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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on February 18, 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, Frank D'Amore, Mike Santo, Ron Peterson, and Mayor Marshall. Mr. Schwartz was absent via Skype.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

RESOLUTION #82-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING THE 2020 CONTRACT FOR BI-ANNUAL SERVICE FOR TWO (2) CHLORINE ANALYZERS AT THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY #2 TO HACH SERVICE PLUS

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #82-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #83-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING JOSEPH HANNEN AS A FULL-TIME LABORER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #83-20 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meetings of February 3, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mr. Santo read the Tuckerton Fire Department report for January 2020, a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #84-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR THE MOBILIZATION 2020 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Santo that Resolution #84-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #85-20

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #85-20, appointing Danielle Corso as a member be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #86-20

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

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #86-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$212,039.99. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #87-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING SALARIES FOR
CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON**

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #87-20 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 opened to the public.

Rita Menzen, 923 South Green Street, asked who is responsible for curbs and sidewalks in the Borough of Tuckerton.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained there is an ordinance on the books that states if the sidewalks were replaced or install after January 1, 2000 the responsibility is the owner of the proper if was before that state above that it is the Borough's responsibility.

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street asked for an update on the Little Egg Harbor Blvd. revetment project and if there is anything new on the Justin Cherry case.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the specifications for the project were submitted back to the State of New Jersey on January 7, 2020, the State of New Jersey stated it is in final review and once that is complete the State will go out to bid for the project. Mr. Connors explained there's nothing new on the Justin Cherry case.

Jamie Gross Curlew Road, asked about an update on the dredging and what is the next step on funding? She wants to know what else can be done because home values are dropping, they are not selling because people want to be able to get their boats out of their lagoons.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained there are two options at this point the first one would be a special assessment for any property touching water, there is still needed a waiver of down payment from the Local Finance Board with a special assessment or the second option would be to wait until 2021 when there might be a chance that the NJDOT will have funding available through the NJIB and since they are planning to dredge Tuckerton Creek in 2021 there will be a chance the town and the DOT can work together on this

project. She further explained that she would like to get hard numbers for the dredging and then have a town meeting to get the feel from residents which way they would like to

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move forward. This meeting will be announced on Nixle and on a Saturday in the very near future.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, asked how come the Beach residents did not get to vote on whether or not to have a special assessment like they did in Mystic Islands, Mystic Islands is paying \$600 a year over there, she is sure the people in Tuckerton Beach will not have a problem with paying that to have their lagoons dredged. She wants to know how we speed up the process for the assessment because the Beach Area pays a lot of taxes for the Borough and gets nothing from that. Lastly she states she does not understand how a fire truck can get purchased for a million dollars, but we still can't the lagoons dredged.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained there is no need for a vote from the residents that is not required, right now the Bond Counsel has to work up a bond ordinance for a special assessment and once we have that together a meeting will be scheduled for the town people to speak. After that meeting and the feel is that the way to go is a special assessment the Borough will introduce a bond ordinance which requires two readings and a public hearing. She also stated the beach just had many water and sewer lines replaced at two million dollars each along with the repaving of roads at six hundred thousand so the statement that the beach doesn't get anything for the tax dollars is outright inaccurate. And as for the fire truck Mrs. Gleghorn stated that the health, safety and welfare of the Borough residents as a whole is and will always be the number priority and the fire truck is a priority.

Rick Wojtaszewski, 41 Parker Road, asked Mrs. Gleghorn to elaborate more on the NJDOT and what they are considering doing in 2021 to the Tuckerton Creek. He said the creek and the mouths of the lagoons are a problem but mostly because of the boaters who do not follow the no wake zone coming through the creek. The State Marine Police need to enforce the no wake zone there or else the dredging will not matter once it is done.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that there is a chance the NJDOT will be doing the mouth of some of the lagoons along Tuckerton Creek especially near Parker Road because of the speed bump located there and if the NJDOT does the work the town's project will decrease financially which would possibly make sense to wait until they begin the dredging. The NJDOT also may be interested in the dredge material from the beach area to restore some marsh along Tuckerton Creek which would also lessen the financial impact to the tax payers. So there is a lot of thought that has to go into this project, so that we don't hurt certain tax payers with a special assessment but also be mindful of the residents who cannot get the boat out of the lagoon and this is the reason for the meeting that should be coming up in the near future.

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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 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**