

JANUARY 17, 2023

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

RESOLUTION #48-23

**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 #48-23 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$951,960.68. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council,

RESOLUTION #49-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #49-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #50-23

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR'S
COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
2022 FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2020
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #50-23 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore read the Great Bay EMS update report since July. A copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. He also thanked them for stepping up and helping the town.

Mrs. Taylor read the monthly Construction Report for the month of December. A copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mr. Peterson read the monthly Police Report for the month of December. A copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Taylor moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meetings of January 1, 2023 and January 3, 2023 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of council.

Mr. D'Amore motioned, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve an application for Kristian Elgamal and Main Street Local Taxi and Car Service for the year 2023.

Mr. Martin gave an update on Landyard Lagoon: he reiterates that all the bids came in too high and they are looking for other sources of funding. He spoke with the County to try and get some funds and he stated it seems promising but is still skeptical. He also stated that if all else fails there is another round of grants we can apply for in April but they would have to start the process all over again in that case.

Mr. Martin gave an update on dredging: he stated that the initial parts have been completed and they are doing soundings now to see if there are any parts that need to be fixed which is why they left behind one dredger. The engineer has discussed maybe doing a change order to go further down the lagoons, however the contractor is on a strict timeline for another project.

Mr. Martin addressed Mr. Solimani's comments from the last Council meeting. He looked into Stafford Township dredging. He stated that not only are residents seeing a 2% tax increase for soundings, the Administrator stated that they are receiving no money from the State for this project.

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

Maryanna Cottrell, 695 Pine Ave, thanked Mr. Colangelo and the Public Works Department for the trash and recycling services. She also thanked the police department for the aid in her safety with recent neighbor disputes and finally she complimented the recent paving done as well.

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Mayor Marshall thanked her for going out of her way to come to a meeting and thank them.

Beth Huck, 142 Clay Street, asked if there have been any drone ordinance updates as well as raises concern about people feeding feral cats on her street because the smell is getting out of control.

Mr. Vreeland stated that he has looked into a drone ordinance however one of the main issues with it, is that it would limit businesses. He also stated this is more of a neighbor dispute and if she is still having trouble, she should go to the police.

Mr. Vreeland stated that Council has something in the works regarding feeding wildlife.

Pete Gioiello, 358 Kingfisher Road, stated that he thinks the dredging went well and all the dredgers were very respectful. He wanted to know if they dredged 50 feet across. He also asked what we can do to get the Spit of Land started, he stated that residents are willing to help and wants to know if Sen. Connors is available this week to meet with him about it. He also stated that Thompson Creek should be dredged with state funding and wants to know how we do that.

Mr. Martin stated that yes the lagoons were dredged 50 ft. across where applicable and that the Borough can apply for grants in April for the Spit of Land.

Sen. Connors stated that the State will not help, they rather leave it to nature and question if it is a navigable waterway but the Borough should keep trying.

Mrs. Taylor asks Sen. Connors what constitutes a navigable waterway.

Sen. Connors states that navigable waterways are State channels and do not have anything to do with commerce.

Mr. Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, stated that he sent an email to Council about reaching out to the state police. He also stated that he sends VanDrew emails weekly but has gotten no response. Continually he lets Council know that the first Paradise Cove Uplander's Association meeting will be February 7th at the American Legion. He also submitted paperwork for ideas on the Veteran Memorial.

Kaylyn Ullman, 239 South Green Street, stated that the Environmental Commission will be holding a program about Composting on March 4th at 11am at the Tuckerton Library. She stated that this is a free program however there are limited spots so attendees must register beforehand.

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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 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMANTHA HOLLBERG, RMC
DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK

Approved:

SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR