

**MARCH 20, 2023**

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on March 20, 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.

**RESOLUTION #72-23**

**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 #72.23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$397,504.29. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #73-23**

**DEPOSIT OF PREMIUM LIEN FUNDS BID AS TO  
198 W MAIN STREET AT THE TAX SALE HELD  
ON OCTOBER 29,2021 TO THE BOROUGH  
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE, NOT ANTICIPATED  
REVENUE**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #73-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #74-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, RE-APPOINTING MICHAEL T.  
BAKER OF BAKER INDUSTRIES, LLC AS THE  
LICENSED UTILITY OPERATOR/SUPERVISOR**

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Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #74-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #75-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MUMFORD-BJORKMAN ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE INSPECTION ON THE WATER STORAGE TANK FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #75-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #76-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CANCEL WATER & SEWER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2022 & 2023**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #76-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore stated that Great Bay EMS Squad 85 will be sending out donation letters to Borough residents, they are providing services to the town so if you would like to donate he encourages that.

Mrs. Taylor read the Construction report for February 2023; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meetings of March 6, 2023 be approved. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mrs. Taylor abstained from voting.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that the Borough Council accept the resignation of Danielle Corso from the Economic Development Committee with regrets. It was so moved.

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**RESOLUTION #77-23**

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

Mrs. Peterson moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #77-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson read the Police Report for February 2023; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body authorize and waive municipal fee for a raffle license to be help on April 21, 2023 by the Zonta Club. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body authorize and waive municipal fee for a raffle license to be help on April 25, 2023 by the Pinelands 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Taylor abstained.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Taylor that the governing body authorize and waive municipal fee for a raffle and bingo license to be help on May 5, 2023 by the Episcopal Church Women of the church of the Holy Spirit. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin gave the following dredging update:

\*Contractor should be back this week to start up the project again.

\*They will be doing private dredging first and then moving onto the cleanup of municipal project and the 20% change order

\*Once that starts the contractor believes they will be in town for about 3 weeks and the South Green Street Park should be opened up after that pending the weather.

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

Beth Huch 142 Clay Street, sorry that she missed the meeting regarding the discussion of cats, but she is here tonight to state there is a problem with cats on Clay Street because the feral cats are using her yard as a litter box and she is asking Council to please help. She has called animal control and Code Enforcement, but there is nothing that can be done because of the current codes. These cats are not someone's pet, she doesn't want to see them hurt, but they need to be captured and taken to a rescue to be cared for properly and the town needs to regulate that.

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Candace Johnson, the question has been brought up why is Jersey Shore Cannabis looking at Tuckerton for the sale of cannabis, she would like to state that Tuckerton has been designated as an impact zone per the state; which means 25% of the license fees goes back to the town and its residents to help the community.

Paul Solmani 20 Edgewater Drive stated this past weekend a boat was sinking in the lagoon and the Paradise Cove and Up landers Association were there to help remove the boat from the lagoon. Right now the association has three things they are tasked to do one of which is the sign for Paradise Cove they have raised \$900.00 already; two is the dredging of Thompson Creek a petition is online now; three is a block party. Mr. Solmani then wanted to thank Councilman Martin for all his hard work, he appreciates all that he does. Lastly he feels the cannabis business would be a great for the Borough by creating jobs for the residents, he asked Council to please consider allowing the sale of cannabis.

Joe Flippee, 92 Edgewater Drive thanked everyone on Council for all the work they are putting in to have Thompson Creek considered for dredging through the State, especially Councilman Martin. He wanted to also mention that he has been in contact with the Congressman VanDrew's Office about water quality testing of Thompson's Creek as well. Lastly he stated he is pretty neutral on the sale of cannabis in Tuckerton, but he asked that Council please look at similar towns to Tuckerton and see how a cannabis retail store did in that town, please don't compare it to Atlantic City.

Gary Corriero 923 South Green Street asked the Council to please look at facts prior to making decisions on allowing the sale of cannabis in Tuckerton. He then asked if Tuckerton Beach Grille is a place of interest for a retail store for cannabis and where is the town with the fire department.

Mr. Martin stated he is not aware of the grille being a place of interest at this time.

Mr. Connors stated the town is waiting to hear back from the fire department, so at this time we do not have an update on the fire department.

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

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**