

**DECEMBER 16, 2024**

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

Mr. Vreeland wished everyone a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. So moved.

Mr. Martin stated that he has been in touch with Ocean County to inspect the breaker box in their building, which powers the Christmas tree lights, and he is hopeful the issue will be resolved by tomorrow.

Mr. Martin also explained that he attended an 8-hour summit hosted by Rutgers University on marsh restoration. He expressed excitement about being the only elected official in attendance. He also mentioned that the Coastal Resiliency Act is continuing. He will be attending a meeting in January with the Coastal Resilience Commission.

**RESOLUTION #177-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER BETWEEN THE 2024  
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #177-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #178-24**

**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 #178-24 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$454,274.44. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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**RESOLUTION #179-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT  
MAINTENCE GUARENTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$187,386.08 FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS ON BLOCK 49,  
LOTS 4, 6.01, 53, 54, & 57**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #179-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #180-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2024  
TAXES DUE ON A PROPERTY GRANTED THE 100%  
DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION & REFUND THE  
RESULTING CREDIT BALANCE**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #180-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and safe New Year. So moved.

**RESOLUTION #181-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER  
#1 TO THE 2022 CDBG SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON  
MARINE STREET**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #181-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced that the Public Works Yard will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25, causing pickups to be delayed by two days. Additionally, the yard will be closed on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the holiday. He also reminded everyone

that the Department of Public Works will remain closed on Sundays until April 6, 2025. Mr. Colangelo concluded by wishing everyone the best of holidays and stay safe.

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**RESOLUTION #182-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED  
PROPERTY SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #182-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained.

Mr. D'Amore wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So moved.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2024 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #183-24**

**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 ANIMAL FACILITY SERVICES**

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the Resolution #183-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis read the November 2024 construction report as well as fire and EMS report; a copy of which is on file in the municipal clerk's office for public inspection.

Mr. Peterson read the November 2024 police report; a copy of which is on file in the municipal clerk's office for public inspection. He then wished everyone a happy holidays.

Mr. Colangelo moved, seconded by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body accept the letter of resignation from Mark A. Schneider, Municipal Court Judge effective December 31, 2024. It was so move by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #184-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
APPOINTING BRIAN WILKIE, ESQUIRE AS MUNICIPAL  
COURT JUDGE.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the Resolution #184-24 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mrs. Gleghorn wished everyone a Happy Holidays and stated that Reorganization, Swearing In, and the first regular council meeting of the year will be on January 1, 2024 at noon.

Mr. Martin, reporting on behalf of the Pride and Celebration Committee, expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of Ye Old Christmas on December 7th. He also announced that the Halloween bonfire has been rescheduled for New Year's Day, January 1st, behind the Methodist Church. Additionally, he shared that the Fourth of July Committee will be hosting a fireworks show at 6:00 PM at the lake.

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

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace explained that he sent an email after the last meeting to clarify a mistake regarding an EMS call near Railroad Avenue. He stated there were two first aid calls where neither the officers on duty nor the fire chief brought their medical bags.

Mr. Eggert also referred to minutes from the Tuckerton Beach Association meeting, where Councilman Dupuis reportedly stated that the state shut down the Tuckerton Fire Department due to a lack of certifications. Mr. Eggert disagreed, asserting that only the Borough, not the state, has the authority to shut down a firehouse.

Mr. Eggert then discussed the recent sale of the Pierce Ladder Truck for \$1.3 million. He explained that earlier in the year, a Lacey Township official asked him about the value of items he owned on the truck. At that time, he was under the impression the Borough planned to sell the truck to Lacey for significantly less than \$1 million. He noted that a similar, older truck sold for \$1.2 million and expressed satisfaction that the borough opened the sale for bidding, securing a better outcome for the town.

Lastly, Mr. Eggert mentioned having a letter from the Borough Attorney about transferring the rescue truck title to Parkertown at tonight's meeting, but this was not discussed. It is planned for January 1, 2025 meeting. He also expressed concerns that the Parkertown firehouse is "dangerous."

Mr. Martin responded by stating that the sale of the fire truck had no connection to Mr. Eggert's comments. He clarified that the Borough of Tuckerton always intended to put the truck out for bid and that no deal had been in place with Lacey Township. Mr. Martin denied any "sweetheart deal" involving the Borough Attorney's office. He also addressed the Tuckerton Beach Association meeting Mr. Eggert mentioned, explaining that Councilman Dupuis's statement referred to the fire department being shut down due to a recommendation from the state. According to Mr. Martin, the letter from the state highlighted that the fire department was not in compliance, leading the Borough to act. He further addressed false statements made on social media about the matter.

Mr. Dupuis addressed Mr. Eggert's accusations of corruption among Council Members. He stated that Mr. Eggert had an opportunity to resolve issues with the state but failed to do so, which ultimately led to the closure of the Tuckerton Fire Company. Mr. Eggert has reported

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every nearby fire department to the state, in fact just recently Mr. Eggert reported Parkertown Fire Company to PEOSHA for a boat fire that occurred in the Borough of Tuckerton. After review from the state and PEOSHA they have found there were no issues during that incident by the Parkertown Fire Company and its volunteers.

Paul Solmani, thanked Mr. Martin for attending the meeting and explained the dredging. He also gave gifts to the council members representing Thomson's Creek.

Doris Mathisen, 76 Edgewater Drive wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and extended birthday wishes to Mayor Marshall.

Wayne Martin, 181 Santa Cruz Road expressed concern about the delayed traffic light at Route 9 and Great Bay Boulevard. He asked the Council if they could contact the County to adjust the timing.

Chief Olsen explained that he had already been in contact with County Engineers three weeks ago to discuss the concerns. Once he receives more information, he will update the Council.

There be no further questions or comments, Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Vreeland that the public portion be closed. So moved.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:37 pm. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**