date of October 24, 2021 and there will be a guest speaker at the October 14, 2021 meeting.

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

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street, stated two Borough police officers responded to an emergency call at her residences and they were outstanding and thanked the Chief of Police, she asked if there was any answers to her concerns from the last Council meeting regarding the incidents involving the Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Departments Chief and President. She further went on to ask about Emergency Responder certifications, she had heard that Mr. Eggert no longer is in possession of an EMT certification, so how can the fire department running EMS calls without that certification. She feels the Borough is relying on other departments to handle all emergency responses because of the issues happening in the department which is concerning.

Mrs. Sweeney than shared an article about Maple Shade in 2012 and how they handled going with another fire department because of response times and staffing.

Mr. Connors explained the Mayor and Council do not have an answer at this moment regarding her questions from the last meeting; however there is an investigation going on and once we have all the answers we will share it with the public.

Carolyn Keen, Curlew Road stated there has been some issues on Curlew Road because of the water and sewer project after this job is complete the properties will be put back to pre-existing conditions?

Mrs. Gleghorn explained yes that will happen.

Frank Fehn. Curlew Road stated he applauds the volunteers of our town, but he is concerned we spent one million dollars for a fire truck that is not being used and is the volunteers properly trained on how to use this truck. If certifications are not current then how are we assured the fire department members are trained properly on the new fire truck? He then asked how many times the truck has been used because that is a large amount of money for it only be used one or two times.

Dale Eggert, TFD Chief, stated he assumes Mrs. Sweeney is talking about him and his EMT certification and he explained all the paperwork is in to the State of New Jersey for his renewal and Covid extension and he is just waiting on them to put it through the system. As for the fire truck all members have been trained on the truck and it has been used once in the Borough and he doesn't feel there is a price tag that can be placed on the safety of residents in the Borough.

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.

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Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was unanimously approved at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**