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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on May 20, 2024 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.

RESOLUTION #109-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE READING OF
THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #109-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland to open the meeting up to the 2024 Municipal Budget Public Hearing. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace, asked if the school taxes were going to be deferred again and does that mean we are spending more money than we are taking in. He also asked how much money was missing from the tax office and wants to know why the shared service with Bass River for clerk services is hidden in the budget. He asked why there are no appropriations for recycling and if council knows what the percentage is for water/sewer and public works. He also asks why he cannot access the 2023 & 2022 budget on the website. He suggests that the CFO should go back to part time and wants to know if his lawsuit has been sent to the insurance company and if the deductible is still \$20k. Mr. Eggert also stated that the court is only taking in about \$30k while it's expending \$112k and believes the cops should be writing more tickets. Finally, he wants to know where the line item is for the Rodgers Group.

Mr. Loesch, Tuckerton CFO, explains that the town did not defer school taxes this year as well as why a town would do this in the first place and the rules around it. He also explained that the bass river shared service is not hidden in the budget and that recycling appropriations are combined with public works.

Mr. Connors stated that the investigation is still ongoing in regards to the tax office missing funds and that the deductible for insurance is still \$20k.

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Mrs. Gleghorn stated that there is a utility and a capital budget. She also stated that it was recommended by the town auditor to have a full time tax collector and full time CFO. Finally she stated that she believes the Rodgers Group line item is under OEM.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the public comment on the 2024 Municipal Budget be closed. It was so moved.

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body approve Resolution #110-24, adopting the 2024 Municipal Budget as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Vreeland to open the budget hearing up to the public. It was so moved.

Mayor Marshall presented a proclamation making May 18-24, 2024 Safe Boating Week.

ORDINANCE #7 OF 2024

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 18, LOT 14 AS SHOWN ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON TO CALLAHAN PROPERTY INVESTMENT, LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 4A:12-13(b) AND N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be opened for public comment on Ordinance #7 of 2024. It was so moved.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the public hearing on Ordinance #7 of 2024 be closed to public comment. It was so moved.

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the governing body adopt Ordinance #7 of 2024 on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Colangelo, Martin, D’Amore, Dupuis, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

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RESOLUTION #111-24

**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 #111-24 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$337,132.27. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #112-24

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
AND DELIVERY OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT TO
BE EXECUTED BY THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW
JERSEY AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, ALL
PURSUANT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024
NEW JERSEY WATER BANK FINANCING
PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THE BOROUGH'S 2022
REHABILITATION OF WELL #3 AND WELL #4
PROJECT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #112-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meetings of May 6, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #113-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, ASSESSING LIEN UPON
DWELLINGS OR LANDS FOR PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO BOROUGH
ORDINANCE §103-2 AND PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A.
40:48-1.14**

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #113-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

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RESOLUTION 114-24

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #114-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall stated that for the summer months we will be cutting down to one council meeting a month. The summer council meetings will be June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th.

Mayor Marshall also stated that there are handouts on the back table about the antique sale that the Tuckerton Historical Society is hosting on June 8th.

Mayor Marshall stated that the Rotary Memorial Day Flag Dedication will be this Friday and if anyone would like to dedicate a flag to someone before then, there are forms in the back for that as well.

Brian Martin on behalf of the Pride & Celebration Committee, stated that June 8th will be the annual town yard sale and as of right now there are 18 houses signed up to be on the map. He also stated that on June 8th the Tuckerton Historical Society will be having their vendor fair and antique sale, the seaport will be having historic boat ride tours, and the Simper Fi will be doing disabled vet fishing trips.

Mr. Dupuis on behalf of the Tuckerton Environmental Commission, thanked the residents that have joined the Environmental Commission and there are still a couple more spots open if anyone is interested. He also stated that the Commission is trying to do an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup in the coming weeks.

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

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace, stated that he thinks the Environmental Commission should look into the oil tank behind Old Borough Hall, the mold at the Grist Mill, and the fire truck that is leaking oil down at the public works yard. He also wants to know if there is an update on the tax exempt status on the fire house and that he and Dale are still waiting on Jenny to sue Dale. He continued to state that he heard that Lacey wants the ladder truck and it's convenient that Mr. Connors is also the attorney for them. He also stated that he still has not received the police footage he has requested.

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Finally, he stated that West Tuckerton and Parkertown are not certified the way Tuckerton had to be.

Mr. Connors tried to clarify what he meant about Mrs. Gleghorn suing Dale and also stated that Council cannot answer his question on the ladder truck because it is still considered litigation.

Paul Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, stated that the petition to dredge Thompson's Creek has reached 1,054 signatures. He also stated that the Paradise Cove Uplander Association cleaned Admiral Drive on Earth Day and stated that some people are complaining about the fence and trails. He asked if there is any grass seed on the little island in front of Paradise Cove. He continued by giving an update on the new sign and

what they plan on doing with the old sign. Finally, he stated that he believes the new fire companies are doing a good job.

Chuck Watson, 90 Curlew Road, thanked council for the budget and doing everything they can to not raise taxes.

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 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR