

**Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 P.M. at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania.

President Mickavicz chaired the meeting.

President Mickavicz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call: Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Kavulich Loiselle, Yes

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had any comment or input on any agenda item, if none, you will always be given the opportunity at the conclusion to state any matters pertaining to Taylor Borough, seeing none.

President Mickavicz stated to Council, you have before you the minutes to March 13th, 2024, if anyone has any corrections, additions, or deletions? If not, the chairman would ask to accept a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Councilman McKeel made a motion and Councilman DeAngelo second the motion. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz, requested to consider a motion to award a bid for the Taylor Borough 2024 Pave Project to H&K Group, in the amount of \$1,161,127.57 recommended by PennEastern Engineering, subject to the change order removing the milling and paving of E. Taylor Street. The motion is presented for the amount of the bid once the bid is awarded, it will be up to the contractor to re-submit a change order showing the reduction by price taking off E. Taylor Street as discussed, since it was paved within the last year, so that will be removed. As discussed, last night in detail, the funding for it, so everyone is aware, we budgeted \$800,000.00 and there was \$700,000.00 under the General Account and \$100,000.00 under Liquid Fuels Account, so there was a short fall

on it and talking with Mr. Goetz our PennDot Representative, who helps assist with the specs of the roadway stated because it's all central downtown Taylor, and the first year paving project for the five year plan, because it was scattered on the worst, we did a triage of the worst streets, we absorbed the additional cost because of the equipment moving from one place to another. Councilman Nezlo and the committee looked into a project for the roof, we put in for a matching grant so we can postpone it until next year than that money can be allocated for the paving. With that being said, the Chairman will entertain a motion to adopt item A. Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz stated there is a motion to accept a letter of resignation from Police Officer Cole Surridge, effective April 6, 2024. Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz asked with Councils permission, C, D and E are three resignations from the Borough Planning Commission vote on them together. President Mickavicz made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Louis Stefanelli, Jr, effective immediately, his term was to expire 12/31/2025, the second one was from Robert Connor III, effective immediately, his term was to expire 12/31/2027, and Stephen Derenick, effective immediately, his term was to expire 12/31/2026. Councilman Digwood made a motion and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz, item F is to consider a motion to approve the purchase of a Husqvarna Z554L Zero Turn Tractor from Vac-Way in the amount of \$10,480.19, co-stars 000124771. Councilman Digwood just wanted to comment on what a great piece of equipment it was at a good price. Councilman Digwood made a motion to move forward and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz, item G is a motion to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with advertising for the Solar Ordinance, there is currently an Appeal in Lackawanna County Court on a denial from the Zoning Hearing Board. If this passes, this may or may not affect this, they may have rights under the original application. No recommendations to change anything, if this motion passes, the Solicitor will draw up the official ordinance and follow the procedure for advertisement. Motion by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next President Mickavicz asked to consider a motion to authorize the Solicitor to proceed with advertising for Feral Cat Ordinance, Dunmore recently passed one. We obtained a copy and passed it on to Council as well as Lorraine Williams, with her group. We wanted to make sure anything we did to help would not be counterproductive. Lorraine Williams sent an email back stating that they agreed to it, and this would help. Motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next item I, is to consider a motion to approve A Garage Door Replacement Project bid and PennEastern recommendation to award the lowest bid of \$130,000.00 from D&M Construction. A motion by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next item J is to consider a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) TC-600S, 13" Digital Radar Signs – Costars No. 024-E22-021. Total cost \$10,140.00 from Radarsign as requested by the Mayor, they were originally put into the budget. They are going to meet for discussion to have the signs installed. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next President Mickavicz asked to consider a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2024 to apply for a Covid-19 ARPA H2O PA Lincoln Street Storm Water Project in the amount of \$700,000.00. It is going to be Grant for \$700,000.00 that

we are requesting. The Chairman is asking for a motion to adopt Resolution No.6 of 2024. Motion by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman Fox. Anyone from the public have anything because the amount was not posted on the Agenda. Seeing none from the public, this is a Resolution to apply for the Grant. A motion is made to adopt Resolution No.6 of 2024. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. Resolution No. 6 of 2024 is now adopted.

Next President Mickavicz asked to consider a motion to approve Resolution #5 of 2024 to apply for \$5,000.00 for Community Re-Investment Grant for Holiday Lights. This was recommended by Councilman DeAngelo this comes through Lackawanna County. This would be Phase III of the Holiday Light upgrade. A motion was made Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. Resolution #7 of 2024 is now adopted.

Next President Mickavicz asks to consider a motion to appoint Jolene Vaskie for an unexpired term for Planning Commission for Robert Connor III, effective immediately and the term would expire on 12/31/2027. Councilman Digwood made the motion and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes.

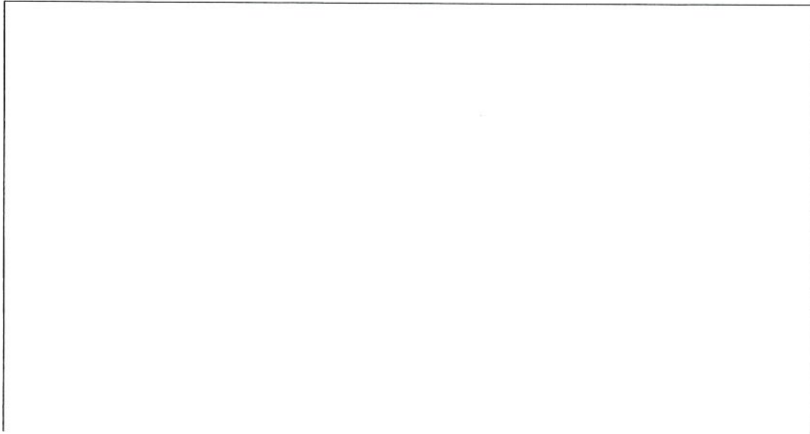
Next President Mickavicz asked to consider a motion to appoint Councilman Leonard Maldonato for unexpired term for Planning Commission for Stephen Derenick, effective immediately and term to expire on 12/31/2026. There is no conflict of interest being no pay is involved. Motion made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, abstain; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes.

Next President Mickavicz asked if there were any other names to be considered in terms of the Planning Commission. We received a few names last night; however, they will be considered during the Work Session next month.

March Payroll	\$240,288.86
March General Fund Open Invoices	\$186,024.16
March Paid Invoices	\$37,311.88
March Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$6,659.52
Total Expenditures	\$470,284.42

Treasurer's Report
March 2024

Local Services Tax	\$381.68
Earned Income Tax	\$38,302.84
RE Transfer Tax — March	\$4,413.65
Alliance LF — Gas to Energy	\$150,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,269.76
Tax Duplicates	\$5,260.00
RE Tax Delinquent 2021	\$282.20
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$748.32
RE Tax Delinquent 2023	\$129.04
Liquid Fuels 2024 Allocation	\$163,353.86
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$252.14
TPD Special Duty	\$200.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$5,850.00
TCC /Recreation	\$900.00
Interest	\$912.96
UCC Permits	\$1,668.63
Zoning	\$305.00
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	\$374,230.08



**Financial Report
March 31, 2024**

General Account	\$	1,594,883.54
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	223,546.20
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	187,864.47
Splash Park Account	\$	30,774.90
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	1,306.69
Hero's Banner Account	\$	8,054.93
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Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(11,009.08)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(110,800.52)
Lease Obligations	\$	(379,696.10)
2023 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(22,561.02)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(32,332.35)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,299.07
Escrow Account (General)	\$	18,156.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	3,813,051.61

ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	520,994.43
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	10.00
ARPA Fund	\$	307.04
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	7,541.69
Government Money Market Fund	\$	304,523.82

**Recycling Report
March – 2024**

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	23,140	11.57
Cardboard/Paper Trees	27,720	13.86
Totaling	50,860	25.43

Per Councilman Digwood, next month we will have grass, so the tonnage will go up.

Mayor’s Report

During the month of March 2024, the Police Department responded to 666 incidents. There were 13 traffic crashes investigated; 209 Traffic Stops were made; 86 citations issued, and 78 traffic citations were also issued 8 non-traffic citations. Officers made 14 criminal arrests. Arrest Report’s — Officer Boback – 1 arrest; Officer Palonis - 1 arrest; Officer Graham - 1 arrest; Sergeant Snyder -5 arrests; Officer McDonald - 3 arrests; Officer Izak – 1 arrest; Officer Zuby – 2 arrests; Total 14

Revenues received for the month of March 2024 • Police \$150.00, Magistrate Fines \$4,158.20, Judicial Fines \$102.14. Total \$4,410.34.

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Mayor's Report for the month of March 2024 be placed on file.

Next President Mickavicz asked if anyone from Council would like to bring up, Councilman Nezlo asked if there was an Ordinance for Games of Chance and President Mickavicz stated no, Councilman Nezlo asked do you think we should. Then President Mickavicz corrected himself and stated there actually is one and it has not been enforced in several years. President Mickavicz suggested to repeal it or enforce it. Now that you brought it up and if the Manager will email it out to Council and have Council go over it and decide if you want to amend it, update it, or repeal it.

Then President Mickavicz asked if the public had anything to say. Linda Bigger asked if they decided to make any decisions on parking in the 100 block of N. Main Ave. Stated that the residents have parking behind their properties and if anything can only be during certain hours. There are two vehicles parked there 24/7. All she needs is a drop off and pick up. There is a safety issue. These children are 3, 4 and 5. President Mickavicz said he will take blame, he sent it to the Borough Engineer, and he did not follow up with the engineer. We will have an answer for you within the next two weeks. Her main issue is the safety of the parents and the children being dropped off. Councilman Fox attested to this.

Ms. Sluck had a question on the Derenick Park Project. Stated thank you, she received the information on phase I and phase II. She was not sure if she missed it but does not see any provisions in there for autistic children. There will be equipment for handicapped and autistic children.

President declared the meeting adjourned.