

**APRIL 21, 2025**

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be opening for public comment on 2025 Municipal Budget only. It was so moved.

Mr. Eggert raised concerns about rising salaries, the school tax deferral, and no council pay cuts despite fewer meetings. He questioned court system costs and suggested a merger for efficiency. He also sought clarity on the \$1.125 million Gomez property purchase and its use for public works and a water tower. Additionally, he recommended reviewing the tax collector and CFO roles to address salary issues and improve efficiency.

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

**RESOLUTION #78-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE READING OF  
THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #78-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**ORDINANCE #3 OF 2025**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025  
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be opening for public comment on Ordinance #3 of 2025 only. It was so moved.

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #3 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 moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #79-25, adopting the 2025 Municipal Budget after second reading be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**ORDINANCE #4 OF 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW  
JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION  
OF A VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AND AN AMBULANCE IN AND FOR THE  
BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$386,000  
THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF \$366,700 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF  
THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE SAME**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be opened for public comment on Ordinance #4 of 2025 only. It was so moved.

Mr. Eggert raises questions regarding the ambulance purchase. He notes that the bill list references a remount of an E450, while other documentation indicates the purchase of a new ambulance.

In response, Mr. Dupuis clarifies that the vehicle includes a new cab and chassis, but the box is a remanufactured unit, which was acquired through VCI.

Mr. Eggert also inquires about the 20-day waiting period for the bond, questioning how the purchase could be included on the agenda this evening. He further asked about the cost of the power load and cot mattress equipment, which totals \$118,808.29. Additionally, he asked who will be operating the ambulance and where it will be housed.

Mr. Dupuis responds that members of Squad 85, as well as potentially personnel from Station 70 who serve as EMS, will operate the ambulance. It will be housed at the Great Bay Squad 85 building in Little Egg Harbor Township.

Mr. Eggert than asked whether the council is aware that a member of Parkertown has claimed one of their high call runners is currently driving ambulances while allegedly receiving disability benefits out of New York. He questions whether steps will be taken

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to investigate the matter and ensure that the individual is not actively operating the ambulance.

Mayor Marshall responds that the issue will be looked into.

Mr. Eggert continues with several questions regarding the ambulance purchase and EMS operations. He asks who will be responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle, to which the response is Squad 85. He then inquires whether there is a written agreement in place with Great Bay for EMS services in the area or with Parkertown. The Council responds that they are currently working on an agreement, but it has not yet been finalized.

Mr. Eggert also asked if the ambulance being purchased is the one already at Great Bay building. The council confirms that it is, explaining that the vehicle had been committed at a special meeting held on December 23, 2024 due to the fact there would be a significant price increase after January 1, 2025.

Additionally, Mr. Eggert requests information on the percentage of calls Great Bay EMS responds to within Tuckerton. The town did not have this information at this time.

John Zubrinski, 707 South Green Street, expressed his respect for Mr. Eggert and questioned why he is often treated poorly. He raises concerns about the town paying for ambulance services when it does not have its own ambulance or firehouse. Specifically, he is troubled by the \$119,000 expenditure for an ambulance that will be stationed outside of Tuckerton.

Regarding fire services, Mr. Zubrinski notes that Parkertown is the designated provider, but he expresses a preference for Tuckerton to have its own fire service and inquires about the proceeds from the sale of a million-dollar fire truck.

Mr. Martin explained that the old fire truck was sold to the Borough of Beach Haven through a winning bid, and the funds from the sale will go toward servicing the debt on bonds used to purchase fire trucks. Tuckerton previously had three additional fire trucks beyond the newly acquired one, and the rescue truck is currently in use by Parkertown Fire Department the designated fire department.

Mr. Zubrinski reflects on past holiday events in Tuckerton, recalling how Christmas celebrations used to bring the community together. He laments the changes over the years.

Mr. Dupuis acknowledges Mr. Zubrinski concerns, but saving lives and meeting fire and EMS needs remain top priorities.

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

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Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #4 of 2025 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D’Amore, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – Dupuis; Absent – none.

**RESOLUTION #80-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING SALARIES FOR  
CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #80-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #81-25**

**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 #81-25 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. Martin pointed out that the new backstop is from grant money and thanked Mr. Peterson and Mr. D’Amore for their work there.

**RESOLUTION #82-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE  
GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND  
DRUG ABUSE 2025 FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY  
1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #82-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council

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**RESOLUTION #83-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159  
FOR THE FY 2025 RECYCLING TONNAGE  
GRANT FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #83-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council

**RESOLUTION #84-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH  
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING  
AGREEMENT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #84-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo reminds the public that Ocean County's household hazardous waste disposal and document shredding programs are currently active. He encourages residents to visit the county website for specific dates, locations, and additional details.

**RESOLUTION #85-25**

**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 43 AND GRANTING  
RELIEF UNDER SECTION 419-15 OF THE  
BOROUGH CODE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #85-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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**RESOLUTION #86-25**

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #86-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #87-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF A 30 YARD ROLL OFF  
DUMPSTER**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #87-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Connors recommended the governing body they table the purchase associated with Ordinance #4 of 2025 until after the 20 day estoppel period or advice from bond council.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AWARDED A CONTRACT TO  
VCI EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALISTS, AN  
AUTHORIZED VENDER OF HGAC NATIONAL  
PURCHASING CONTRACT #AM10-23 FOR A 2024  
FORD E-450, HORNER 553 REMOUNT TYPE III  
MODULAR AMBULANCE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that this Resolution be tabled until the next council meeting. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A PURCHASE OF A  
POWER LOAD, COT AND EQUIPMENT FOR AN  
AMBULANCE TO STRYKER EMERGENCY CARE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that this Resolution be tabled until the next council meeting. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2025 and executive session be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Deputy Chief Laura Meglino-Runza Station 70 (Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company) read the EMS and Fire Department's report for the March 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

They also held meetings with Harbor View Apartments and the Tuckerton Beach Association Residents to discuss fire and EMS safety. The junior firefighter program has been reopened for children and teens ages 12-17. Deputy Chief Runza also explained the coordination efforts between local fire companies—Eagleswood Township, Mystic Island, West Tuckerton, and Parkertown—during the Santa runs, ensuring that multiple Santa's do not appear in the community at the same time.

Mayor Marshall took a moment to thank Deputy Chief Meglino-Runza for presenting a plaque to the Tuckerton Borough Council.

Deputy Chief Meglino-Runza and the Parkertown Fire Company expressed their appreciation to the Tuckerton Police Department for their continued assistance.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A PURCHASE OF  
TWO (2) 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS  
AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT TO GENTILINI  
MOTORS**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that this Resolution be tabled until the next council meeting. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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Mr. Colangelo motioned, second by Mr. Vreeland to accept Michael Leasing's resignation from the Economic Development Committee. It was so moved by unanimous consent of council.

**RESOLUTION #89-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE  
TUCKERTON BOROUGH ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #89-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall announced on April 30, 2025 the Borough will host the Arbor Day celebration honoring Elaine and Bill McClure.

Mr. D'Amore moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the facility use form for South Green Street Park for June 31<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup> to Tuckerton Beach Association on the condition that they provide insurance. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by The Friends of Little Egg Harbor branch of Ocean County Library on August 20, 2025. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council.

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by The Cervetto Craftsman Club on July 4, 2025 and December 7, 2025. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained.

Mr. Martin provided an update on upcoming events and initiatives. He announced that Arbor Day will be observed on April 30, a Wednesday, with a schedule that includes a reading by Tuckerton Elementary School students at 6 PM, followed by an honoring of Bill and Elaine McClure at 7 PM. He also shared details about the Friday night concert series, which will be held at the All Wars Memorial Ball Field. A trailer will be donated to the Borough to serve as a stage for the concerts. The first concert is scheduled for July 11, with performances to follow every Friday thereafter.

Mr. Peterson mentioned that the Economic Development Committee is organizing a Tuckerton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dupuis read the March 2025 construction report; a copy of which is on file in the municipal clerk's office for public inspection.



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

Paul Soleimani, 20 Edgewater Drive, provided an update on various community activities. He highlighted the efforts of the Environmental Committee, which is working on maintaining the community garden, beautifying downtown planters, and organizing a cleanup along Route 9. He also announced that the yard sale will take place on June 7th. Additionally, he expressed his gratitude to Mr. Colangelo and Ms. Gleghorn for their assistance with the new street signs that Paradise Cove received.

Lee Eggert, 121 Willow Landing Terrace, raised several concerns during the meeting, including issues related to the ambulance bond. He noted that Tuckerton pays approximately \$120,000 annually for fire and EMS services and referenced the fire company's purchase of an ambulance while giving away the rescue truck. He also questioned the decision to send police vehicles to Lanoka Harbor for alignments, arguing it costs more than using a local provider.

He expressed concern about the Economic Development Committee chairman's business not receiving work and alleged that the public works director is directing jobs to a friend in Lanoka Harbor. He also mentioned Mr. Martin asking John Miller to grease a trailer and questioned the cleaning contract, which he noted is held by the public works superintendent's wife. Mr. Martin responded that the Borough had sought outside quotes, but they were nearly double the current cost.

Mr. Eggert also questioned Councilman Dupuis' use of red flashing lights on his vehicle. Mr. Dupuis clarified they are four-way flashers and that he has a permit for emergency lights as a fire lieutenant.

Mr. Eggert criticized Parkertown's slow fire response times and suggested stationing one of their trucks in Tuckerton. During the exchange, Mr. Dupuis accused Mr. Eggert of using an offensive term, which Mr. Eggert denied, stating he only called him a "corrupt councilman." Mr. Dupuis added that Mr. Eggert's son had to restrain him during the incident.

Mr. Martin clarified that he personally purchased the trailer with his own funds and intends to donate it to the Borough once the stage is completed. He also explained that John Miller avoids formal bidding on Borough work due to the urgency often required for such tasks.

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin, 209 Cedar Street, spoke about the Environmental Commission's recent road cleanup and expressed frustration over the lack of volunteer participation. She highlighted the large amount of litter collected.

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John Zubrinski, 707 S. Green St., raised a concern about an abandoned boat on a neighboring property that has been there for eight years. He also questioned the ordinance allowing two boats per property, noting some have more.

Mr. Vreeland stated that since the neighboring boat is registered, it is not considered abandoned, and the ordinance cannot be enforced.

Debra McMunn, 82 Dolphin Road, inquired about future use of the Gomez property.

Mr. Martin explained that the current recycling center is in a flood zone, and updated maps may worsen the situation. Relocating it to the Gomez property is being considered.

Ms. Gleghorn added that the water tower and cell tower lease will remain on the South Green Street property.

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 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC**  
**BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL**  
**MAYOR**