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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on January 21, 2025 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 #45-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING JARED S. MILLER AS
A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #45-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall swore in the newly appointed Officer Miller.

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2025

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER
132 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES,
UNIFORM"**

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that Ordinance #1 of 2025 be approved on first reading and scheduling second reading for February 18, 2025. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D'Amore, Dupuis, Peterson; No – none; Absent – none; Abstain – none.

RESOLUTION #46-25

**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**

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Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #45-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #47-25

**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 #47-24 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$311,958.22. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #48-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
CERTAIN MUNICIPAL VEHICLES**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #48-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #49-25

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #49-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #50-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF A
PERFORMANCE BOND GUARANTEE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR SEWER CONNECTION
AT 698 NORTH GREEN STREET**

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #50-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated the Public Works yard will be closed Monday February 17, 2025 for the observance of a holiday and if you have not signed for Nixle alerts please do so.

RESOLUTION #51-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING PERMIT ON KINGFISHER ROAD FOR BLOCK 113 LOT 22 AND GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 229-15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #51-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #52-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING THE 2025 CONTRACT FOR BI-ANNUAL SERVICE FOR TWO (2) CHLORINE ANALYZERS AT THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY #2 TO HACH SERVICES PLUS

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #52-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #53-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CHALLENGER FENCE, INC. AN AUTHORIZED VENDOR OF BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT #BC-24-07 #25726 FOR BAY AVENUE BALLFIELD BACKSTOP

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Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #53-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #54-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A TEMPORARY SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND SIDEWALK AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #54-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the minutes of the meeting of December 23, 2024 and January 1, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis read the fire company report for the December 2024; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #55-25

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 PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #55-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Gianna's Gift from Heaven on February 15, 2025. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #56-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR AN EXECUTIVE
SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN
PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #56-25, to discuss sale of public property, be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin stated the fireworks on January 1, 2025 were great and well attended despite the wind and thanked the committee for getting this done.

Mr. Martin then reminded everyone that the Community Cleanup will be April 5, 2025 starting at 9 am and there will be more details as we get closer to the date.

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

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace, stated that Mr. Dupuis' comments from the last meeting regarding his status as a life member of Parkertown Fire Department, that he was the reason for Tuckerton Fire Department being shut down and the PEOSH complaint that was filed were all lies. He further stated that Mr. Martin did say that if the Tuckerton Fire Department Administration did not resign that he would tax building, he then presented a recording from the December 16, 2024 and November 6, 2023 meeting that the Tuckerton Volunteer Fire members made up for Mr. Eggert. Mr. Eggert felt that Mr. Martin should resign like he said at the December 16th meeting and a few other Council members. Lastly he said there is a 5 minute rule for speaking at public portion, but in the past other members of the public get way more than 5 minutes; however he is held to 5 minutes which is not upholding the oath they took of being impartial.

Mr. Dupuis stated there were a few instances that Parkertown Fire House had to deal with PEOSH because of complaints from an individual, the one complaint that did find issue with was the batteries on the SCBA packs, but since was rectified, but the one he was specifically talking about at that last meeting was the complaint to PEOSH for not having proper PPE at a boat fire attended by Parkertown; which he then asked Mr. D'Amore to read a letter from the Department of Labor that basically stated that Parkertown members were not in any violation, a copy of the letter is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Mr. Dupuis then asked Mr. Eggert to do some self-reflecting because he is placing blame on the governing body for killing volunteerism, but Mr. Eggert, he believes has filed complaints against every fire department in the area so that they have to go through

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what Tuckerton Fire Department went through, the only difference is we all work with the State instead of fighting them, but it seems to him that Mr. Eggert is killing volunteerism.

Mr. D'Amore wanted to address the statement of who was responsible for the shutdown of Tuckerton Fire Department; the Borough was issued a letter from the authority who has jurisdiction over fire departments within the State of New Jersey that stated the department was a failure, how could the Borough continue to allow the fire department to operate putting the town in a liability. We were issued a document that told us the department was a liability unless they fixed its deficiencies so we needed to take action. The Department was given 19 months to fix the deficiencies but you refused to work with the State who has jurisdiction over the department, so you cannot say the Borough shut the department down, it was lack of the department not fixing those liabilities mandated by the State that caused the shutdown.

Paul Solmani, invited the governing body to the Paradise Cove and Uplanders Association Spring Party which will be held on May 31, 2025.

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

**SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR**