

BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES: Monday – October 6, 2025

Call Meeting to Order – *Chairman Jon Miller*

Flag Salute – *Chairman Jon Miller*

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 5:30 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	Ken Laney	Jon Miller	Kim Sakevich	Dave Shaffer	Chuck Watson
Present			X	X	X		X
Absent	X	X				X	

Also, In Attendance:

	Mayor Sue Marshall	Councilman Ron Peterson
Present	X	X
Absent		

Recording of Hours (Since August 4, 2025):

Glen Best – Absent Marcella Klein – Absent Ken Laney – 4 Jon Miller – 20 Kim Sakevich – 20 ,
Dave Shaffer – Absent, Chuck Watson - 10

Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2025:

Mr. Laney made a motion to approve the August 4, 2025 minutes; the motion was second by Ms. Sakevich. With three abstention, the minutes were approved. Mr. Watson abstained.

Old Business:

The last meeting was held before the Chamber soiree, which had 60 to 70 people in attendance. The chamber is approaching 30 memberships. An upcoming meeting is scheduled with Kim and Brooke from the Seaport on Friday at 9:00 AM at the Seaport. The concept of hosting the Tuckerton Business Expo at the Seaport in the spring will be introduced to Brooke. The first official Chamber meeting will be held on October 28th at 6:30 PM at LBI National.

New Business:

Kim Sackvich will become the first president of the Chamber of Commerce, with the official announcement set for the October 28th meeting. As part of a fresh vision for the organization, there's growing interest in weaving local arts into Chamber gatherings by showcasing regional singer-songwriters at each session.

Mr. Miller has proposed giving local artists a meaningful platform at every Chamber meeting—not just background music during the social hour, but a proper spotlight to perform and connect with attendees. This approach would introduce business owners to talented artists in their community while giving performers a chance to network and promote their upcoming shows. It's a win-win that could strengthen ties between the business community and the local arts scene.

Denise Miller, an accomplished singer-songwriter, exemplifies the kind of talent the Chamber hopes to feature. She'll be performing at the Lizzie Rose this Friday at 7:30 PM in a completely sold-out show, with a waitlist already forming for any cancellations. The evening will showcase her with a full band—piano, guitar, and drums—and will be professionally filmed by a videography crew from New York City. It's a milestone performance for her: the first time headlining with a full band and no opening act, and it doubles as a birthday celebration.

This artist-focused initiative would also shine a light on venues like the Lizzie Rose and the Union Market that champion local talent. Amy from Porch Fest has already offered to help identify artists for future Chamber meetings, making the vision even more achievable.

Meanwhile, Mr. Watson is working on promotional flyers to expand the Chamber's reach, particularly targeting businesses near Tuckerton Beach, including marinas and Parsons. His goal is to connect with every corner of the business community and will soon have draft flyers ready for approval.

Members Forum:

Mr. Peterson reported that the Seaport reached out to the borough seeking assistance with facility improvements. While promising concepts have been developed, advancement remains on hold pending state approval of a loan. The long-term vision is to transform the Seaport into a destination comparable to Peddler's Village within the next 10 to 15 years. One proposal includes converting certain buildings into retail spaces, similar to the model used at Smithville. A productive dialogue was initiated during Friday's meeting. Mr. Peterson recommended engaging the Chamber of Commerce once meaningful headway has been achieved. Little Egg Harbor Township is establishing a recreation committee, and there may be opportunities for collaboration. The committee discussed alternate ways to help in the future.

Public Forum:

None at this time.

Close Public Forum:

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

Approval of Secretary Services:

Roll Call:

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Glen Best			X	
		Marcella Klein			X	
X		Ken Laney				
		Jon Miller	X			
		Kim Sakevich	X			
		Dave Shaffer			X	
	X	Chuck Watson				

Adjournment – 6:11 PM

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

Respectfully submitted:

Savannah Beaulieu, EDC Secretary