

# **BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES: Monday – April 7, 2025**

Prior to the start of the meeting Mayor Marshall presented the Oath of Office to Glen Best, Jon Miller and Kim Sakevich.

Call Meeting to Order – *Mayor Sue Marshall*

Flag Salute – *Mayor Sue Marshall*

Open Public Meeting Act Statement - *Secretary*

The Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Borough of Tuckerton was hereby called to order at 7:18 PM. Notice of this meeting is in accordance with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (Section 10:4-10). Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Beacon and the Asbury Park Press.

#### **Roll Call:**

	Glen Best	Marcella Klein	Michael Leising	Jon Miller	Kim Sakevich	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
Present	X			X	X	X	X
Absent		X	X				

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson	Councilman Brian Martin
Present	X	X	X
Absent			

#### **\*\*\*Re-Organization\*\*\***

#### **Nomination of Chairman:**

A motion was made by Mr. Best nominating Jon Miller as chairman, the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer, no other nominations. With one abstention, the nomination was approved.

#### **Nomination of Vice Chairman:**

A motion was made by Chairman Miller nominating Dave Shaffer as vice chairman, the motion was second by Mr. Watson, no other nominations. With one abstention, the nomination was approved.

**Recording of Hours (from August 2, 2022 thru present):**

Glen Best - 1   Marcella Klein – Absent   Michael Leising – Absent   Jon Miller – 25   Dave Shaffer – 30, Chuck Watson - 15

**Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2024:**

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the December 2, 2024 minutes; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. With one abstention, the minutes were approved.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Miller stated that the Tuckerton Chamber of Commerce paperwork has been filed to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which is outside this committee. It will give the EDC the opportunity to collaborate with people who are not necessarily residents or business owners in the borough but promote Tuckerton's economy, and put on some events. Mr. Shaffer reiterated that all the legal paperwork to establish the Chamber. He stated there are some steps to take such as opening a bank account, and partner with a web services company. We are going to work with the marketing company to announce it. We are still working on a project plan.

**New Business:**

Mr. Miller mentioned since this is the first meeting of the new year, he started working on 2025 Restaurant Week. He reached out to the Sandpaper and it is his understanding all Tuckerton restaurants are participating. This event is once again a net zero cost to the borough as it has been every other year.

**Members Forum:**

Ms. Sakevich stated she is happy to be on the committee and see what she can do to help. Mr. Watson mentioned he is excited about the Chamber. Mr. Best is also excited about the Chamber. He is trying to come up with ideas to help Tuckerton economically. Maybe find a film commission, maybe get a resume together with videos of historic places in Tuckerton with the stellar waterfront. Try to bring more people into town to visit the businesses. Ms. Sakevich mentioned she knows a videographer and he is local. She will look into it.

**Public Forum:**

A motion was made by Mr. Watson to open public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. All in favor; none opposed.

Mr. Miller welcomed Mayor Marshall, Councilman Peterson, Councilman Martin, and members of the public. Mr. Ken Laney stated he came to hear updates to previous meetings, and looks forward to helping however he can. Mr. Lee Eggert expressed concerns about the downtown area, he recommended everyone to walk up and down the sidewalks. There is stuff that needs to be fixed. There is an ordinance that the sidewalks are to be maintained however with the pavers how do you get a match. They do create a trip hazard. Also, there is a lack of parking. It's great to get people into town but they don't know where they can park. There was a lengthy discussion where people can park. Also, some type of parking designation so people not familiar with the area would know where to park. Mr. Miller stated he appreciates what Mr. Eggert is saying however a lot of what he is saying is outside of our jurisdiction. Councilman Peterson stated he is very pleased to see the Chamber of

Commerce moving forward. It will be a big benefit for the town. He also mentioned we have a new backstop at the ballfield. All the summer concerts instead of being at the Seaport will be at the ball field. Councilman Martin mentioned with regard to Mr. Eggert's comment about the pavers, he believes there may be pavers at the borough yard, but not positive. He further mentioned that Kaylyn Ullman with the Environmental Commission is looking to remove some of the trees that are along the stretch of Route 9. The tree root system goes out to the sides and comes up and that is why we are losing brick and their destroying sidewalks. Kaylyn wants replace those trees and use a more native sand-based tree, where the root system goes down. Mr. Martin also agrees that it is hard to find parking, there is a small lot on Water Street maybe for 8 or 10 cars but he would also like to see a sign somewhere with an arrow designating municipal parking. Councilman Peterson added that the Old Grist Mill was sold. Wharfside Cigars will move their business from Green Street to that location. Councilman Martin continued with regard to the Summer Concerts. There is a private donor looking to purchase a trailer. Mr. Martin also stated Tuckerton Lumber, Home Depot and Lowes will be donating the materials to build the decking of the stage on top of the trailer. Chairman Miller then called upon Mr. Calvin Morey. Mr. Morey stated there is borough property on the northside of the parking lot by the food panty at the Methodist Church, that could be marked off as public parking.

#### **Close Public Forum:**

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Shaffer. All in favor; none opposed.

#### **Approval of Secretary Services:**

#### **Roll Call:**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>YEAS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
		Glen Best	X			
		Marcella Klein				X
		Michael Leising				X
		Jon Miller	X			
		Kim Sakevich	X			
X		Dave Shaffer	X			
	X	Chuck Watson	X			

#### **Adjournment – 6:22 PM**

Motion by Mr. Watson, second by Mr. Shaffer; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

April D. Elley, EDC Secretary