Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on May 19, 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. Vreeland wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

**RESOLUTION #89-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MATTHEW COX AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

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

 Mayor Marshall swore in the newly appointed Officer Cox.

Mayor Marshall presented the 2025 Safe Boating Week Proclamation to the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary members.

**RESOLUTION #90-25**

**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 #90-25 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of $989,785.39. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #91-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $1,275,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2024 SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT DADDY TUCKER DRIVE PROJECT**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #91-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #92-25**

 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159 FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTATION (NOAA) GRANT IN THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #92-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #93-25**

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #93-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced that the Public Works Yard will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. Information about the Document Shredding Program and Hazardous Waste Program can be found in flyers posted on the Borough website. Additionally, Boat Flare Disposal Events are scheduled for June 18th, August 20th, and October 22nd, with detailed information to be made available on the website.

**RESOLUTION #94-25**

 **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MATHIS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE SFY 2024 SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT-DADDY TUCKER DRIVE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #94-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

**RESOLUTION #95-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,**

**COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,**

**APPOINTING BRANDON KELLY AS A FULL-TIME**

**LABORER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #95-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #96-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING NEW JERSEY PROTECTING AGAINST CLIMATE THREATS/RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPE RULES (NJPACT)**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #96-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #97-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 54” ZERO TURN MOWER**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #97-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #98-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING 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. D’Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #98-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

**RESOLUTION #99-25**

**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. D’Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #99-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

**RESOLUTION #100-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP) 2025 GRANT**

Mr. D’Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #100-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

**RESOLUTION #101-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONNJ**

Mr. D’Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #101-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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

**RESOLUTION #102-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE OCEAN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #102-25 be approved as read. 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 April 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’ Office for public inspection.

Deputy Chief Runza also announced that the Parkertown Fire Company attended Tuckerton Lumber's Open House and had a great time. They also plan to attend the Paradise Cove resident’s event on May 31st with their trucks. The fire company reopened its junior firefighter program and promoted it throughout the Borough as a career path for children.

Mr. Dupuis read the construction office’s report for April 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk’ Office for public inspection.

**RESOLUTION #103-25**

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

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #103-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #104-25**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR A REMANUFACTURED TRANSMISSION FOR A POLICE CAR**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #104-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Mayor Marshall introduced Jack, a Pinelands senior and Tuckerton resident, recognizing him for achieving Eagle Scout rank. Jack announced his plans to attend Norwich University on a four-year NROTC scholarship and become a commissioned Navy Officer. The council expressed pride in Jack as an example of Tuckerton's outstanding youth.

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 Fourth of July Celebration Committee on July 10, 2025. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Martin abstained from voting.

Mr. Martin announced that the Pride and Celebration Committee will collaborate with the New Jersey Historic Committee to celebrate RevolutionNJ. The committee is planning a fireworks show for next year in celebration of the United States' 250th anniversary. A town-wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025, and residents interested in participating should contact Mr. Martin via email for more information.

Mr. Martin reported that the committee would host a Friday night concert series this summer at the All Wars Memorial Ball Field on Bay Street. He announced that work had begun on a portable stage that could be towed on and off the field. He thanked Tuckerton Lumber for providing a significant discount on materials and the Jacques Cousteau Center (Rutgers) for helping secure a second trailer for stage construction. Mr. Martin noted he would coordinate with the Environmental Commission regarding bug control for the events.

Mr. Dupuis thanked the Tuckerton Gardener Club for their work in beautifying the town. He also expressed gratitude to the Paradise Cove Uplander Association, saying he would like to thank the work that Paul Solimani and his team had done in beautifying that area and keeping the veterans’ park looking nice.

Mr. Solimani delivered the Tuckerton Environmental Committee report. The committee discussed the planter boxes on Main Street and addressed the proposal to establish a trust account for the environmental committee, which would enable them to raise funds and deposit money into a dedicated account. The committee also welcomed a Department of Environmental Protection ambassador who attended the last meeting and listened to community concerns regarding dredging issues. Mr. Solimani noted this was a positive development. Additionally, Mr. D’Amore introduced a potential grant writer who could assist in securing funding for work on Thompson's Creek through grant applications.

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

Carolyn Kean 84 Curlew Road, explained that the Tuckerton Beach Association has been painting benches and inquired why certain benches had their paint stripped. She also asked whether the Borough intends to use Nixle more regularly to inform residents about upcoming special events like concert. Additionally, she asked why a Nixle alert used for South Green Street wasn’t paving. Lastly, she asked what plans are in place following the town's receipt of the NOAA grant. Ms. Kean also announced that the TBA summer concerts will begin on June 21st.

Ms. Gleghorn explained that the benches stripped of paint were privately purchased by relatives who did not want them painted. She clarified that Nixle will only be used for emergency notifications, and unfortunately, the Borough is not notified by the County regarding scheduled road work so a Nixle alert cannot always go out unless the Borough is notified. Regarding the NOAA grant, she stated that the Borough engineers will begin planning, though there is no start date yet. However, the project must be finalized by March 31st, 2027.

Paul Solimoni 20 Edgewater Drive, raised concerns about potholes around Edgewater Drive in Paradise Cove.

Mr. Colangelo confirmed that they are currently in the process of being repaired.

Mr. Solimoni also asked if the Borough has been pursuing any grants for Thompson Creek.

Ms. Gleghorn stated that there are currently no available grants, but the Borough's grant writers are actively searching for funding opportunities. She explained that Thompson's Creek is not recognized by the State of New Jersey, they will not designate it as a navigable waterway - an ongoing issue that has persisted for years; which has hindered assistance from the State of New Jersey.

Lee Eggert, 20 Willow Landing Terrace thanked everyone who secured the NOAA grant and raised concerns about fair salaries for the public works employees and their long tenure with the borough. He also asked why the yearly salary resolution still listed the Borough manager, who was let go and asked if there is an update on that litigation.

Mr. Conners stated that it is currently pending litigation.

Mr. McAndrews, Code Enforcement for Tuckerton Borough, requested that the governing body go into executive session to discuss an unfit structure in the Borough.

Debra McMunn, asked why the concert location changed from the Seaport to the All Wars ball field. She asked if there are going to be any noise issues with the residents near the ball field or if there are any concerns about traffic in a residential area.

Mr. Martin explained that the concerts were moved to Borough property for insurance reasons. The concerts will be from 6:30-8:30 pm with noise concluding by 8:30 pm, and the Borough of Tuckerton does not have a noise ordinance in place.

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

**RESOLUTION #105-25**

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

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #105-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be recessed at 8:00pm. So moved.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be reconvened at 8:22pm. So moved.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC**

**BOROUGH CLERK**

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL**

**MAYOR**