

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on December 7, 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.

Mr. Vreeland stated the Ocean County Sheriff's Department has placed the traffic monitoring system on Western Avenue and once the report is done the town will work on a plan for that street to help with the residents' concerns.

ORDINANCE #12 OF 2020

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING ALL OF THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON IN A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 53, LOTS 6 AND 7

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Ordinance #12 of 2020 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading and public hearing for December 21, 2020. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D'Amore, Taylor, Peterson; No- none; Abstain – none; Abstain – none.

Mr. Martin thanked the Tuckerton Pride and Celebration Committee for the work done on the Ye Olde Christmas Walk, he felt with it being a pandemic and it being the first year with vendors it was a huge success. Santa had 240 children visit him that evening and each one received a gift from the Municipal Alliance Committee, which he then thanked for their help, he also thanked Tuckerton Wawa for the Hot chocolate donation, the Chairwoman of P&C for all her planning and Chief Dale Eggert for the Fire Truck Parade. Can't wait to work on next years for it to be bigger and better.

Mayor Marshall stated the Chairwoman is Joanne McAndrew and she deserves a huge thank you for all her time and dedication she put into this event.

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RESOLUTION #184-20

**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 #184-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$163,327.11. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced the Public Works Yard is now closed Sundays and if you are in the yard please remember to wear a mask.

RESOLUTION #185-20

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #185-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #186-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE
OF JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN
ROADWAYS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.
27:16-1 ET. SEQ.**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #186-20 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 November 16, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #187-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR A DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT CALLOUT PROGRAM AND A DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 20/21

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #187-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson read the Police Report for the month of November, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #188-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR ATTACKS AND CRIMES AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #188-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #189-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO CORRECT INACCURACIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #189-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle to be held by the Rotary Club of Great Bay on February 9, 2021. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, asked where is the Borough with the drainage valves on Marlin Road, the Paving of Curlew Road and has the dredging committee made a decision regarding what will happen with the special assessment on the East Side dredging project. She also asked if budget meetings have been scheduled yet for 2021.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated the valve for drainage on Marlin is waiting on legal questions but should be taken care of soon; Curlew Road is at a standstill at this point for the waiting of the funding for the water mains. Depending on whether or not the NJIB has the funds or not for water will depend on the process, but we are still working on it.

Mayor Marshall stated budget meetings have not been scheduled at this time and the committee has not given an update on dredging at this point.

Pete Gioello, 358 Kingfisher Road, stated he sent an email to the dredging committee and besides Councilman Martin no one has answers him. He asked did everyone get the email and has the committee made a decision on whether there will be an assessment or not. People live on the water so they can boat and they want their lagoons dredged, he still doesn't understand how the Council can spend a million dollars on a fire truck (even though it's a great idea) and not consider the dredging project a priority, it needs to be done.

Mr. Martin stated there are still undeliverable letters being returned which would add to the no votes for the special assessment and after reviewing all of the returned letters there is a lot of residents that cannot afford the assessment and he does not want to be responsible for someone having to leave their homes do to a financial hardship.

Mr. Peterson said the committee is looking into ways of dredging without an assessment, he has been living here since 1993 on the water and it has been the same way as it is now and he got his boat out, but he is asking for time to look into other options without burdening anyone that cannot afford the assessment.

Mr. Colangelo stated he is still getting calls with concerns on the special assessment and how residents could not afford it, so he is looking at this very seriously and does not want to make a rash decision or say anything to anyone that will use it against the Council, saying they are always making empty promises, we want to have everything lined up before announcements are made or decisions are made, he feels there is a bigger problem in Paradise Cove because if Thompson Creek is cut off the homes on the lagoons in Paradise Cove will have a water quality issue, so yes this committee is digging and trying to do what's best for everyone and not hurt anyone financially.

John Edmunds, Spruce Ave, thanked the Police again for their work on Center Street and stated he has seen a survey crew on Center Street he is assuming for the

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County to begin specifications for the paving of Center Street which is great, but also asked that if there is a meeting with the County Engineer regarding what the future of Center Street will be can he be included in on it.

Mayor Marshall thanked Mr. Edwards and stated she will let him know.

Paula Bell, 81 Dolphin Road, asked what are the plans for the old Borough Hall and the Grist Mill.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the governing body adopted a resolution authoring receipt of bids for the leasing of the old Borough Hall, but first they had Public Works Department working on prepping it for a new occupant and once that is ready the lease agreement will be advertised.

Mr. D'Amore stated nothing will be done with the Grist Mill until the bulkhead is repaired, the town got to the second round of grants from FEMA for the replacement of the bulkhead but was denied after that round for funding. The Borough plans on reapplying but until funds are obtained the Grist Mill will be used for Municipal purposes.

Dave Schlick, 81 Dolphin Road, asked if numbers were ever run for what it would cost if the dredging project was paid for by the entire town.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained she does have a figure at this time, the figures would not be calculated like a special assessment, and she thought she had run that in the past but would check.

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 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**