

**JUNE 1, 2020**

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on June 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Complex via GoTo Meeting software.

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, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

**RESOLUTION #113-20**

**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 #113-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$54,455.24. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated in recent comments from the public there have been suggestions that the town look into shared services or private companies for the Public Works Department and he has done some preliminary research. He stated the Public Works and Water and Sewer Department work as one department and some of the duties includes, trash collection, recycling, keeping the yard open, transporting the trash, maintenance of all buildings & grounds, on call during snow season, vehicle maintenance & repairs, finding equipment/vehicles on GSA, storm drain maintenance & repairs, and the Water & Sewer department runs & maintains the water treatment plant, eleven sewage pump stations, repairs/maintenance of water & sewer mains and laterals, repairs/maintenance of all water meters, fixing water & sewer breaks at all hours of the night/day, repair/maintain fire hydrants, and miscellaneous duties include helping with the food pantry, a shared service with Beach Haven and Bass River Township for various public works/water/sewer duties that include storm drain repairs, and finally all of the employees must take training courses for their job and the list could go on, but every employee down there can perform those duties and it is extremely hard to find another town or a private company to do all these tasks for the amount of money we are spending at this time. He further stated he is getting those numbers together still and will have all that together to show why keeping it in house is the most cost effective and accessible for the residents of the town.

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Mr. D'Amore said there has been a lot of talk about the bathroom situation at South Green Street Park and after reviewing the maintenance records for the trailer that was purchased it cost the Borough \$11,000 to maintain it last year and that did not include any cost to repair the vandalism or misuse of the facility and now that we have Covid-19, the best answer for having restrooms at the park with the least amount of money spent and minimum liability to the Borough would be the port-a-johns. He stated the trailer could be used for special events in the future, but for right now the port-a-johns will be placed at the park. He further explained there has been emails going around about why there is not a permanent structure there like before Sandy, and the reason for that is because the sewer line collapsed during Sandy and FEMA/NJDEP would not let it be prepared in its original state because it ran across marsh land and the alternative for a permanent sewer line would cost the town over \$300,000 and it would not be reimbursed by FEMA. The trailer with a temporary connection would be covered and allowed. So in light of the current situation and in order to clean the bathrooms properly the port-a-johns would be placed at the park starting tomorrow.

Mr. Vreeland stated he is working on a similar project in Atlantic City and the cost to put a permanent fixture with the connection to a sewer main is costing between \$600,000 to \$800,000 which would be extremely costly to the Borough.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated there are comments going around about the trailer not being down there because the town just doesn't want it there, but that is untrue, right now because of COVID-19 the CDC and health department want restrooms cleaned a certain way and the liability to our employees and the trailer itself out ways the liability to clean the port-a-johns; therefore the safest solution right now is the port-a-johns.

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #114-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES TO  
PERMIT TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING**

Mr. Santo moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #114-20 be approved with corrections suggested by Mr. Vreeland. It was so moved by the unanimous consent.

Mr. Vreeland stated if any of the businesses need help he would volunteer his time to help out with the outdoor dining approvals. He would also like to get a copy of the ordinance to present to the Land Use Board to consider for future outdoor dining after the pandemic is over.

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**RESOLUTION #115-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING BRUCE EVANS AS  
CORPORAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #115-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Anthony Capone, 1112 South Green Street, asked who is going to clean the piece of land on South Green Street that was restored from the NFWF project.

Mr. Colangelo stated he would discuss it with the Public Works Department.

Phil Stately, 164 Flamingo Road, congratulated Cpl. Evans, he stated that he understands Council cannot be forced to show their faces on the GoTo Meeting software at Council Meetings but he feels the ones that do not are being disrespectful. He also stated that Little Egg Harbor cut their budget due to the pandemic and Tuckerton did not and he feels that is wrong. He then asked if there is a database with everyone in towns email addresses because the town should have that to notify the residents of information and if not maybe something should go into the tax bill asking for email addresses.

Mr. Connors stated that is a great idea; however the residents need to understand that that database becomes a record that can be requested through OPRA and outside companies use those email addresses to contact residents, so there has to be a disclosure stating that the email is not private once given to the town.

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street, stated the fire truck is coming soon and wants to know if anyone knows if the fire truck will fit in the firehouse on North Green Street and in light of what is going on in the Country she asked if our police are involved with any training for race sensitive issues. She also asked if Mr. Schwartz was back from Florida.

Mayor Marshall stated the fire department had already used a truck identical to the one they are buying to see how it would fit in the firehouse and it in deed fit and Mrs. Gleghorn explained the Attorney General mandates all Police Officers are trained in racial sensitive issues annually and Mr. Schwartz is back.

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Peter Gioiello, 358 Kingfisher Road, asked if we are still on target for the spit of land on Little Egg Harbor Blvd. He then asked if it would be possible for the residents that would be affected by the dredging do a donation per se for the 5% down payment on the bonding of the dredging project, he calculated it to be roughly \$467.00 per home and he feels people would be okay with that.

Mr. Connors stated he spoke to Mr. Gioiello on the phone regarding this and advised he would look into it and see if a contribution from residents could be used legally for a down payment and will advise.

Mayor Marshall stated the governing body would be willing to look into this and move forward. Furthermore the Little Egg Harbor Spit of Land is on track.

John Zubrinski, 707 South Green Street, stated he would like to make the people not on the water understand how much it also impacts them as well, we need to educate them. He then asked what the Public Works employee does at the yard because he was there the other day he checked his ID but never helped him with his trash when he needed help. He doesn't understand why we don't pay another person \$10.00 per hour to do that instead of paying the normal rate for that yard man. Lastly he asked if Sheltered Cove submitted the sidewalk fund money that was due.

Mr. Colangelo stated in normal circumstances the yard guy always helped out but because of COVID-19 the guy is not allowed and it this was placed in the nixle alert. Mrs. Gleghorn stated the yard man does other jobs during the day as well so why would I pay another guy \$10.00 an hour and the yard guy \$18.00 per hour where I pay one guy to get the job of both done. Also Sheltered Cove did pay the portion of sidewalk fund.

Paula Bell, 81 Dolphin Road, stated the code book references a sanitation committee and wants to know what it is, who is on the committee, do they meet and if so are there minutes from the meetings. She showed pictures of dumpsters from the Tuckerton Meadows and Village on the Green and wanted to know who someone from those facilities calls because the dumpsters are a mess and it was said that they would have to contact the sanitation committee.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the sanitation committee typically is the Public Works Committee which is Sam Colangelo as Chairman, John Schwartz and Sue Marshall and usually they would meet daily but because of COVID-19 it has not happened recently. Minutes are not taken because there is no quorum and if they have an issue they should contact John Bethanis, the PW Superintendent. She will also refer the concerns with him regarding Tuckerton Meadows and Village on the Green.

Nancy Peterson, 86 Curlew Road, state she understands Curlew Road is not getting done this year but wants to put in a request for a small allocation to have minor repairs done to Curlew.

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Mrs. Gleghorn explained she will have someone look into the small repairs.

Dave Schlick, 81 Dolphin Road, stated he is upset that no one on Council commented on the rioting and looting in America, he then asked why aren't we following the Governor's recommendation on the extension of tax payments, some of Council is still not on a camera which is disrespectful, is the cost for the trailer maintenance fees able to be OPRA, what is the time frame for the port-a-johns and what is the prices, did Councilman Vreeland have the outside dining resolution prior to the meeting, what beach was the first speaker referring too and he is very happy with Parker at the Public Works yard; he is extremely nice.

Mr. Vreeland stated he has the resolution but he wanted the ordinance for the Land Use Board to review which would make it a permanent regulation.

Mr. D'Amore stated any of those forms can be OPRA and the cost of the port-a-johns is \$300.00 per month and they will be placed at the park tomorrow.

Mr. Schwartz stated the property is in between the Truex property and Mr. Capone's property on South Green Street.

Kurt Weaver, 82 Curlew Road stated he feels the Public Works employee at the yard is always helpful and his experiences have always been good and he also asked for a copy of the plans for the LEH Blvd Revetment project.

Frank Provenzano, 385 Kingfisher Road, asked if the Borough will need The National Fish and Wildlife approval for the Lanyard Lagoon Project and where are we with that project, also where are we with the dredging project because if that dies than the town dies, he understands pot holes in roads, but the dredging is more important and lastly he asked for an update on a bulkhead on 114 Kingfisher because it has been blowing debris out for years.

Mr. Schwartz explained the NJDEP has not returned any paperwork yet for the Lanyard Lagoon grant so once that is returned we will have to meet with the National Fish and Wildlife and get their permission, but the water will need to flow through that lagoon.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained we are looking into the suggestion made by Mr. Gioiello and hopefully we can move forward with that project and Mr. McAndrew needs to look into his paperwork at the office and will get back to him.

Chris Volz, 265 Heron Road, stated there was trash all over South Green Street Park this weekend and that maybe we need more garbage cans in that green igloo thing down there.

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Mr. Colangelo stated he will let the Public Works Department know and Mrs. Gleghorn explained the trash is collected daily there in the morning and the green igloo is still there.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, asked if a nixle could be sent out notifying that a Council meeting is happening and for more information to go to the website; she asked when does the sanitation committee meet, if the Police Officer promoted tonight was that in the budget and what kind of raise does he get and when will the construction on the spit of land begin.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated she would try and do the nixle and there is no increase to the Police Salary and Wage line item, there is a raise, and hopefully the project will begin once the in water restrictions are lifted.

Mrs. Schwartz explained the committee for public works speaks daily either by phone or in person, but when residents need something done they should contact Public Works immediately or call Jenny Gleghorn because they will get the job done and quickly.

Mrs. Keen asked what was the Shelter Cove situation.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that if a property owner does a subdivision or a site plan, sidewalks must be installed or the amount it would cost to install sidewalks must be paid in lieu of sidewalks and Sheltered Cove went with the payment in lieu of sidewalks.

Jamie Gross, 115 Curlew Road, asked with regards to a follow up from Mr. Gioiello's suggestion would that have to be brought up in an assessment meeting that we are not able to have. And she asked if there are any updates on Curlew Road.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated it would be considered a special assessment and until we give an answer we really need to look into it legally if it can be done, so please give us some time to get the correct answers. Curlew Road is moving along, today we received permits for water and sewer and we are hoping we might be able to award the bid in the fall.

Susan Ardit, 203 Heron Road, asked for an update from Mr. McAndrew on a bulkhead at 202 Heron Road.

Mr. McAndrew stated he will get back to her tomorrow with the information

Jeff Peterson, 390 Kingfisher Road, stated Mr. McAndrew is doing everything he can to get people to clean up the bulkheads but he can only do so much, so what happens legally after we have exhausted all of Code Enforcement's means.

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Mr. McAndrew stated he has means and is working on it and Mr. Connors will have to look into the situation and see what can be done.

Anthony Scaglione, 125 Curlew Road, asked what happens to the payment of Sheltered Cove because we do not need sidewalks in the beach area we need dredging, he feels that the whole town should understand the benefit of dredging the lagoons because it will benefit the whole town.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained it is governed by ordinance that sidewalk funds must be used to maintain/repair sidewalks.

Mayor Marshall explained the Council is still looking into all the possible ways to fund the dredging.

Mr. Vreeland explained that he has certain luxuries at his home that he does not expect the people of town to pay for and lagoons are not used by everyone in town and people have to understand that is how other tax payers feel and as a Council elected to represent the whole town he has to look at all those concerns. People do research and purposing bought homes on the creek because they knew the state is responsible to dredge that waterway, lagoons are not considered a state waterway.

Mr. D'Amore stated he has been doing research and he has not found another town that did the dredging without a special assessment.

James Martinelli, 350 Kingfisher Road, asked which candidate on Council supports dredging he needs to know because that is who he will vote for. He then asked for a breakdown of taxes for the Beach area versus the rest of town.

Mr. Colangelo stated as long as the figures are reasonable he supports the dredging.

Mr. Schwartz stated he has been working on dredging for years but the financials need to be researched because the way the town wanted to go was denied.

Mr. Peterson stated he was on the first lagoon dredging committee and wants it done but it has to been done with the least financial impact to the entire town because as Council he represents the interest for all of Tuckerton.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained as a whole the Mayor and Council have supported the dredging because at this point the town has spent \$68,000 for permits and engineering, now we need funds for the actual project which Council wants to look at what is best for everyone. She than read the following report:

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**Tuckerton Borough Ratable & Tax Breakdown as of 5/28/2020  
Using the 2019 Tax Rate of \$2.615**

	<b>Line Items</b>	<b>Total Ratables</b>	<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>Average Tax Bill</b>	<b>% of Line Items</b>	<b>% of Taxes</b>	<b>% of Borough Ratables</b>
Tuckerton Beach	705	166,091,700	\$4,343,297.96	\$6,160.71	37.11%	39.71%	39.71%
Not Tuckerton Beach	1,195	252,197,400	\$6,594,962.01	\$5,518.80	62.89%	60.29%	60.29%
	1,900	418,289,100	\$10,938,259.97		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Borough of Tuckerton      1,900    418,289,100    \$10,938,259.97    \$5,756.98

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 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**