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Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on December 15, 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 #9 OF 2025

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING BOROUGH CODE SECTION 164 ENTITLED, "FILMING OF MAJOR MOTION PICTURES"

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be opening for public comment on Ordinance #9 of 2025 only. It was so moved.

Chuck Watson, 90 Curlew Rd, thanked the Borough Mayor and Council for advancing this Ordinance and expressed that it will bring in great revenue to the Borough. He noted that there is already someone interested in filming here in Tuckerton and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for really initiating the push for this.

Seeing no other comments, Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin to close public comment.

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Ordinance #9 of 2025 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D'Amore, Dupuis, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

ORDINANCE #10 OF 2025

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING AND REPLACING BOROUGH CODE SECTION 244 ENTITLED "TREES"

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that the meeting be opening for public comment on Ordinance #10 of 2025 only. It was so moved.

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin, 209 Cedar St, asked for clarification on this ordinance.

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Mr. Vreeland explained that the ordinance establishes requirements for tree removal and replacement in the Borough of Tuckerton to reduce soil erosion and pollutant runoff, promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil, and protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare.

Seeing no other comments, Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin to close public comment.

Mr. Vreeland moved, second by Mr. Martin that Ordinance #10 of 2025 be approved on second and final reading. It was so moved by the following vote: Yes – Vreeland, Martin, Colangelo, D'Amore, Dupuis, Peterson; No – none; Abstain – none; Absent – none.

Mr. Vreeland extended holiday greetings and New Year wishes to all.

RESOLUTION #163-25

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 #163-25 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$118,447.79. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #164-25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE 2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #164-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #165-25

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #165-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin announced to Mr. Paul Solimani that he and Borough Administrator/Clerk Jenny Gleghorn met with BRS, the Borough's grant writers, regarding a promising grant opportunity to dredge Thompson's Creek in Paradise Cove. The project would include thin layer deposition and plantings, similar to the work being done in Stafford Township.

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BRS is optimistic and preparing the grant application for submission. The project involves removing 74,500 cubic yards of dredge material from Thompson's Creek to fill ditches, address low points in the marsh, and support plantings. This aligns well with the grant's scope and scale requirements.

The grant focuses on carbon reduction, with approximately \$28 million available total and up to \$5 million allocated for individual projects. The grant committee prefers to award sizable amounts to communities, making this larger-scale project a good fit. If awarded, the grant money would come next year, with the actual project following the year after.

Mr. Colangelo announced that the Public Works yard will be closed on January 1 and 19th for the Observed Holidays.

RESOLUTION #166-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ROAD OPENING
PERMIT ON HERON ROAD FOR BLOCK 114 LOT 26 AND
GRANTING RELIEF UNDER SECTION 419-15 OF THE
BOROUGH CODE**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #166-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #167-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT
WORKERS UNION.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #167-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #168-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
STAHL UTILITY BODY**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #168-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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RESOLUTION #169-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY A
WARDING A CONTRACT FOR A FLYGT SUBMERSIBLE
PUMP FOR THE TUCKERTON BEACH SEWAGE PUMP
STATION**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #169-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #170-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AWARDING AN OCEAN COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT
FOR THE REPAIR OF THE TUCKERTON BEACH PUMP
STATION TO KRS SERVICES, INC.**

Mr. Colangelo moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #170-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

RESOLUTION #171-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT
WITH LITTLE EGG HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 AND
CONVEYANCE OF A VEHICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #171-25 be approved as read. It was so moved by the majority consent of the Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from voting.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2025 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Mr. Dupuis announced the Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company has sent out notices to Tuckerton Borough residents regarding a couple of funding shortfalls. They have several items they need to purchase that are not covered by the fire district and are asking residents to consider

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donating. Mr. Colangelo expressed hope that people would be willing to contribute, noting that it would mean a lot to the company.

RESOLUTION #172-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AUTHORIZING THE TUCKERTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE
LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT
OFFICE 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #172-25 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Mayor Marshall extended holiday greetings and New Year wishes to all. She announced that the reorganization meeting will be held at noon on New Year's Day to swear in the newly elected officials, Councilman Colangelo and Councilman Dupuis. She invited residents to attend if available and again wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Mr. Martin motioned, second by Mr. Vreeland to accept Ryan Cahill resignation as Sergeant from the Tuckerton Borough Police Department. It was so moved by unanimous consent of council.

Mr. Martin made two announcements. First, on January 1st at 6:00 PM, the Pinelands Fourth of July Fireworks Committee will present fireworks over the lake, similar to last year. He encouraged residents to dress warmly and noted the fireworks are particularly crisp and clear this time of year due to low humidity. Information will be posted on Facebook and the Pride and Celebration page.

Second, Mr. Martin provided an update on Ye Olde Christmas in Tuckerton on Saturday the 6th. Unfortunately, the horse and carriage rides were unavailable this year as the horse passed away, but they will return next year. Santa arrived via sleigh brought by Parkertown Fire Department, and approximately 300 people attended the tree lighting at Stewart's.

Mr. Martin thanked the police officers for excellent crowd management, the Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, Tuckerton Emporium, Pineland Thespian Group for the Dickens characters, and Stewart's for hosting. He also thanked The Sand Paper for their center-page write-up. He asked the Mayor to pass along thanks to John Bethanis and the crew for their excellent snowstorm response.

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Mayor Marshall thanked Mr. Martin for organizing the successful event and suggested making the step bigger where Santa stood, as he nearly fell backwards.

Beth Obiedzinski-Garvin, Environmental Commission Chair, reported that tree removal took place on November 22nd and 23rd with New Jersey Natural Gas unexpectedly joining on Sunday. The crew worked efficiently for about five hours each day without incident, and the removed trees are barely noticeable. The only issue was a stump in front of Wells Fargo, which John Bethanis will handle.

Ms. Obiedzinski-Garvin thanked volunteers Vince Larcelli and his son Andrew, the whole Environmental Committee, Roger Hoffman, Borough employees and police officers.

The next phase near the post office will involve wires. The first quote received was \$335 per tree, totaling approximately \$7,000. The commission plans a textile recycling drive to raise funds and announced an invasive species presentation scheduled for March 23rd at 6:30 PM at the Tuckerton Library.

Ms. Obiedzinski-Garvin inquired about the 2026 Municipal Aid Grant of \$235,663. Ms. Gleghorn explained the funds are from the Department of Transportation, designated for Kelly Avenue and Parker Road repaving and storm water fixes, and require specific project applications.

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

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 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK**

SUSAN R. MARSHALL, MAYOR