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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on August 18, 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.

ORDINANCE #8 OF 2025

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 116, LOTS 54
AND 55 FROM FRANK SCHULTZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH
N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5**

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that Ordinance #8 of 2025 be approved on first reading and schedule the second reading and public hearing for September 15, 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 #124-25

**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 #117-25 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$2,019,100.09. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #125-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 2025
TAXES DUE ON A PROPERTY GRANTED THE 100%
DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION & REFUND THE
RESULTING CREDIT BALANCE**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #125-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #126-25

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE
OCEAN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND.**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #126-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Colangelo announced the Public Works yard will be closed on September 1, 2025 for Labor Day.

RESOLUTION #127-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING
PERMIT ON FOR BLOCK 116 LOT 12 AND GRANTING
RELIEF UNDER SECTION 419-15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #127-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #128-25

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #128-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore extended his appreciation to Mr. Martin, the Pride and Celebration Committee, the Tuckerton Borough Police Department, and the Parkertown Fire Department for their valuable contributions and support throughout the summer concert series.

RESOLUTION #129-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDED
A CONTRACT TO ARAWAK PAVING CO., INC. FOR THE
SFY 2024 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT - KELLY AVE**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #129-25 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 July 21, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #130-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ASSESSING
LIEN UPON DWELLINGS OR LANDS FOR PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO BOROUGH ORDINANCE
§103-2 AND PERMITTED BY N.J.S.A. 40:48-1.14.**

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Colangelo that Resolution #130-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Vreeland abstained from voting on Kelly Ave.

Mr. Dupuis read the Construction Office's report for July 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk' Office for public inspection.

Mr. Dupuis read the EMS and Fire Department's report for the July 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk' Office for public inspection.

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

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Tuckerton Historical Society on September 6, 2025. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by New Jersey Conservation Officers Association on September 27 and 28, 2025. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Dupuis to approve the facility use form for South Green Street Park for August 23, 2025 to the Tuckerton Beach Association. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Vreeland that the governing body accept the letter of resignation from Joseph Hannon, Public Works Labor effective August 28, 2025. So move by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin reported on the summer concert series, noting that it averaged over 200 people each Friday night. He mentioned that the local U12 baseball team, the Swamp Donkeys, opened the concession stand as a fundraiser, and that over \$750 was collected for the food pantry through these efforts. Looking ahead, he indicated that the council is considering movie nights and additional concerts in the fall, and possibly getting involved with the porch fest.

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Mr. Peterson reported that the Tucker Chamber of Commerce is having their first meeting on Thursday, August 21st at LBI National from 6:30 to 8:30, and that everyone is welcome to attend.

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin, the Environmental Chair, reported that the committee has three new members. She noted that they are continuing to work on removing the invasive paper pear trees on Main Street. She also announced that the Adopt the Highway cleanup is September 20th at 10am at the Borough Hall.

Carolyn Keene reported on the Tuckerton Beach Association, noting they had a successful concert series this year that raised a total of \$1,599 for the Tuckerton Food Pantry. She thanked the council for providing permits, clean bathrooms, and trash cans. She also announced that the third annual Tuckerton Beach Boat Parade will take place this Saturday, August 23, 2025 with participants meeting outside of Green Street Park at 6pm. The parade will loop throughout the bay and through the cove, with Green Street Park serving as a viewing area for the public. She emphasized that the event is open to the whole borough and that information will be posted on the town website.

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

Paul Solimani, 20 Edgewater Drive spoke about adopting a safety program for Thompson's Creek called "Safety for 73 for Safety," which involves calling in on VHF radio when going out and when returning. He reported that three signs were installed: one 4x4 foot sign on the marsh with permission from Forsythe Wildlife Refuge, and two signs on each lagoon. He also mentioned that Roger Hoffman, an environmental engineer, suggested planting a non-invasive, flowering shrub downtown and that an email with a link was sent regarding this proposal.

Anthony Scaglione, 125 Curlew Rd, asked if the borough is purchasing or donating Block 116, Lots 54 and 50, on the peninsula. In response, it was explained that the borough doesn't need a construction easement for the living shoreline project. The original property owner had wanted to donate it to the borough before the \$4.5 million in funding was secured, but the borough needed an easement from the individuals involved. It was noted that there is only one property left to address, the original owner is no longer the owner, and the property is partially underwater. Soundings for the area should be available within a month.

Gerard Schultz, 478 Anchor Rd raised several concerns including speed limit signs on Green Street that are covered by trees on private property and a fire hydrant on Little Egg Harbor Boulevard that is covered with bushes. He noted that sidewalks on South Green Street are in disrepair. Mr. Schultz also addressed concert safety, suggesting that someone should be designated to be in charge of concerts with the authority to cut them off in the event of a storm.

Ms. Gleghorn provided a comprehensive summary regarding the water discoloration issue, explaining that data is needed to narrow down the problem. In her initial assessment, she noted that the discoloration was initially attributed to milling and paving on South Green Street, which could cause iron deposits in ductile iron pipes to break loose due to vibrations.

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Ms. Gleghorn reported that water testing confirmed the discoloration was due to iron, and the water treatment plant was producing 400-500,000 gallons daily, up from the normal 200-250,000 gallons. She noted that discoloration is now occurring more frequently uptown and in the beach area, with the borough monitoring filters, Wells 3 and 4, and the backwashing system. Ms. Gleghorn emphasized that bacteria samples are taken daily and there is no bacteria in the water.

She explained that third-party laboratory tests are conducted daily with reports sent to the DEP, and that hydrant flushing should occur twice yearly but was restricted last year due to drought warnings. Ms. Gleghorn requested that residents experiencing discoloration call the office at 609-296-2701 with details including address, time of day, and whether the discoloration stops when running water. She assured residents that the licensed professional has stated the discoloration is only excess iron and not a health hazard, with water tested multiple times daily showing all potential health hazards within normal standards.

A resident raised concerns about compromised and leaking bulkheads following dredging in 2023. The resident noted that the borough was previously notified about these issues. In response, it was stated that the borough is aware of the bulkhead issues and has been sending letters to homeowners. Legal action may be necessary to address non-compliant property owners, and there is a specific ordinance dealing with bulkhead conditions, including a fine schedule.

A resident on 189 Flamingo stated that Flamingo Road and Little Lake Harbor Boulevard were flooded, making it difficult to leave the area. Check valves were suggested for the area.

Mr. Dupuis stated that residents in a flooding area can park at the ballpark on Bay Avenue during high tide due to storms. Parking is free, but residents are asked not to block access to the field for EMS fly outs.

Steve Cessny of 191 Flamingo Road asked about the filters in the water system. Ms. Gleghorn explained that the filters are supposed to be changed every 8 to 10 years and inspected every two years. She noted that the last inspection was in 2023, so another one is due, and that replacing the filters can cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Mr. Dupuis, noting the upcoming storms, clarified that the shelter is located at Pinelands Middle School. The shelter is staffed and has designated areas for people with and without animals. He also mentioned that the Ocean County Sheriff's Department has mobile kennels for pets, and that Parkertown Fire Company can shelter people if a state emergency is declared and people are in need.

Debbie McMunn, advised residents to pay attention to the news and move cars during flooding. She raised concerns about a proposed project on Center Street in Little Egg Harbor that would increase traffic in Tuckerton. She noted that traffic is already backed up in the mornings. She expressed concerns about the burden on fire and EMS services. She encouraged residents to attend meetings about the development.

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

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN R. MARSHALL, MAYOR