

Taylor Borough  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 13, 2017

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania.

On Roll Call, Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; Councilman Fallon, Yes; Councilman Tigie, Yes; Councilman Derenick, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Praschak, Yes.

President Mickavicz chaired the meeting.

First, the Chairman asked the public for any comments or input on any agenda item. There were none.

Next, the Chairman stated that everyone had the opportunity to read and review the August 9, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes, held at the Taylor Municipal Building 122 Union Street Taylor, PA and asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions. There were none. Motion to accept by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Fallon. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Under Old Business, the Chairman announced to the public that an Executive Session was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, immediately following our Work Session held at 7:30 P.M., to discuss a Personnel Issue.

Under New Business, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider an Ordinance # 8 of 2017 Signifying the Desire, Intention and Approval of the Borough of Taylor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Development Authority of the Borough of Taylor ("Authority"), An Authority Under the Municipality Authorities Act, as Amended: for the Purpose of Expanding the Purpose of the Authority. Solicitor Jones gave a brief overview. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. On Roll Call, Councilman

DeAngelo - Yes; Councilman Fallon -Yes; Councilman Tigie - Yes;  
Councilman Derenick - Yes; Councilman Digwood - Yes; Councilman McKeel  
- Yes; Councilman Mickavicz – Yes; The Ordinance was adopted.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider an Ordinance # 9 of 2017, pertaining to the enactment of a Stormwater Management Ordinance with its purpose, standards, plan requirements, operation, maintenance fees, prohibition and enforcement. Solicitor Jones gave a brief overview. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Tigie. On Roll Call, Councilman DeAngelo – Yes; Councilman Fallon - Yes; Councilman Tigie – Yes; Councilman Derenick – Yes; Councilman Digwood - Yes; Councilman McKeel - Yes; Councilman Mickavicz - Yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider a Resolution # 18 of 2017, authorizing Lackawanna County Commissioners to submit an application for 2017 CDBG Funds in the amount of \$75,729.00 on behalf of Taylor Borough for project “Jefferson Street Storm Sewer Improvement Project Phase 2”, and to also authorize the President to sign a certification of Community Plan. Mr. Zeleniak gave a brief overview. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The Resolution was adopted.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider a Resolution # 19 of 2017, to authorize the Application for an LSA Grant for the acquisition of a new Police Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$74,499.11. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider a Resolution # 20 of 2017, authorizing the transfer of Disposition Parcel No. 1 to the Development Authority of the Borough of Taylor along with the pending subdivision 3 parcels - Taylor Council in order to foster development in the Borough and to eliminate blight. Solicitor Jones gave a brief overview. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Tigie. On Roll Call, Councilman DeAngelo – Yes; Councilman Fallon – Yes; Councilman Tigie – Yes; Councilman Derenick – Yes; Councilman Digwood – Yes; Councilman McKeel – Yes; Councilman Mickavicz – Yes. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to appoint Michael Peter Kowanick, Jr., as a Part-Time Police Officer, on an as needed basis with no guarantee of hours, on an hourly rate set by the budget similar to the other Taylor Police Officers. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman Digwood. The Chairman stated that Michael Peter Kowanick Jr. was referred by the Chief of Police and the Mayor. Michael Peter Kowanick Jr. has Act 120, MOPEC and previous experience. On Roll Call, Councilman DeAngelo – Yes; Councilman Fallon – Yes; Councilman Tigie – Yes; Councilman Derenick – Yes; Councilman Digwood – Yes; Councilman McKeel – Yes; Councilman Mickavicz – Yes. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to authorize the lease to own of a 2018 Ford F – 150 4x4 Short Bed Police Vehicle for the total purchase of \$43,270.65 from Kovatch Nesquehoning Ford, Co – Stars Contract # 25, Vendor # 025 – 084, with delivery on or about January 2018 and further subject to the condition that the first payment shall not be before January 2019. Also subject to appropriate non – appropriation language. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, Councilman Tigie read the Approval of Bills for Payment for August 2017. Attached are the list of paid invoices and open invoices totaling \$262,868.37.

Next, Councilman Tigie made a motion to pay the August 2017 Payroll in the amount of \$104,485.27 August Paid Bills in the amount of \$31,624.83 and Open Invoices in the amount of \$126,758.27 totaling \$262,868.37 when funds are available; seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

August Payroll	\$104,485.27
August Paid Invoices	\$31,624.83
August Open Invoices	\$126,758.27
Total Expenditures	\$262,868.37

Next, Mr. Zeleniak read the Treasurer's Report for August 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report  
August 2017**

Local Service Tax	\$24,847.42
Real Estate Tax 2017	\$3,759.41
RE Tax Delinquencies 2016	\$3,355.19
RE Tax Delinquencies 2015	\$5,345.32
RE Tax Delinquent 2014	\$650.91
RE Tax Delinquent 2013	\$100.24
RE Transfer Tax	\$6,827.71
Earned Income Tax	\$109,458.00
UCC Building Permits	\$0
Zoning Variance/ Permits	\$50.00
Escrow Accounts	\$0
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$2,855.49
TCC	\$1,469.20
Comcast	\$22,926.11
Other Income	\$37,947.19
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$0
Interest	\$30.80
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$219,622.99</b>

Next, Councilman Tigie read the Financial Report for August 31, 2017.

**Financial Report  
August 31, 2017**

General Account Balance	\$415,328.83
Real Estate Tax Account	\$1,000.04
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$184,120.85
Splash Park Account	\$37,405.24
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$865.19
Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	(\$4,728.86)
2017 Tax Anticipation Note	(\$189,985.89)
2017 Disbursement Account Bal	\$21,307.29
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$80,000.00
Escrow Account (General)	\$2,650.00
Police Pension Fund	\$3,190,217.29
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$439,449.21

Next, Councilman Digwood gave the Recycling Report for August 2017. Report placed on file.

**Recycling Report  
August 2017**

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	47,120	23.56
Cardboard	20,960	10.48
Paper (newspaper)	25,320	12.66
Brush	64,380	32.19
E-Cycling	0	0
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>157,780</b>	<b>78.89</b>

Next, The Chairman asked if there were any Committee Reports, There were none.

Next, Mayor Praschak presented the Mayor's report for the month of August 2017. The Mayor advised that the police department responded to 444 calls for service, 22 Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated, 3 Parking Ticket was issued, 21 Traffic Citations were issued, 6 Non-traffic citations issued and 23 Criminal Complaints were filed. Revenues received for the month of August 2017: Magistrate Court Fines - \$1,295.63; Police Reports - \$135.00; Judicial \$279.66; Roving Patrol Reimbursement \$1,145.20; Totaling \$2,855.49; The total fines listed on 21 traffic citations were - \$14,500; A total of 29 Parking Tickets since January 2017; 17 of which were paid; 9 pending; 3 voided; \$320.00 has been collected. The Chairman asked that the Mayor's Report be placed on file.

Next, Mayor Praschak requested that Officer Brian Holland attend of a 3 Day ILO Training Seminar on November 13, 2017 through November 15, 2017. This training is free includes lodging, parking and meals. The Chairman entertained this motion adding Officer Holland's shifts will be covered by a Part – Time Police Officer so he shall receive No Overtime and will be reimbursed for Mileage. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. The Chairman had asked if there were any public input because this item was not listed on the agenda, there was none. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, Mr. Gerard Hetman, the Lackawanna County Down Valley Municipal Coordinator (Community Relations Coordinator) from Lackawanna County reported to Council with upcoming events in Lackawanna County, including the upcoming Tire Recycling Program.

Next, the Chairman asked the public for any comment or input. There were none.

Next, Attorney Frank Hoegan representing Taylor 1 LLC, requested Council to consider a motion to accept the performance bond submitted by Mr. Wince as adequate security and a motion to approve the final subdivision and land development and to authorize the appropriate officials of the Borough of Taylor to execute any and all documents necessary for the acceptance of this posted performance bond and the approval of the land development plan and subdivision plan as submitted. An extended discussion followed between

Attorney Hoegan, Mr. Thomas Navitch, Council and Solicitor Jones. President Mickavicz spoke of the positive impact that this project will have on our community and that Council is supportive of seeing it advance but it must be done in compliance with State Laws governing land developments.

Next, the Chairman asked that Council recess this meeting and meet in an executive session with Solicitor Jones to discuss possible legal situation. A motion to recess was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. All Council members were in favor and the meeting was recessed.

Next, the Chairman reconvened the meeting after a brief executive session. The Chairman stated that the requirements under the Municipal Planning Code for the bond require that the Borough is protected in order for the project will need to be completed. The Solicitor detailed several options for the developers to consider in advancing their project including a minor subdivision for lot 1 that broke out lot 1 that only dealt with the land development which would lower the risk to the Borough, irrevocable letter of credit, a bond, close the TIF and put the money into an escrow account.

Next, the Chairman, upon the request of the Solicitor asked that Council have a five minute recess. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman Tigie. All Council members were in favor. The meeting was recessed.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting after a brief recess.

Next, the Chairman recessed this meeting until Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. All Council Members were in favor. The meeting was recessed.

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Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

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Kristi A. Evans  
Borough Secretary

