Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on June 16, 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.

## RESOLUTION #106-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING JOSEPH CAPUTO AS LIEUTENANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #106-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mayor Marshall swore in the newly appointed Lieutenant Caputo.

## RESOLUTION #107-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2025 – 2026 LICENSING YEAR

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that Resolution #107-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

# ORDINANCE #5 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF A TRASH/RECYCLING TRUCK AND APPROPRIATING \$330,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$313,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON TO FINANCE THE SAME

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #5 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing for July 21, 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.

# ORDINANCE #6 OF 2025

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 223 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" SO AS TO REVISE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #6 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing for July 21, 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.

# **ORDINANCE #7 OF 2025**

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 223 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON ENTITLED "SOLID WASTE" SO AS TO UPDATE RECYCLING REGULATIONS

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Ordinance #7 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing for July 21, 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 #108-25

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 #108-25 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$724,487.10. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

### **RESOLUTION #109-25**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159 FOR THE PY 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #109-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

# **RESOLUTION #110-25**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 159 FOR THE CY 2025 ALCOHOL ED AND REHAB GRANT FOR THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #110-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

# **RESOLUTION #111-25**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A DEDICATION BY RIDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH NJSA 40A:4-39 FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS & THE APPROPRIATION OF THE SAME FOR THE TUCKERTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #111-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

### RESOLUTION #112-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CANCEL EXCESS, WATER & SEWER CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2025

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #112-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced that the Public Works facility will be closed on June 20, 2025 and July 4, 2025 in observance of holidays.

# **RESOLUTION #113-25**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDING A STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2025 FORD F-350 AND ONE (1) 2025 FORD F-250 TRUCK TO WINNER FORD.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #113-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

# **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GRANTURK AN AUTHORIZED VENDOR OF SOURCEWELL NATIONAL PURCHASING CONTRACT #110223-LEG FOR ONE (1) LABRIE 42 YARD TOP SELECT SIDE LOADER

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

## **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO INTERNATIONAL AN AUTHORIZED VENDOR OF SOURCEWELL NATIONAL PURCHASING CONTRACT #032824-NVS FOR 2025 INTERNATIONAL HV607 4X2 CHASSIS

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

# **RESOLUTION #114-25**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY A WARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 30 YARD CONTAINER AND ONE (1) 10 YARD CONTAINER

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #114-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

## RESOLUTION #115-25

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 TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CEDAR STREET, COX AVE AND PARKER ROAD ROADWAY PRESERVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$457,038.00

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #115-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

- Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting and executive session of May 19, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.
- Mr. Dupuis read the construction office's report for May 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk' Office for public inspection.

Lieutenant Alyssa Chapman from Station 70 (Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company) presented the EMS and Fire Department report for May 2025, with a copy available for public review at the Municipal Clerk's Office. She also reported that the Parkertown Fire Company participated in a Paradise Cove community event, which was well-received by all attendees. Additionally, Chapman announced the relaunch of the department's junior firefighter program, which is being actively promoted across the Borough to introduce young people to firefighting as a potential career opportunity.

- Mr. Peterson read the Police Department's report for the May 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk' Office for public inspection.
- Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Church of the Holy Spirit. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.
- Mr. D'Amore moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to authorize the Parkertown Fire Department to conduct roadway charitable solicitation during the weekend of the Decoy Show in September. The motion was approved by majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.
- Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body approves July 4, 2025 fireworks with a rain date of July 5. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.
- Mr. Martin, representing the Pride and Celebration Committee, announced that the summer concert schedule is now available on the Borough website. The concerts will take place every Saturday beginning July 11, 2025, at the All Wars Ball Field. He also expressed gratitude to Wayne Martin for his assistance in constructing the stage.
- Mr. Martin, representing the Fourth of July Committee, announced that the annual parade will be held at 10:00 AM on July 4th, starting at Marine Street and ending at Great Bay Boulevard. Those interested in participating in the parade can email Mr. Martin to request an application. The Fourth of July Committee will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets with the opportunity to win \$750. Fireworks are scheduled for July 4, 2025, with a rain date of July 5th.
- Mr. Peterson, representing the Economic Development Committee, is pleased to announce that they have successfully established a Chamber of Commerce with local businesses. They will soon be opening a bank account and creating a separate website. He expressed excitement about future events.

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Mr. Dupuis, representing the Environmental Commission, expressed his satisfaction that the Council approved the rider account and looks forward to the positive outcomes that will result from this funding.

Mr. Colangelo stated that as the town enters the summer season, he asks residents to be more mindful about maintaining their yards and avoiding driving on the shoulder to pass other vehicles.

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

Resident of N. Forecastle Drive, Little Egg Harbor, proposed a plan to help reduce taxes in both the Borough of Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor Township through the use of "low speed vehicles" such as golf carts on roadways. He presented signage that he created along with a permit system that the townships could charge individuals to help offset high tax rates in both municipalities. His plan includes utilizing Great Bay Boulevard to South Green Street Park. He expressed enthusiasm about residents being able to drive golf carts from point A to point B and believes it could help slow traffic as drivers would practice safer driving habits around golf carts.

Mayor Marshall stated that she will speak with Little Egg Harbor Township officials and the Tuckerton Police Department and will follow up with him.

Carolyn Kean, 84 Curlew announced that the Tuckerton Beach Association's first concert will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, and they will be collecting donations for the Tuckerton Food Pantry. She inquired whether Tuckerton Creek has been dredged yet and asked if there is anything that can be done to begin the process. She also reported that a large amount of sand is accumulating on the west side of Tuckerton Beach, which is causing concern among residents. She then thanked the township for the federal appropriation and expressed appreciation to the Tuckerton Police Department for their increased presence on South Green Street. Lastly, she asked about a Facebook post concerning the Borough and the Tuckerton Fire Department.

Mr. Martin informed Ms. Kean that he has not received a response from the state regarding the dredging since COVID. He continues to reach out and hopes to hear a start date, and will update her when he receives a response.

Mr. Conners stated that he will respond to the Facebook post after everyone in the public session has had a chance to speak.

Allison and Brian Suralik of Wood Street spoke regarding a property in the Borough on Wood Street, providing photos and asking the governing body for an update on the matter. They have been working with Mr. McAndrew, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough.

Mr. Conners explained that the Borough has been made aware of this property and has been working with Social Services to ensure the individual in the property receives proper assistance and help prior to any condemnation proceedings.

Paul Solimani 20 Edgewater Drive, stated that he believes OSHA and the Board of Health should be involved with that property. He also mentioned that Paradise Cove has safety signs being installed throughout the development. He thanked Mr. Colangelo and Public Works for fixing the potholes and recommended that the town consider installing a traffic light at the entrance of Paradise Cove.

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

Mr. Conners addressed Ms. Kean's question about an internet posting attributed to the Tuckerton Volunteer Fire Company, explaining the litigation that began in June 2022. Stating In June 2022, the Division of Fire Safety found serious violations at the Tuckerton Fire Company, including safety standard failures and missing required fit testing for firefighters. The Division called the leadership "an abysmal failure." Due to liability concerns with Borough-owned fire trucks, officials legally impounded the vehicles during investigation. The fire company sued the Borough, claiming there was an agreement for annual contributions. Mr. Conners clarified that while state law allows municipalities to contribute up to \$150,000 to volunteer fire companies, it is not required and no written agreement existed. The fire company also claimed illegal entry and equipment damage, but both the prosecutor's office and state attorney general dismissed these allegations. The Borough worked with the Division of Fire Safety to create a plan for the fire company to regain first responder status by meeting legal requirements. Despite hiring an expert and receiving deadline extensions, the fire company failed to comply. The Borough offered a \$35,000 settlement for six months of service in 2022. When the fire company initially refused, the Borough discovered they had failed to file proper legal notices and prepared to dismiss the lawsuit. The fire company then accepted the original offer of \$35,000, and the case was dismissed permanently.

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,	Approved:
JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC ROROUGH CLERK	SUSAN R. MARSHALL, MAYOR