

**Tuckerton Beach Association
General Meeting – In Person Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2025 at 9 am**

- Call to Order – Bunny Bauman (in absence of Anthony Scaglione)
 - Salute to the American Flag.

Intro of the TBA Officers for new attendees:

- **21 of attendees not including board**
 - **Introduce yourselves and street where you live.**

Councilman Brian Martin

Little Egg Harbor spit of land – started, Met with NOAA, they are preparing study of area before any plan to start project. Money cannot be taken back on this project as it was approved for appropriation. May use some dredge material behind the wall. May use from Kingfisher lagoon dredge that would be hydraulically pumped,. Need new soil samples.

Verizon Cell phone tower add to Water Tower area. Waiting on State due to being historical area. We have been waiting since 2018.

Kingfisher Lagoon Update – may use dredge material to pump into new live shoreline at Little Egg Harbor. Brian to propose we do soil samples. Last one was in 2013 after Sandy.

Tuckerton creek dredging, office is in NY. Army Corp of Engineers. Send emails to give us an update. No response. Brian to share info so we can get a response.

Roads update - Kelly Ave and Brigantine Ave, Clay and Marine, were slated to be done this year. Kingfisher will be scheduled to connect natural gas lines. Marsh Grasses remove carbon dioxide from the air.

Snow removal – salt intersections cost \$2k. Snow removal is expensive. 3 or more inches is the plowable threshold. Usually after the snow stops. County and State roads are plowed by the State.

DEP Flood maps to go 75 years forward. See October minutes for more details.

Clarification – Tuckerton Firehouse was shut down by the Boro on the recommendation of the state. Firetruck is sold! Beach Haven Fire Dept 1, 350,000. Covered our bond.

Donated 2 fire trucks to a North Carolina town in need.

Chris Volz - NJ Natural Gas started project on Heron without notifying the town. Jenny at Boro was not notified after the fact. Police did go over to site after Boro was called.

Green St Park – we can possibly put boosters on telephone poles but need a spot that is closer to get a WIFI hotspot. Comcast does community grants. Brian looking into this. Reclam the bay looking into Trail Cameras.

President's Report - Absent – Presented by Bunny Bauman

- Attending council meetings -1st and Third Monday of the month at 7 pm.
- Environmental commission meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 7

VP Report – Bunny Baumann – Kingfisher Rd.

- Plan for concerts next year.
- Block Captains updates – which streets still need BC's.
 - Block captains dispersed cards to neighbors to get new members.

- Jingle Mingle was Nov 30th. Great success! Raised \$700+ for the food Pantry. Will schedule this year for Nov 22 after vote of members in attendance.
- Need a Band Aug Concert. Budget is \$500 for 3 hrs.
- Bench painting at Green Steet Park – John at Boro said ok to paint. Schedule?
 - Planning to do this in the Spring, keep your eye out for the date.
 - Brian = Penny at food pantry signed up to drop off recycled plastic and they will create a bench.

Secretary's Report – Nancy Elwert – Flamingo Rd

- Meeting minutes approval from October 2024. 2 motions to approve – Nancy P. and Brian B.
- Email blast to current or members who need to renew for membership reminder.

Treasurer's Report – Anthony Pinho – Dolphin Rd

- a) **Bank balance as of 12/31/2024 is: \$7,471.36**
 - (1) Income: Membership at \$30, \$150 of Jingle Mingle ticket sale
 - (2) Expenses: Paid \$1,788 for Jingle Mingle Expenses: \$134 donation to Tuckerton Elementary, \$40 in Street sign maintenance and \$30 for insurance.
- b) New Membership: Total 253 with no change since last month. 40% of houses in Tuckerton Beach.
- c) So far 55 members.

Old Business:

- Previous Meeting: Angela Rosato: Looked into Constant Contact –Get information existing members thru email. Track responses thru dashboard. 60 day free trial. \$12 a month per user, targeting existing and renewals. Upload all email addresses.
- Direct Mail – for those who are not members. Partner of US Postal Service, mailing with card. Do printing and mailing. Pricing, printing and postage .87 per mailing. \$434 cost. There are 690 residents in Tuckerton Beach.
- Increase Membership Rates for 2025:
 - Vote to increase rates passed last meeting to \$30. Approved.
 - Renee's committee for beautification: Chris V, Chris A, Cris M, Bunny B.
- Mickeys has agreed to do 10% discount per Nancy
- **Do we still have access to the Borough Garage** next to Tuckerton Food Pantry? Bunny said we do have access. John Bethanis has a key. He I Superintendent of Public works. Tents, and things we put on signs and old records.
Do we know if anything is in there? Do we have accounting of TBA items stored there?
- Spit of Land update – Guaranteed 4.6 million for spit of land project. Approved 3/09/24. Public law # 118-42. May take a couple of years. It will go out to 1977 tide lines.
- Benches replaced at Green St Park which were donated benches from Public Works Dept. Memorial Bench created for Peter Gioiello.
- Recycle cans with lids are not provided by the town.
- Roads: Dolphin road, replaced pipe draining into road after Anthony P brought to attention of the town. Storm drains were removed on LEHB. Gate at So.Green St.Park does not get shut at night.
- Brian Martin working with CFO to add to next years budget to have a dedicated hot spot for the Green Street Park. It's a liability issue for the town. He will present to the CFO

New Business:

1. Membership:

- a. Discuss options for getting members signed up for 2025 at new rate of \$30.
- b. **Membership Card updates** - Still need to discuss which businesses to target. Nancy has secured 10% discount from Mickeys. **Will need volunteers to go to businesses. For now just the larger businesses to get program started. Cris Mayor providing a sample card. Dockside and Mickeys committed to discount card.**

2. **Social Media update:** Website and Facebook page. Cris Mayer
3. **Bench Painting at the park - Bunny**
4. Road Cleanup is upcoming. Perhaps coordinate with Earth Day in April.
5. Elections for Tba OFFICERS this year. Anyone interested or nominate someone – Renee Gioello was nominated. Voting takes place in July meeting. If interested in being an officer, please let us know in upcoming meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Road Cleanup for beach area in April
- Bench painting – Bunny to announce
- Concerts are scheduled for next year all at Green Street Park.
- Joey D and Johnny June, July Go Rock yourself, August is still open. Nancy to contact a band from her block party.

Next General Meeting will convene in April 2025