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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on November 1, 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, Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Suzanne Taylor, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

ORDINANCE #14 OF 2021

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION ON BLOCK 116, LOT 63 FROM FELICE AND TERESA RIZZO IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Ordinance #14 of 2021 be approved as read. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Colangelo, D'Amore, Taylor, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – Martin

RESOLUTION #156-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #156-21 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$639,806.20. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #157-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE CASH PERFORMANCE BOND GUARANTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FOR A TRENCH OPENING PERMIT ON 4 ADMIRAL DRIVE

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Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #157-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo reminded residents that the Public Works Yard will be closed on November 2, 2021 and November 11, 2021 for holidays.

RESOLUTION #158-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING PERMIT ON HERON ROAD FOR BLOCK 113, LOT 92 AND GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 229-15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #158-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2021 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #159-21

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A COURT RECORDER FOR THE BOROUGH COURT

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #159-21 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall announced the Borough received a grant from New Jersey DOT in the amount of \$286,000 for Third Avenue and Lake Street.

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

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street, stated she received a phone call from Councilman D'Amore asking if she wanted to meet to go over the answers to her questions regarding the Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Company, she responded by wanting the answers to be reviewed in public forum at the Council meeting.

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Mr. D'Amore read a lengthy statement which included the current line officers information and a response on how disciplinary action is handled within the fire department and not through the Borough Council. I copy of the document is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mrs. Sweeney asked where the Borough is with the audit/investigation of the fire department and who is performing the task. She further stated there are many certified fire fighters within the Borough of Tuckerton who want to join the Tuckerton Fire Department, but are denied applications for membership or they are afraid to be bullied by Mr. Eggert and she feels Council needs to address that.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that the Borough Council has to adhere to the Local Public Contract Laws so she is seeking different quotations, but the governing body would like to hire an outside source to come in and basically do what the Police Accreditation does and create protocols and standards that must be met.

Mr. Connors stated that the individuals who are not given applications for membership should come forward to the governing body so that it can be handled accordingly with the administration of the Tuckerton Fire Department.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, presented pictures of curlew road and is concerned about the scope of the work on the crown of the road because some residents cannot get through. She also stated that all the workers are very respectful and working very hard.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that eventually the whole road will be pitched and raised. The engineer exams each property to make sure it is pitched and raised correctly. She continued to say that unfortunately it will get uglier before it gets better because of the fact that the sewer is under the water system so the plans must change a little.

Peter Gioello, 358 Kingfisher Road, presented pictures of the stone revetment project on Little Egg Harbor Blvd. from this past weekend's extremely high tide and stated the Borough really needs to look for further funds to continue that project out farther or else the dredging will be a waste of funds because the silt will just come back.

Mrs. Gleghorn agreed and stated that the Borough is going out for the BRIC grant that hopefully will help us with this. The Borough needs to prove that the infrastructure is at risk, so she and BRS have been getting data together for the application that is due Nov. 30th.

Mr. Gioello also asked about the check valves and possibly using them for the projects the town is working on.

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Mr. Vreeland stated that he is talking to the sales and engineers for the check valves to get more information.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that the Public Works Supervisor has also taken pictures to document the difference between the roads that do have check valves and the roads that do not and have determined the valves do not work as well as they should.

Mr. Gioello finally asked for an update for Landyard Lagoon and also wanted to compliment the workers down at Tuckerton Beach.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that the permits are in, we are just waiting for the state. She believes we are still on the same timeline though. She also wanted to give everyone a heads up that there will be an amendment to the special assessment ordinance at our next meeting, so we will still have the public hearing but it will not be adopted until the December 6th meeting.

Tom Eagan, 391 Kingfisher Road, wants to know when things will get better on Kingfisher Road because it is really bad right now.

Mr. Peterson, agrees that it is bad down there. He stated that once the black top is on it should be better.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that once the work is started it should be a quick fix however the work probably will not start until around March or so.

Jeff Peterson, 320 Kingfisher Road, wants to follow up on concerns he has about his new driveway and what the Borough will be doing if it gets damaged due to the construction. He also stated that the sidewalks on Green Street could use some attention, there are trees hanging really low.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that when the time comes, the engineer will talk to your contractor to make sure that the repairs to your driveway match up.

John Zubrinski, 707 South Green Street, feels he continues to bring the governing body issues and nothing ever gets done, he doesn't understand why the Borough does not have any money to fix sidewalks especially after the money Shelter Cove has provided for sidewalks. He also wants to know why the Mayor and Council bend over backwards for Sheltered Cove. We pick up a huge amount of trash from them and he cannot understand why the town does not enforce them to do private trash collection. The residents of Tuckerton should not have to pay for commercial properties to get trash collection.

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Melissa Evans, 97 Fairway Drive, stated at the end of Fairway Drive the guardrail and the land underneath of it is slowly falling into Thompsons Creek and she is concerned and asked what the town is doing to fix it.

Mr. Colangelo explained the governing body awarded a bid to install a bulkhead a while ago but because of the current economic situation supplies are taking long to get in causing a delay in the project. Once the supplies are in the bulk header will be there to fix the issue.

Chris Volz, 265 Heron Road, asked what is going to be done about the huge puddle near Heron and Little Egg Harbor.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that that area is not covered in this contract but the town is continuing to monitor it.

Matt Burtis, 154 Clay Street, stated he is one of the individuals that the Tuckerton Fire Department refused an application to rejoin to.

Mayor and Council stated they will look into the issue.

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 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**