

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on September 16, 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, Michael Dupuis, Ron Peterson and Mayor Marshall.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

RESOLUTION #153-24

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #153-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #154-24

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 #154-24 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$403,575.34. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #155-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE AND COMBINED ISSUE OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND A SINGLE AND COMBINED ISSUE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UP TO \$1,632,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024, AND UP TO \$840,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2024; AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE OF SALE; AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO SELL AND AWARD THE BONDS; DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #155-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #156-24

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL GENERATOR BYPASS AND ELECTRICAL WORK

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #156-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore read the fire department report for the month of August 2024 from our designated department Parkertown Fire Department; he also stated the department is being proactive and visiting businesses throughout the town for pre-planning of the needs of our buildings for ratings.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #157-24

**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. D'Amore that Resolution #153-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis than read a copy of the August 2024 Construction Report; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #158-24

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY AWARING A STATE CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE TO
WINNER FORD**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #158-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Peterson than read the August 2024 Police Report; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mayor Marshall stated the Little Egg Harbor Board of Health is having a Rabies Clinic on November 16, 2024; there will also be a Mental Health program on September 26, 2024 at the Little Egg Harbor Community Center and lastly the 4th of July Committee is having a Golf Outing on September 26, 2024 at Atlantis Country Club please join.

Mr. Martin announced the following:
Pride and Celebration Committee will be holding a meeting to discuss the planning of Ye Olde Christmas on September 25, 2024 at the Borough Complex and there will be a bonfire on Halloween at the Methodist Church instead of doing the Trick-or-Treating at the Tuckerton Seaport. Details for this event will be forth coming.

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

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Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace asked why is the Borough taking their front end alignment work to a place in Forked River, is it because the guy who owns Ryan's Service Center is a friend of the Superintendent of Public Works? And for the lawsuit that just came out who will be covering the deductible, hopefully it's the employees like the Borough made the Tuckerton Fire Department handle the two lawsuits they were named in. The town took money out of our donation so the employees involved should have to pay.

Councilman Martin explain the cars are taken to that specific shop because they have the most up to date equipment to do the alignment, they price is one of the lowest, the turnaround time is less than two hours and lastly that vendor is an approved vendor within our payment system.

Mr. Connors explained if the employees are acting in the capacity of their job the deductible is covered by the Borough.

Frank Fehn, Curlew Road stated he has read on social media about the lawsuit of sexual harassment and the promotion of an individual because of sexual relationships. He feels the individual should be suspended and the NJ Attorney General's Office should be coming in to do an investigation on this incident.

Jim Halsey 138 Clay Street stated there is now two scandals in the Borough one of which was the theft of money in the Tax Office and now this allegation of sexual harassment within a 5 year spam. He stated the water and sewer bill has increased by 16% and is there safe guards in place to prevent this from happening in the future. Will the town get the money back from the theft?

Mr. Connors stated the incident is still within the court system and when that is determined we will most likely get restitution.

Peter Mowen 87 Dolphin Road, stated he has been having issues for many years with water laying in front of his home and he has been reporting it to the Water and Sewer Department for many years and the answer has always been its ground water from bay. On July 12, 2024 the water and sewer employees without a significant time of notice decided to dig up the water meter because they now thought there was a leak. Once they dug up our property they stated the leak was on our side of the meter and we had to pay to get it fixed. He feels he had been telling the department for many years there was an issue and because of the Borough's lack of doing something they now have to pay thousands of dollars in repairs that most likely was not installed properly when Mathis Construction re-did the road and water lines. He is asking for help with this as he doesn't feel he should be held responsible.

Mr. Connors asked if he would get the Clerk all the information so that we can get together and try and work out the issue and help them out.

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Debbie McMunn 82 Dolphin Road, stated she has a petition that has been signed by hundreds of residents asking that the Borough repeal Ordinance #8 of 2023 that stops the feeding of birds and/or wildlife. She asked the town Council to really consider removing the ordinance.

Beth Garvin-Obiedzinski 209 Cedar Street, wanted to echo Ms. McMunn and stated we have more people who signed the petition than the nice people who came before Council complaining about the birds, please remove the ordinance on bird feeding.

Eric Hanson, 389 South Green Street, gave a summary on the latest NJ DEP and Governor's PACT Program that would affect the Borough Tuckerton greatly and asked that Council get involved with not allowing the program to be passed by the State Elected Officials. Here is the proposed rule for reference. <https://dep.nj.gov/wp-content/uploads/rules/proposals/proposal-20240805b.pdf>

Anthony Capone 1123 South Green Street, Asked the Council to please help with the speeding on South Green Street that has been an ongoing issue for years. He asked if there is something that can be done to lower the speed limit to 35 mph.

The Council stated they will have the Chief of Police look into the issue and report back.

Kaylyn Ullman 239 South Green Street, asked for an update on the dredging permit and the expiration date; top soil and mulch is much needed to help with the planters along Route 9 so if anyone has a truck and can help to please let her know and lastly she asked who is spraying pesticide along Route 9.

Mrs. Gleghorn stated she is contact with the engineer and working on getting an extension of the permit and the Borough of Tuckerton does not have a licensed individual to spray pesticide so it is not the Borough of Tuckerton. Council stated whatever she needs help with mulch to let them know.

Renee Gioiello, Kingfisher Road echoed Mr. Capone's concerns and she called the county to lower the limit but the county informed her that they have done a report and they had no one speeding on that road so the speed limit could not be changed. She wanted to make sure Council knew the information she was given.

Kim Handel, 122 Wood Street thanked the Council for looking at the petition to remove the bird feeding ordinance, she feels the solar panels are the real issue with pigeons and the attraction of those type of birds. She wanted to thank the Police for their presence on Wood Street and that maybe if the Borough looks at getting speed limit signs along South Green Street that may help reduce the speeding.

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Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion was unanimously approved at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**