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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Complex and 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, Brian Martin, Sam Colangelo, Frank D'Amore, Suzanne Taylor, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Sue Marshall led the salute to the flag.

RESOLUTION #121-20

**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 #121-20 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$609,388.26. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #122-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A
DEDICATION BY RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH
NJSA 40A:4-39 FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF
DONATIONS & THE APPROPRIATION OF THE
SAME FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH
THE FUNDING OF DREDGING OR WATERWAYS
LOCATED IN TUCKERTON BEACH AND
PARADISE COVE THAT IS NOT THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #122-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #123-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE
CANCELTIONS OF INACTIVE FUNDS AS NOTED
IN THE 2019 MUNICIPAL AUDIT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #123-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #124-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159
FOR THE FY 2020 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT
IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #124-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #125-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX
COLLECTOR TO HOLD AN ELECTRONIC TAX
SALE FOR THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #125-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #126-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX
COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES BILLED AND
TO REFUND RESULTING IN OVERPAYMENT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mrs. Taylor that Resolution #126-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #127-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX
COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES BILLED AND
TO REFUND RESULTING IN OVERPAYMENT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #127-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #128-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP FOR PUBLIC
WORKS/WATER AND SEWER EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #128-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #129-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF
BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
VEHICLES VIA GOV-DEALS ONLINE AUCTION
SALES**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #129-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Taylor abstained from voting.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2020 be approved as presented. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #130-20

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

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #130-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council. Mr. Vreeland abstained from voting on the 206 Kelly Avenue property.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the governing body accept with regrets the resignation of Jackman Bush as Police Officer for the Borough of Tuckerton. It was so moved by the unanimous consent.

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that the governing body accept with regrets the resignations of Mark Salaga, John Zmich and Bill Severage all from the Tuckerton Environmental Commission for the Borough of Tuckerton. It was so moved by the unanimous consent.

RESOLUTION #131-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Martin that Resolution #131-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #132-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IMPLORING ITS LEGISLATORS TO MAKE NECESSARY REVISIONS TO THE SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROGRAM

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #132-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #133-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO REINSTATE THE HOMESTEAD BENEFIT PROGRAM

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #133-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #134-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PLEDGING TO WORK WITH CONGRESSMEN TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW VA CLINIC IN OCEAN COUNTY

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. D'Amore that Resolution #134-20 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #135-20

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 MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #135-20, to discuss contractual matters, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #136-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN OCCARES GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN.

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Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #136-20 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.

John Edmunds, Little Egg Harbor Township, stated he dropped off a petition to the Mayor and Council that requests the lowering of the speed limit on Center Street in both Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor Township and he hopes the town will look into this and help to stop the racing of cars on Center Street.

The Mayor and Council stated they will look into this.

Frank Provenzano, Flamingo Road, asked what project Councilman Schwartz was referring to when he was talking about a shoreline restoration project at the June 1st meeting, then stated the Mayor suggested that he writes a letter to the State Officials to help with the dredging and he thinks it would hold more wait coming from elected officials; He also asked about the status of Lanyard Lagoon and stated this meeting is absolutely horrible and he can't hear what the Council people are saying.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained that because of the governor allowing for in-person meetings she was trying to do a hybrid of in-person and virtual meeting. She stated that after this meeting, the meetings will not be interactive through the web it will have to be in public but the meeting will be live streamed through Facebook live. For this meeting she was trying to make everyone happy. She then further explained what Councilman Schwartz was talking about was the grant we received for Lanyard Lagoon Shoreline Restoration Project which is being worked on by the State of New Jersey to finalize the agreements. Once the agreements are finalized the project will be on its way.

Mayor Marshall stated she thought Mr. Provenzano, as a retired Sheriff, writing a letter would be beneficial but she will get with him to work on something together.

Mr. Martin stated he doesn't know all the answers to the dredging questions and Councilman Schwartz had some big shoes that he needs to fill, but he is willing to work very hard and is learning everything he possibility can to better the town of Tuckerton.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, asked if there is any update on the Little Egg Harbor Blvd. Stone Revetment project and what was the dedication by rider resolution for with regards to dredging.

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Mrs. Gleghorn explained the town is waiting on the State and I am sure with all the furloughs there may be some delay so there is no update at this time and as for the dedication by rider; Mr. Gioello asked about donations towards the down payment for bonding of the dredging project and in order to do that there must be a mechanism to collect those funds and this will allow that.

Frank Fehn, 82 Curlew Road, stated he has heard there is many plans for opening up schools and wants to know what the governing body is planning on doing and if there is no plan, the town should put it on for the next meeting agenda. He also asked when the town is going to hire a maritime engineer to get the dredging going because this is taking way too long.

Mayor Marshall explained the school re-opening is a question for the school board not the governing body and the dredging project's problem is funding and nothing more so a need for another engineer is not necessary.

Pete Gioello, 358 Kingfisher Road, thanked everyone for starting the donation process and then he announced a group of people from the Tuckerton Beach Area is planning a cleanup at the Bay Avenue ballfield for August 9, 2020 starting at 10:00 am and is asking anyone that is interested to come and help. He wants to show the town that the beach area is not just about dredging that they want Tuckerton Borough to succeed as a whole.

Mayor Marshall applauded them for doing this and she is very thankful for it.

Mr. Gioello than asked what the process is for filling the Council seat due to a vacancy and then he welcomed Suzanne Taylor and Brian Martin.

Mrs. Gleghorn explained the party that represents the vacancy will suggest names to the governing body and from those names the governing body will appoint an individual to that position and depending on when the vacancy occurs will determine whether that individual will have to run in the next election.

Jamie Gross, 115 Curlew Road, stated the town has talked about a second shoreline restoration project at the end of Little Egg Harbor Blvd and wanted to know if that is still in the works. She also asked if it is true that a beach is being placed at the end of South Green Street and lastly asked if there are any updates on the Curlew Road project.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated Curlew Road is being delayed because of the COVID-19 budget cuts, but hopes it will begin in 202. As for the beach on South Green Street that will not happen because in the past the Borough has tried to get permits to create a beach and it was denied.

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Thomas Page, 138 West Main Street, thanked the governing body for hosting the meeting like this he then asked if the dedication by rider is for donations only or is that resolution authorizing the dredging project because he knows an individual that lives up town that does not want to pay for the dredging project because he never uses the waterways.

Mayor Marshall explained the resolution is only for donations and the town is not sure how it is going to pay for the project yet.

Pat Johnson, The Sandpaper/Leader, wanted to state that the ballfield has history and the name of the field is All Wars Memorial Ballpark so if the volunteers are doing a new sign to please check with the Historical Society; she then asked what vehicle the Borough is selling.

Mr. Colangelo stated it is a police vehicle that is no longer used and it will be auctioned off through GovDeals.

Dave Schlick, 81 Dolphin Road, asked what the time frame is for the new Council members to sit on the governing body.

Mr. Connors explained that this coming November 2020 there will be three seats that will be on ballot, two regular seats and one unexpired term.

James Martinelli, 350 Kingfisher Rd, stated he disagrees with the statement made about not using the lagoon; this is a democratic society and everyone should pay for the greater good. He stated he still pays for schools and doesn't have kids going there so not having a property by the lagoon should not be a reason used for not spreading the funding across the Borough of Tuckerton.

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 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**