

**JANUARY 20, 2026**

Mayor Susan R. Marshall called the regular meeting of the Tuckerton Borough Council to order on January 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Tuckerton Borough Hall.

Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act were complied with as notice was published in 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, Frank D' Amore, Michael Dupuis Sr., Ron Peterson and Mayor Susan R. Marshall. Mr. Sam Colangelo was absent.

Mayor Marshall led the salute to the flag.

Mr. Vreeland announced that Council is in discussion about reducing the speed limit on Water Street to 15 mph.

**RESOLUTION #48-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FIREWORKS**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #48-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin announced that Fireworks will be held on July 4th, with a rain date of July 5th at Tip Seaman Park

**RESOLUTION #49-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #49-26 be approved as read. It was so moved the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #50-26**

**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 #50-26 be approved authorizing payment of claims in the amount of \$1,028,389.78. It was so moved by the majority consent of Council. Mr. Dupuis abstained from Fire District Number 3 and Great Bay Regional Squad 85.

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**RESOLUTION #51-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER 2025 FISCAL GRANT  
CYCLE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #51-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Martin motioned, second by Mr. Vreeland to accept Joseph Iacono resignation as Tax Collector from the Tuckerton Borough Tax Department. It was so moved by unanimous consent of council.

**RESOLUTION #52-26**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF  
TUCKERTON TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE  
AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LACEY FOR  
THE SHARED USE OF TAX COLLECTOR SERVICE  
PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORMED SHARED SERVICE  
ACT N.J.S.A. 40A"65-1 et. seq.**

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that Resolution #52-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #53-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A PERMIT FEE FOR  
THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF APPLIANCES  
CONTAINING REFRIGERANT FLUIDS TO JOHN HULME  
JR.**

Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #53-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #54-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDER  
#1 TO THE ROADWAY PRESERVATION PROJECT  
KELLY AVENUE FROM MARINE STREET**

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Mr. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #54-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2025 and January 1, 2026 be approved. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Chief Frank Runza of Station 70 (Parkertown Volunteer Fire Company) read the EMS and Fire Department's report for the December 2025; a copy of which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office for public inspection.

Mr. Dupuis also announce the total EMS calls for the year of 2025 which was 521 calls.

**RESOLUTION #55-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AWARDING A STATE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF A POLICE VEHICLE TO WINNER FORD**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #55-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

**RESOLUTION #56-26**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON,  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED  
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF OCEAN  
FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S PROGRAM**

Mr. Peterson moved, second by Mr. Dupuis that Resolution #56-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

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

Mayor Marshall announced that Tuckerton Borough has officially been recognized as a Revolution New Jersey community in preparation for America's 250th anniversary celebration. She explained that she had received correspondence and a poster from Revolution New Jersey, which congratulated the Borough on becoming part of the organization and invited the community to explore current programs and opportunities while developing its own plans for the anniversary. Mayor Marshall noted that the Pride and Celebration Committee had already been identified as the appropriate body to handle the planning efforts.

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## RESOLUTION #55-26

### **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. D'Amore moved, second by Mr. Peterson that Resolution #55-26 be approved as read. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body approve and waive the municipal fee for a raffle license held by Pinelands Fourth of July Committee on March 2, 2026. It was so moved by the unanimous consent of Council.

Ms. Gleghorn announced that this is the year for the Community Development Block Grant process. She informed the general public that applications are now being accepted and invited citizens, agencies, and organizations to share their input on the housing and community needs of the Borough of Tuckerton and to request project application forms from her office. All project applications intended for the governing body's consideration must be submitted to her by 4:00 PM on January 31, 2026. At the following meeting in February, the governing body will determine which projects to prioritize.

Mr. Dupuis moved, second by Mr. Peterson that the governing body accept with regrets the retirement of Frances Di Domenico, Records Clerk from the Tuckerton Police Department. It was so moved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Martin reported on upcoming initiatives in celebration of New Jersey's 250th anniversary of the Revolution. The Pride and Celebration Committee plans to install American flags along Main Street through the center of town. Mr. Martin indicated his intent to coordinate with the committee to obtain commemorative flags featuring 250 and Revolution designations to enhance the town center for the anniversary celebration while maintaining regular programming including summer concerts and fireworks committee activities.

Mr. Martin advised that he is beginning early preparation of permits for this year's fireworks display, which will be the largest in the town's history, featuring approximately 40% more fireworks than the previous year. The committee is working with the county to incorporate four-inch shell fireworks that create patterns and designs. The display will maintain the standard 20-25 minute duration.

Mr. Martin reported that the January 1st fireworks show was well-attended despite cold temperatures and noted the committee's intention to make it an annual event. He announced that the Fourth of July Committee will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on March 2nd at the Redmen Lodge.

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Beth Obiedzinski-Gavin, Environmental Commission Chairperson, reported that the tentative date for the Helpsey Drive textile recycling event has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict with Tuckerton Elementary School clothing drive. The commission will reschedule the event toward the end of spring as a spring cleaning drive.

Ms. Obiedzinski-Gavin announced that the commission will host a screening of the 12 Tenacious Invasive Plants film on March 23rd at 6:30pm at the library. Roger Hoffman and Vince will present on the town's tree replacement program and invasive tree management efforts.

Ms. Obiedzinski-Gavin noted that the commission is working on the next phase of tree planting initiatives, exploring multiple approaches. She indicated that while all trees may not be planted by the 250th anniversary celebration, she views it as a year-long celebration with accomplishments occurring throughout the year.

Mr. Dupuis moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson that the meeting be opened to the public. So moved.

Melissa Steele, 380 Marine Street, reported ongoing issues with individuals dumping cat food between Cox Avenue and Marshall Avenue. Ms. Steele stated that multiple people are leaving piles of cat food at various hours despite repeated requests from neighbors to stop. She noted that several individuals have been ticketed by the police department and indicated that animal patrol and neighbors have suggested volunteers from the Ocean County shelter may also be involved.

Ms. Steele emphasized that dumping food near the wildlife refuge is illegal and expressed concern that the practice is attracting more stray cats to the area. She reported this is the largest cat population she has observed in over 20 years of living there. The food is also attracting other wildlife including turkey buzzards, skunks, and raccoons, which congregate on sidewalks, roads, and residents' roofs. Ms. Steele raised concerns about sanitation and disease transmission from the increased animal activity.

Mr. Vreeland advised that he had spoken with neighbors and provided contact information. He instructed Ms. Steele and other affected neighbors to call the Police Department to document each incident. Ms. Steele mentioned that a neighbor on the corner of Marshall and Marine has experienced significant problems, and according to Animal Control Officer, has received threats from individuals feeding the cats.

Mr. McAndrew thanked Ms. Steele for bringing the issue forward and reported observing food on the sidewalk within the last two weeks, which he has documented. He noted that despite changes to local ordinances, the problem with turkey vultures persists. Mr. McAndrew observed seven vultures on the roof of a newly constructed home at the corner, noting that their excrement can damage roof shingles, the roof structure itself, and solar panels if present. He explained that vultures defecate on their legs as a cooling method during summer months.

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Mr. McAndrew stated that as Code Enforcement Officer, his enforcement options are limited but indicated that if he catches individuals dumping food, they will face municipal court charges. He noted his availability for enforcement throughout the day and week.

Debbie McMunn, 82 Dolphin Road, stated that she has been spaying and neutering the stray cats in the area over the past two years through a trap-neuter-return program. Ms. McMunn indicated she feeds the cats but does not leave large amounts of food. She noted the cats have received vaccinations and argued this is the responsible approach that should have been undertaken previously. Ms. McMunn stated that stray cats have been present in the wooded area since Carl Hewitt lived there and expressed concern that the animals cannot be left to starve.

Mr. Vreeland noted that the feeding is attracting more animals to the area.

Ms. McMunn responded that she feeds the cats once per night and has been working to find homes for some of them, acknowledging it takes time to socialize them for adoption. She stated she has been verbally harassed by residents regarding her feeding activities, as has another individual involved in similar efforts.

Mr. Vreeland reiterated that the activity is illegal.

Ms. McMunn disagreed with the law and stated that no one else has taken responsibility for spaying and neutering the cats, which she believes is the responsible course of action, and noted she has personally funded these efforts.

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

Mr. Martin moved, second by Mr. Vreeland that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved at 7:38 pm. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

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**JENNY GLEGHORN, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

Approved:

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**SUSAN R. MARSHALL  
MAYOR**