

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Vreeland stated that the Legislation Committee is looking into the Cannabis Ordinance but there has been nothing formal yet.

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2023

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AAMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 253 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON ENTITLED "WILDLIFE FEEDING" SO AS TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Ordinance #1 of 2023 be approved on first reading and scheduling second reading and public hearing for February 21, 2023. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D'Amore, Taylor, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

Mr. Vreeland recommended adding stray and feral cats to the ordinance.

RESOLUTION #51-23

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 #51-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$1,951,540.03. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #52-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2023 TAXES DUE ON A PROPERTY GRANTED THE 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION & REFUND THE RESULTING CREDIT BALANCE

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #52-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #53-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #53-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #54-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX LIEN NO 22-00073

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #54-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #55-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF A TRASH RECEPTACLE/CONTAINER FEE

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #55-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mr. Colangelo stated that the Ocean County Household Hazardous Waste Program will be coming back with Spring and Fall dates and if anyone wants more details please refer to the flyer on the website.

Mr. Colangelo stated that if your trash day happens to fall on a holiday, expect your trash to be picked up the following day.

RESOLUTION #56-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING THE 2023 EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR PLANNED PREVENTIVE SERVICE CONTRACT TO RS POWER

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Martin that Resolution #56-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin motioned, seconded by Mr. Colangelo to reconsider the bills list resolution. It was so moved by unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #51-23

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 #51-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$1,951,540.03. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. D'Amore abstained.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2023 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

Mrs. Taylor stated that the Borough Offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023 for President's Day.

Mrs. Taylor read the monthly Construction Report for the month of December. A copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

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RESOLUTION #57-23

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 THE PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM FY 2023

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #57-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #58-23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3535 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2449 AND ENCOURAGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE DEDICATED NEW JERSEY SHORE PROTECTION FUND

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #58-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #59-23

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #59-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin stated that the Tuckerton Elementary School will be having a clothing drive on Marth 11, 2023 from 8am-12pm as a fundraiser for the 6th grade.

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

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Paul Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, stated that the first Paradise Cove Uplander Association meeting will be on February 7, 2023 at 7pm.

He also stated that the Borough should really consider allowing Cannabis and he thinks it would be really good for the town.

Joe Felipe, 92 Edgewater Drive, stated that he has emailed Van Drew to discuss dredging Thompsons's Creek. He wants to know who owns it. His goal is to try and minimize the cost to the Borough but does not believe it will be completely free. He also wants to know what he can do to keep this in motion and to be proactive.

Mr. Martin stated that he believes that the United States Fish and Wildlife Department owns it but is not 100% sure.

Candice Johnson, Jersey Shore Extracts, LLC, stated that she believes Cannabis would help this town greatly. She explains that not only would it bring jobs to the community but it would also bring in revenue from the town. She understands the importance of safety when it comes to children and will compensate by having a security guard. She also stated that if Council does end up allowing Cannabis retail her business would love to get involved in the town such as helping with projects around town like dredging.

Gary Corriero, 925 South Green Street, asked if they will be using the Tuckerton Beach Grill as a cannabis retail location. He asked what the process would be for this to come to fruition because anything to do with cannabis distribution is still in its infancy. He stated that he is also nervous for a cannabis retail store at Tuckerton Beach Grill because it's in the middle of a residential area.

Mr. Vreeland stated that if Council does decide to allow Cannabis it would have to be solidified as an Ordinance as well as go through the Land Use Board where the public will be able to speak on the matter.

Kaylyn Ullman, 239 South Green Street, asked if the ordinance regarding wildlife feeding includes birds and stated Council should keep an open mind when considering the Cannabis.

Mr. Vreeland stated that the ordinance does not include birds.

Carrie Lee Skeie, 381 Heritage Way, stated that the retention basin near her home is attracting a lot of people and it is not advertise to be for public use and since the new construction on Rt. 9 now there is a lot more foot traffic from the main road. She also stated that the emergency vehicle driveway lock keeps getting picked.

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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 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**