

**BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
PRIDE & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES: Wednesday – October 23, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Martin at 7:03 PM. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by the Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sue Marshall.

ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Baumann	Renee Gioiello	Brian Martin	Wayne Martin	Nancy Peterson	Neil Saunders
Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent

Also in Attendance: Mayor Sue Marshall

Recording of Hours Since September 25, 2024:

Barbara Baumann	Renee Gioiello	Brian Martin	Wayne Martin	Nancy Peterson	Neil Saunders
1.5	4	5	3	1	Absent

Approval of September 25, 2024 meeting minutes.

Ms. Gioiello made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Wayne Martin. All in favor; none opposed.

Old Business:

Chairman Martin spoke about the lack of rain and the fire restrictions. Mr. Brian Martin suggested the Halloween Bonfire be postponed.

Motion to Postpone the Halloween Bonfire

Mr. Wayne Martin made a motion to postpone the bonfire until January 1st 2025; the motion was second by Ms. Gioiello. All in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Martin continued with Ye Olde Christmas. He stated he spoke with Mr. DiFrancia at Pinelands and the students will be in full Dickens costumes and will sing and act in full character.

New Business:

Mr. Brian Martin mentioned the committee will get an email with a link to a YouTube channel which is the Tuckerton Borough YouTube channel and asked that everyone subscribe. Mr. Martin continued with Ye Olde Christmas. The committee talked about painting signs which to be placed throughout town. The committee discussed the details of the day. The vendors will be along Route 9 instead of behind Old Borough Hall. Chairman Martin will confirm with the Historical Society to see if they will

be doing the clam chowder. In addition, the committee talked about having a different light display on the tree on the lake. Chairman Martin wants to do a flyer with what we have to bring to the businesses to get them involved. Next the committee talked about Halloween 2025. A past year we had a house decorating contest, maybe we can try doing something Bass River with Scarecrows. The committee also talked about a Holiday House Tour. The chair mentioned he would like to see more events added. Maybe in October put out pink ribbons all along on Main Street as Pride & Celebration. The final item Chairman Martin stated was the next summer's summer concerts. We are trying to find a trailer that we can turn into a stage with the intentions of having the summer concerts at the ball field. The stage has to be on wheels so it can be wheeled onto and off the ball field. Finally, Chairman Martin mentioned that the Tuckerton EDC invited Pride & Celebration, Mayor & Council, and town businesses to their meeting on Monday, November 4 at 5:00 PM at Stewart's of Tuckerton.

Members Forum:

No comments.

Public Forum:

Mr. Brian Martin made a motion to open public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Wayne Martin. All in favor, none opposed.

No Public Comment.

Mr. Brian Martin made a motion to close public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Wayne Martin. All in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Secretary Services.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Barbara Baumann	X			
	X	Renee Gioiello	X			
		Brian Martin	X			
		Wayne Martin	X			
		Nancy Peterson	X			
		Neil Saunders				X

Adjournment – Chairman at 8:00 PM
 Motion by Mr. Brian Martin, second by Ms. Gioiello; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:
 April D. Elley, Secretary