

**NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

Mayor Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on November 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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, Mayor Marshall, Frank D'Amore, Mike Dupuis, and Ron Peterson.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Martin presented pictures from the Landyard Lagoon project and gave an update on their progress.

Mr. Martin read a statement regarding the fire company and the ongoing agreement negotiations. He asked for a motion to have the leadership of the fire department resign. Mr. Peterson moved, seconded by Mr. D'Amore. It was so moved. Mr. Dupuis abstained.

Mr. Martin also told everyone to go out and vote.

**RESOLUTION #159-23**

**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 #159-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$1,417,943.25. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated that the Public Works yard will be closed 11/7, 11/11, 11/23 and 11/24. He also stated that the Public Works yard will be closed on Sundays starting in early December and will open back up in April. Finally, he stated that there will be fire hydrant flushing until the end of November which may result in low water pressure.

Mr. Dupuis moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the minutes of the meetings for October 16, 2023. It was so moved.

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**RESOLUTION #160-23**

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

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #160-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis stated that Atlantic City Electric has been going around notifying the community that they will be switching to smart meters however they did not give anyone the option to opt out and he has an issue with this. He believes that they are going to double charge for meter readings and is hesitant because anything with the internet can be hacked. He has contacted the Board of Utilities and expressed his concerns with them. He stated that if peoples' meters have not been changed yet you can call the electric company and if they already have been changed they should call and complain.

Mr. Peterson stated that he is excited to have three new people joining the Economic Development Committee.

**RESOLUTION #161-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #161-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #162-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH PRIDE AND CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #162-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall told everyone to go vote.

**RESOLUTION #163-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS  
OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #163-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin stated that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 6:30pm on Thanksgiving and everyone can meet at the Stewart's parking lot.

Mr. Martin also stated that Ye Olde Christmas in Tuckerton will be on December 3rd and there will be horse rides, a live nativity, an art open house, clam chowder, and vendors.

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

Bob Challender, 68 Edgewater Drive, stated that he appreciates the movement with the fire department but wants to know if anyone ever thought about splitting the fire department and the EMS into two separate issues. He remembers a couple meetings ago about the woman who brought up an incident that happened at Retro Fitness a couple weeks ago and believed our EMS could have helped.

Mayor Marshall stated that we are covered by Great Bay EMS.

Justin Way, Fourth Ave, asked if Atlantic City Electric needs permits to put in the smart meters. He also stated that he believes the EMS is a big issue and he waited for over an hour for them to show up before. Finally he asked Council about missing money in the tax office.

Mr. Dupuis stated that the Electric Company does not need permits.

Mayor Marshall stated that she does not know anything about money missing.

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Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terr., brought up many issues in the town regarding money missing, council not living in town, and the ongoing negotiations with the fire department. He expresses his disappointment in the council and asked Mr. Martin about quotes in the newspaper.

Mr. Martin stands by everything he says in the paper.

Dale Eggert, 129 Railroad Ave, expressed his concern about why anyone would want to volunteer in this town when council is running the fire department out. He stated his issue with the time frame of the agreement getting back to the fire company.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Eggert discuss back and forth regarding the fire departments status.

Mr. D'Amore stated that the conversation he had with Don Nelson was about the Borough being covered not about Mr. Eggert's certifications.

Kareem Wakins, Little Egg Harbor Township, asked if anyone has served as a firefighter, if anyone knows how long it takes for a fire to double in size, and if anyone has called for fire services. He stated it took them 12 minutes to arrive on scene at the fire last week. He asked Dale if he could help and he said he beat four other towns there. Something has to be done.

Ellen McDowell, Attorney for Tuckerton Fire CO. 1, stated that she wants to take a step back. No one made any demands, it was just a part of negotiations. She does not think it is fair to say that the fire company is stalling because of how long it took the Borough to send her an agreement. She wants everyone to stay calm and wants to make it known that the fire company has no evil intentions. She also discussed what is happening at the DCA level.

Mr. Martin, retracts the word "demands" in his statement to state "requests" and retracts the part where they are using stall tactics.

Tonya Anderson, 209 Cox Ave, stated that there need to be more street lights on Cox Ave.

William Townsend, 10 McConomy Ave, stated that the Borough still has to pay if the street lights are out and suggested that the police take note of street lights that are out during patrol so we can start getting them fixed. He also thinks everyone should stop arguing and figure it out. He finally stated that West Tuckerton came out with only two people and Tuckerton is not allowed to do that.

Mr. D'Amore stated that the Division of Fire and Safety is the one telling us what they need to be doing.

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Tom Hartley, 350 Wood Street, stated that we need the Fire Company open.

There being no further comments or questions, Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the public portion of the meeting be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be recessed. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:14pm.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be reconvened. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:37 pm.

**RESOLUTION #164-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN  
AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF  
ACQUISITION COST SHARE WITH THE COUNTY  
OF OCEAN**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #164-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**