

Taylor Borough
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 11, 2017

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 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 September 13, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 19, 2017 Reconvened Meeting Minutes both 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 Tigie and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. 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, October 10, 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 approve the 2018 Uniform Pension MMO in the amount of \$106,181.00. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman Fallon. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The Motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the 2018 Non-Uniform Pension MMO in the amount of \$29,785.93. 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 accept a letter of resignation from Officer Jiovanni DonVito effective immediately. The Chairman asked that a Thank You letter be sent to Joivanni DonVito from Council Members, and Mayor Praschak. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the sale (after putting it out for bid five times unsuccessfully), of the 2003 Side Load Recycling Truck

in the amount of \$5,500.00 to Zomerfeld Hauling, reimbursing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 40% of proceeds. 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 authorizing the transfer of \$5,115.00 from Splash Park Account to the General Fund for payment that was made to PennEastern Engineers for Invoice # 16-13901 dated 12/7/16 in the amount of \$840.00, Invoice # 16-139-02 dated 3/31/17 in the amount of \$980.00, Invoice # 16-139-03 dated 5/3/17 in the amount of \$1,615.00, Invoice # 16-139-04 dated 5/25/17 in the amount of \$1,015.00 and Invoice # 16-139-05 dated 6/28/17 in the amount of \$665.00. 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 authorizing the submission of the letter of request from Northeast Freight Transfer for a 6 month extension until April 16, 2018, regarding RCAP Grant for \$1,000,000.00, originally awarded on October 14, 2016. Initial expiration was April 6, 2017, initial extension was granted until October 16, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Tigie. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to request The Civil Service Commission to extend the Certified Eligibility List for one year, which is expiring on November 7, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman Fallon. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to consider Resolution # 21 of 2017, regarding conditional approval for Taylor 1, LLC, major subdivision phase 1 and Clover Communities Taylor, LLC, Land Development. Solicitor Jones gave a detailed overview and modified the motion to include substituting a swale for the pipe. Attorney John Brazil representing Taylor 1, LLC gave an extensive description of the planned changes to the subdivision and phasing of construction of Lot 1. Additionally, he detailed the Clover Communities Taylor, LLC, Land Development. A lengthy discussion between Council, Solicitor Jones and PennEastern Engineers followed. 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 Resolution was adopted.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to apply for the 2017 Municipal Arts and Cultural Grant in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. The Chairman thanked Councilman DeAngelo for his efforts with applying for this grant. 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 September 2017. Attached are the list of paid invoices and open invoices totaling \$229,344.59.

Next, Councilman McKeel made a motion to pay the September 2017 Payroll in the amount of \$99,902.14 and September Paid Bills in the amount of \$6,655.75 and Open Invoices in the amount of \$122,786.70 totaling \$229,344.59 when funds are available; seconded by Councilman Tigie. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

September Payroll	\$99,902.14
September Paid Invoices	\$6,655.75
September Open Invoices	\$122,786.70
Total Expenditures	\$229,344.59

Next, Mr. Zeleniak read the Treasurer's Report for September 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
September 2017**

Local Service Tax	\$1,487.08
Real Estate Tax 2017	\$7,247.01
RE Tax Delinquencies 2016	\$1,491.93
RE Tax Delinquencies 2015	\$1,656.01
RE Tax Delinquent 2014	\$547.34
RE Transfer Tax	\$2,332.81
Earned Income Tax	\$16,185.64
UCC Building Permits	\$2,449.72
Zoning Variance/ Permits	\$314.00
Escrow Accounts	\$0
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$4,404.91
TCC	\$1,130.50
Special Duty Reimbursement	\$1,560.00
Fire Relief State Aid	\$31,332.36
Pension State Aid	\$87,176.81
Other Income	\$149.64
Interest	\$27.37
Total Revenue	\$159,493.13

Next, Councilman Tigie read the Financial Report for September 30, 2017.

**Financial Report
September 30, 2017**

General Account Balance	\$364,664.30
Real Estate Tax Account	\$1,523.69
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$170,916.34
Splash Park Account	\$37,405.85
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$865.20
Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	(\$1,275.87)
2017 Tax Anticipation Note	(\$188,164.83)
2017 Disbursement Account Bal	\$21,308.04
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$80,000.00
Escrow Account (General)	\$2,650.00
Police Pension Fund	\$3,205,421.73
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$439,647.86

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

**Recycling Report
September 2017**

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	28,520	14.26
Cardboard	28,520	14.26
Paper (newspaper)	20,120	10.06
Brush	44,220	22.11
E-Cycling	0	0
Totaling	121,940	60.97

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 September 2017. The Mayor advised that the police department responded to 515 calls for service, 26 Motor Vehicle Accidents Investigated, 8 Parking Ticket was issued, 19 Traffic Citations were issued, 4 Non-traffic citations issued and 12 Criminal Complaints were filed. Revenues received for the month of September 2017: Magistrate Court Fines - \$2,683.95; Police Reports - \$525.00; Judicial \$238.17; Roving Patrol Reimbursement \$882.79; Totaling \$4,404.91; The total fines listed on 19 traffic citations were - \$35,913.00; A total of 33 Parking Tickets since January 2017; 25 of which were paid; 6 pending; 3 voided; \$365.00 has been collected. The Chairman

commended the Mayor and Chief on a well done detailed report. The Mayor added that MCSAP Officer Brandon Bell began inspecting large commercial vehicles on July 12, 2017. He has inspected a total of 24 commercial vehicles within the Borough of Taylor. 22 of the vehicles were placed out of service due to mechanical problems. These vehicles could not operate on a roadway unless repaired on site or towed to a repair facility. The Chairman asked that the Mayor's Report be placed on file.

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. Mr. Hetman also informed Council with reported phone scams targeting the Lackawanna County Area. The Chairman suggested mailing a notice regarding the scams to inform senior citizens who do not have access to internet, and have a local meeting.

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

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to accept \$242,000.00 as security for Taylor 1, LLC to cover the installation and construction of the remaining sanitary sewer line and storm sewer line from First Street to proposed subdivision lot 1. A discussion with Council, Solicitor Jones, Attorney Brazil, Mr. Navich and Mr. Harold Ash followed. 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, No; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Mickavicz, Yes. With a majority vote the Motion Passed.

Next, Attorney Brazil initiated a discussion regarding outstanding money owed by the developers in the approximate amount of \$36,500.00 and bonding requirements that Clover Development would be responsible for at an appropriate time. It was agreed that in addition to the financial security for the improvements, outstanding escrow balance and a 10% retainage for the maintenance period, there would also be a note and mortgage that would be tendered by the developer.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Kristi A. Evans, Borough Secretary