

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on November 2, 2020 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, Sam Colangelo, Brian Martin, Frank D'Amore, Suzanne Taylor, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Sue Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Marty Volz, ReClam the Bay, presented to the Mayor and Council a request for placing an upweller that allows for the growth of clams at the South Green Street Park. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. The governing body is very interested in this project and will get back with him.

RESOLUTION #173-20

**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 #1-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$49,120.76. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #174-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A BID FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A TRASH TRUCK FLOOR LINER
KIT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #174-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #175-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, TO CANCEL EXCESS CHARGES
FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #175-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council.

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the meeting be opened to the public.

Daryl Mercantint, asked why the assessment is not based on the length of the property along the water, when the State of New Jersey dredges Tuckerton Creek will this include the mouth of the lagoons and why the town saved money to do the dredging hadn't.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that someone on a lagoon regardless of where and how much waterfront they have, have to get out of the lagoon to get to their destination so it is beneficial to all equally so the assessment is equal across the board, the Borough cannot speak for the State and State budget laws do not allow for saving of tax payer money for projects within the current budget.

Peter Gioello, 358 Kingfisher Road asked the Council where are with the vote on the dredging, since the East Side was a 50/50 split, it has been a month already and the project needs to get moving.

Ron Peterson stated he was waiting to see what the other two votes were going to be because some costs could be shared.

Brian Martin explained he too wanted to wait for the other sections of the vote and also review what the majority wanted to happen on the east side, actually look at the no returns and to get the feel from the people if they want the assessment.

Mr. Gioello asked when Council feels they will have an answer.

Mayor Marshall stated maybe in two weeks.

John Zubrinski, 707 South Green Street, stated he feels the east side vote is not 50/50 there was more no then yes; therefore the assessment should be a no go. He then

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stated he was a little concerned that the governing body has the ability to do a special assessment on any project this wish to do, how could that be, how can we afford a fire truck when we are not saving for the paving of our roads and our infrastructure.

Mr. D'Amore explained the fire truck was a much needed piece of equipment, after all the homes being raised in the beach area especially and this truck a great investment to the town. And I understand there other departments, but why would we want to rely on other departments to get man power in an emergency situation, the fire truck is part of the infrastructure of this town and a key piece of equipment.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the town cannot save for a what if, there is state laws put in place for emergency situations and also for the improvements projects that way the current budget is not increased greatly creating a tax burden on the residents.

Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper/Leader stated she recently heard the property owned by Mr. Hartley on South Green Street was bought by the County and wanted to know if the Borough helped with the purchase as well.

The Borough did not.

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 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**