

**APRIL 17, 2023**

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on April 17, 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.

Dale Parsons, Parsons Seafood, presents the project he has been working on and how it is helping the community and surrounding area.

Mr. Vreeland stated that he and the legislative committee are looking into revising the peace and good order ordinance in regards to lighting in town and discusses options for the ordinance for sidewalk signage on route 9 and to allow specific parts of town to have signs such as Paradise Cove. He also stated that he is interested at looking at grants for bike paths in town.

**RESOLUTION #81-23**

**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 #81-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$34,539.33. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo reminded the public that the Ocean County Document Shredding Program will be April 29<sup>th</sup> in Stafford Township. He also stated that he will have more information on the Hazardous Waste Program and Boat Flare Disposal Program at the next meeting.

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**RESOLUTION #82-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AWARING A CONTRACT TO A.C.  
SCHULTES, INC. FOR THE 2022  
REHABILITATION OF WELL #3 AND WELL #4**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #82-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #83-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX  
COLLECTOR TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #83-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Frank D'Amore thanked Mr. Parsons for the presentation and stated that it is important to realize that farming also comes from the bay.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting from April 3, 2023 be approved. It was so moved by unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson reads the Police monthly activity report for the Month of March 2023.

Mayor Marshall stated that restaurant week will be next week and there are ads in the newspaper with the details.

**RESOLUTION #84-23**

**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. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #84-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mr. Colangelo moved, seconded by Mr. Vreeland to accept Mr. Tereszczyn resignation as Police Officer. It was so moved.

Mr. D'Amore moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson to accept a taxi driver application for James Ciccarelli for Main Street Taxi and Car service. It was so moved.

Mr. Vreeland moved, seconded by Mr. Colangelo to approve the facility use form for South Green Street Park for June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> to Jersey Shore Boat Racing on the condition that they provide insurance. It was so moved.

Mr. Vreeland stated that the Tuckerton Historical Society will be hosting their annual Pig Roast on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm.

Mr. Colangelo moved, seconded by Mr. Vreeland to open the meeting to the public. It was so moved.

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terr., stated that he wanted to give an update. They had administrative hearings for this week and last week 3 days for Dale Eggert for his so called misconduct for everything. He wanted to let you know that his opinion on the entire investigation is that it was a fraud and Mr. Nelsen can quote him on that. On the third day as their attorney went question by question which most of which were similar to the ones in the letter addressed to Chris Connors last June and then with added charges on it. After each count the attorney asked Mr. Nelsen is it true you believe what you stated in your report at the time you did it and is it true that after hearing the testimony every answer was no after every paragraph they questioned him on. Now one problem they have is with the misconduct thing with Dale was him calling in a near accident at Nugentown and North Green Street there was an accident last July on Rt. 9 and the power was out. He came across an accident and the state was told by someone from Tuckerton that Dale was at the scene after the emergency responders had left and called for additional resources. That was a blatant lie to prove that Dale was at the other scene a minute before any West Tuckerton officers got to the first accident to call in that the light was out and they need a police officer there. He committed no crime and did nothing wrong. But they are going to have a big problem here if this keeps up. All investigations started and what kicked these investigations off in Tuckerton was Mr. Cahill's police report from July somehow wound up in Ann Marie Sweeney's hands in February and that's what started the investigations and it was testified to. The documents and transcripts will be coming out in the next couple weeks and they can get a copy if they want and hope they read this, see what's wrong here in Tuckerton and fix it. You think the fire company is a liability problem, the liability problem started right there (acknowledges officer Cahill) and goes on through this whole thing. Now just for example, they were told about fit testing and respiratory protection plan. How is Mr. Cahill sitting in his police car on December 5<sup>th</sup> with a full beard, how is he supposed to put on a gas mask or and N95 mask in an emergency. We have problems here, we have double standards with everything. If they have any questions, ask him he has plenty to

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say down the road and asked if anyone had any questions. When council did not respond, Mr. Eggert stated he didn't think so and thank you.

Kaylyn Ullman, 239 South Green Street, stated that the Environmental Commission will be hosting an Adopt-A-Highway clean up on Saturday at 8am. She also thanked Mr. Parsons for the presentation and asked Council if they have an update on the cannabis discussion. She believes Council is dragging their feet and thinks the public deserves and answer. She believes that allowing it would be very beneficial to the town.

The Council has not made a decision in regards to cannabis yet.

Mr. Martin stated that he still has the signs from the last Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up and will set them up again for this one.

Maryann Cottrell, 695 Pine Ave, stated that she has a couple of concerns including her neighbors lighting joints and fires near her property line and is afraid that her shed will catch on fire and wants to know who to call. She also stated that everyone needs to calm down about the cat issue and the town should come up with some other solution.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that if she is concerned she should call the police and that people should really have a permit for open flames.

Kris Sullivan, 388 Kingfisher Road, stated that she is happy to live here but is concerned about the dredging and that there is silt leaking into the lagoons from the marsh area. She also wants to confirm that the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of dredging didn't get approved and thought the top priority was to clean out the lagoons. She wants to know what the Borough's relationship is to the mosquito's creek.

It was commented that US Fish and Wildlife and the DEP will not put any money into the lagoons or give us permits because they do not want anyone down there.

Mr. Martin stated that the area she is talking about is Landyard Lagoon and he meets with Virginia Rettig from United States Fish and Wildlife to discuss what to do with it every two weeks. He continued that the Borough would like to turn it into a living shoreline and Ms. Rettig believes it would be a good candidate for a grant that Stafford recently got for a similar project.

Mrs. Glehorn stated that the Borough's hands are tied when it comes to marsh land.

Robert Challenger, 68 Edgewater Drive, asked about Thompson's Creek and stated that they have been waiting 30 years for dredging of Thompson's Creek and the residents are really going to try and get this done because they have testimony that this

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creek is unsafe. He stated that they will be hearing more from the residents of Paradise Cove. He continued that there are two bills out right now 1.) Authorizing dredging and 2.) Designating millions of dollars for dredging. He wants the Borough Council to petition to get these bills on the agenda to be passed.

Mr. Martin stated that the grant Council is looking at for Thompson's Creek is not for a living shoreline, it is for plants to help clean the air and he will look into the bills.

Sen. Connors stated that the bills must pass the State Environmental Commission first.

Carolyn Keen, 84 Curlew Road, stated that the PCUA is in contact with the NJ State Police and they are going to do a report on Thompson's Creek and give it to Congress. She also stated that the Tuckerton Beach Association and the Environmental Commission will be doing a beach and Adopt-A-Highway clean up and if anyone would like to participate they must watch a short safety video. She asked where they should put all the bags for Public Works to pick up.

Mayor Marshall thanked Mrs. Keen for organizing everything.

Mr. Colangelo stated that if they need any other resources to let Public Works or him know. He also stated that they will get in touch about where to put the bags.

Peter Gioiello, 358 Kingfisher Road, stated that they usually put the bags along the street and Public Works comes and picks it. He also stated that the trash bags are being donated by Tractor Supply. He asked if dredging is done and will they come back for a survey. He also asked for a timeline of the rest of the project and an update on Landyard Lagoon. Finally, he donated a check on behalf of the TBA to the Tuckerton Environmental Commission for the Community Garden.

Mr. Martin stated that they will be coming back to do a survey to make sure they got everything to get paid.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that they have the preliminary reading but they won't be back to do the final until after all the private residents are done which may be around midsummer, however she believes the park will be open sooner than that.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated that she got a letter from the County promising us money for Landyard Lagoon.

Anthony Scaglione, 125 Curlew Road, stated that the mosquito marsh was also manmade and not sure why the federal government will not let us fix it. He stated that we should talk to Virginia Rettig to close the creek. He also stated that a lot of people do not know what is going on.

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Mrs. Gleghorn stated that US Fish and Wildlife are not the issue and the Borough is trying to work on this issue now with them however neither of us have funding and we are in the talks with the federal government to try and get this resolved.

Ann Marie Sweeney, 600 South Green Street, stated that if the Borough is struggling financially, they should consider allowing cannabis retail in town. She believes that drinking in Tuckerton Beach is bad and rather it be cannabis. She also stated that it is legal, and it is here to stay and that the company that wants to come in has offered to help with the funding of dredging.

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 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**