

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Council President Sam Colangelo called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on February 18, 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 was absent.

Council President Colangelo led the salute to the flag.

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2025

**AN 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 the meeting be opening for public comment on Ordinance #1 of 2025 only. It was so moved.

Seeing no comments, Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Peterson to close public comment.

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

Mr. Martin shared that he is in contact with the superintendent and principal of Tuckerton Elementary School. The superintendent will hold meetings on topics like the 2025-2026 school budget, academic achievement, absenteeism, mental health awareness, and community engagement. Residents are encouraged to attend. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 pm at Tuckerton Elementary. More details will be available on the website.

ORDINANCE #2 OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
PROVIDING FOR SANITARY SEWER MAIN
REPLACEMENT ON DAPPY TUCKER DRIVE AND
APPROPRATING \$1,275,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF
THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE SAME.**

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #2 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing for March 17, 2025. The ordinance was passed on first reading by the following unanimous vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D’Amore, Dupuis, Peterson; No- none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

RESOLUTION #57-25

**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 #57-25 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$2,179,459.46. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. D’Amore abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION #58-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF
THE 2023 MUNICIPAL AUDIT.**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #58-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #59-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE PLAN SUBMITTED
BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #59-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo stated that the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management, the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program will be on May 20th, and the Document Shredding Program will be on May 17. Additional information will be on the Borough website.

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RESOLUTION #60-25

**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 112 LOT
41 AND GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 419-15
OF THE BOROUGH CODE.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #60-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #61-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING
PERMIT ON SECOND AVENUE AND GRANTING
RELIEF UNDER SECTION 419-15 OF THE BOROUGH
CODE.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #61-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #62-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
NINE (9) FOOT STAHL UTILITY BODY.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #62-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #63-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 33, LOT 25.**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #63-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

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The sale shall take place on March 12, 2025 at 10AM at the Tuckerton Borough Municipal Building.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis read the Parkertown Fire Company report for January 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mr. Peterson read the Police Department's report for the January 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk' Office for public inspection.

RESOLUTION #64-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEBSITES.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #64-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #65-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TUCKERTON BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #65-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis, on behalf of the Environmental Commission, thanked Paul Solimani for joining.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Pinelands Fourth of July Celebration Committee on February 24, 2025. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Martin abstained.

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Tuckerton Library Association on May 3, 2025. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dupuis to approve the facility use form for South Green Street Park for June 1st and August 24th to Jersey Shore Boat Racing on the condition that they provide insurance. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin noted that the Pinelands Fourth of July Celebration Committee is hosting a spaghetti dinner alongside a 50/50 raffle at Tuckerton Redmond's from 5 pm to 8 pm.

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

Lee Eggert, of 121 Willow Landing Terrace, revisited his previous discussion with Mr. Martin regarding the technicalities of Mr. Martin's possible resignation. He emphasized the need for all fire companies to be held to the same standard as the Tuckerton Fire Department. Mr. Eggert also argued that West Tuckerton should provide primary fire coverage for Tuckerton Borough, as they have responded to fire scenes faster than Parkertown. Additionally, he questioned if Great Bay EMS is set to receive \$25,000 as an annual donation.

Mr. Martin clarified that the Borough has not yet approved the 2025 budget.

Mr. Dupuis stated that all fire departments are held to the same standards as the Tuckerton Borough Fire Department and have received training from the Ocean County Fire Academy.

Jim Natoli, owner of Wharfside Cigars and resident of 9 Harry Drive, Manahawkin, expressed interest in bidding on the Grist Mill. He asked if the Council would allow a designated time for bidders to inspect the property for potential damage before submitting bids.

Ms. Gleghorn requested that anyone interested in visiting the Grist Mill before bidding email her with a preferred date and time. She will coordinate with the Public Works Superintendent to arrange the visit.

Frank Runza, Fire Chief of Parkertown, residing at 701 Rail Road Drive, Little Egg Harbor Township, acknowledged that Mr. Eggert was correct in stating that West Tuckerton Fire Department arrived at a fire call before Parkertown Fire Department. He emphasized his dedication to his role and his department. Chief Runza also shared that 11 Tuckerton Borough residents have joined the Parkertown Fire Department and are enjoying their experience, unlike other departments they had previously joined. He expressed his appreciation for assisting Tuckerton Borough and working alongside the Police Department.

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin, 209 Cedar Street, acknowledged that the Tuckerton Fire Department is no longer in service. She expressed her gratitude for the excellent service she has received from the Parkertown Fire Department and Great Bay EMS.

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Paul Solimoni, 20 Edgewater Drive, Explained that he recently seen that in Germany has placed laws that when people are slandering others on social media they are facing imprisonment, he was wondering if the borough or state can adopt these laws to prevent future slandering on social media

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

Mr. Dupuis stated that if the public believes there is any corruption, they should take their concerns to the County Prosecutor's Office and file a formal complaint.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN R. MARSHALL
MAYOR