

APRIL 6, 2020

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on April 6, 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, John Schwartz Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Mike Santo, and Mayor Marshall. Mr. Peterson was absent for the beginning of the meeting.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2020

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #5 of 2020 be approved on first reading and schedule second reading/public hearing for April 6, 2020. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Schwartz, Colangelo, D'Amore, Santo; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – Peterson.

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #93-20, introduction to the 2020 Municipal Budget, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Schwartz explained the State of New Jersey accepted bids for the Shoreline Protection Project on Little Egg Harbor Blvd and that project will begin soon.

RESOLUTION #94-20

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

Mr. Schwartz moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #90-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$76,907.11. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated the hazardous material drop off is still scheduled for Stafford Township on May 9, 2020 but the Little Egg Harbor one has been cancelled.

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RESOLUTION #95-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING PERMIT ON HERON ROAD FOR BLOCK 113, LOT 74 AND MARLIN ROAD FOR BLOCK 35, LOT 22 AND GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 229-15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #91-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meetings of March 16, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Schwartz abstained.

RESOLUTION #96-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TERMINATING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CORPORAL JUSTIN M. CHERRY AS A POLICE OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #96-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #97-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S PLAN TO INCREASE TOLLS ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND THE GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Schwartz that Resolution #97-20 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.

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Frank Fehn, 82 Curlew Road, stated doesn't this show that the Borough should go back and revisit the live streaming that he has been recommending for a while now and even though the Borough is doing this call in now, isn't it illegal that there is no identification of who is on the call and who is voting. The public has no idea who is speaking. And it's good to hear about the Little Egg Harbor Spit of Land but let's keep pushing the state to move quickly.

Borough Attorney Connors explained that the NJ DCA has issued guidance on conducting meetings through this process and this is GoTo Meeting application is recommended and legal given the current circumstances.

Wayne Wilkens, 114 Marlin Road, state if you use the app instead of a call in via a phone everyone's name is listed on the screen, he also asked if the town has been contact with a company called Waspro for valves to be installed on the storm drain outfall pipes for the Tuckerton Beach Area.

Mrs. Gleghorn thanked him for the information on the GoTo Meeting App and that the Borough installed the valves on Heron Road and feel they are not working as planned, but would like some more information for future projects.

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street, asked with regards to the termination of Justin Cherry did this happen because a determination was made by the hearing officer and is there requirement that the Borough would have any fees to be paid to Mr. Cherry. She also asked to have a nixle alert sent out about the council meeting and its information for calling or connecting in.

Borough Attorney Connors explained the Hearing Officer rendered an opinion and the opinion was termination, the Borough Council acted on that ruling this evening. There is motion for legal fees to be paid pertaining to the criminal case which have to be paid, but other than those fees the Borough do not have any other obligations at this time.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained she did want to go out that way because there has been issues regarding hacking and crashing meetings and the next meeting she will email her directly the link to join the meeting.

Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper/Leader asked with the budget introduced this evening what will the rate be for the Borough and why is the revenue down from 2019 in the 202 budget.

Mr. Loesch explained the Borough portion will see a 2.2 cent increase which reflects an added \$58.00 to the tax bill for an average home in the Borough. He further explained that last year's revenue included a lot of grants that were received prior to the introduction of the budget, this year we may see grants but they were not approved prior to the introduction of the budget so they will have to be a Chapter 159 that most likely is the difference in revenue.

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Anthony Scaglione, 125 Curlew Road wanted to know that since the property that is located at the end of Little Egg Harbor Blvd is beginning to become an island he is concerned that if that happens will the state still do the revetment project because if that is the case, they cannot wait much longer or else that project will not happen.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that the State received the bids for the project, the bids came in higher than the amount anticipated in the grant, so the Borough and the State have to obtain additional funding and in order for that to happen a bond ordinance must be introduced and adopted and funds received in order for the bid to be awarded. The bid will be awarded within 90 days from the opening of the bid and begin as soon as allowed which may be July 1, 2020. She stated she has not heard that project will not happen if the land is broken through and it becomes an island, the State is obligating the funds and will get it done.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, congratulated the Borough on using this application for holding the Council Meeting and will this be the same number for all Council Meetings or will it be a different one. Also is there any updates or information on the primary election from the State.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained it will change and she will email the link directly out to her.

Borough Attorney Connors stated it is on the radar and the Governor is said to make an announcement next week regarding the primary election.

Jamie Gross, 115 Curlew Road asked for any updates on Curlew Road projects and the dredging project and the possibility of a bond for dredging.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained everything is in the NJIB system and is moving forward for approval; however the funding through the NJIB is from the USDA which right now is talking about suspending funding to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic so this may delay the start of the project on Curlew Road. As for the dredging the Borough is not moving forward with anything at this time until we have a chance to have another meeting with the public and present more information.

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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 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**