

**Taylor Borough
Council Special Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd, 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, Yes.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the Public had any comments or input on the agenda. There were none.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to reject all bids for the skylight replacement at the borough building. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to purchase two pieces of playground equipment from BYO Recreation – Costars # 014186. A lengthy discussion followed to decide whether the Borough would use BYO Recreation to install the equipment or utilize DPW to install the equipment. The motion to purchase the two pieces of equipment and utilize DPW to install the equipment was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to apply for a Streetscape project grant for up to approximately \$500,000. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed. President Mickavicz stated that a resolution should be prepared for the next regular meeting so that it can be used with any such grant application.

Next, President Mickavicz considered a motion to accept the resignation of DPW employee Robert Walling effective April 23rd, 2025. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to authorize the President of Council and Solicitor to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Riverside School District for Noakes Park baseball field. A brief discussion followed. Councilman McKeel stated that he would abstain from the vote being that he works at the Riverside School District. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor with Councilman McKeel abstaining. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz addressed correspondence received from Taylor Fire & Rescue. The letter was read aloud. At the request of Taylor Fire & Rescue the letter is included in the minutes. Following the reading of the letter, Solicitor Bill Jones stated that Taylor Borough Council does not endorse or support any opinion coming from correspondence. The views of the authors of any letters are not the views of the Borough Council; the letter is simply read for purposes of the record. President Mickavicz commented that Council is waiting for a determination report from DCED.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone on Council had anything that they wished to discuss at this time. Councilman DeAngelo commented that in the future he would like Council to keep in mind the Community Re-Invest Grant deadlines. President Mickavicz stated that once Council has a project in mind, it could be addressed at that time.

Next, President Mickavicz brought some items up regarding the Taylor Community Library. There is concern about the Library having no by-laws and that they self-appoint their board members. Most importantly is that the Library is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. A borough resident reached out to the President of Council stating that Jeanie Sluck, while working for a non-profit 501(c)(3) is wearing a pin that she is running for public office and also asking residents to put signs for her in their yards. President Mickavicz reached out to the Solicitor for the Library regarding this situation as this practice is jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of the Taylor Library. The library solicitor assured President Mickavicz this would be corrected. Following a detailed and lengthy discussion, President Mickavicz asked Solicitor Jones to write a letter to the Board of Directors and the Solicitor of Taylor Community Library for a copy of the audit reports for 2023 and 2024, as we are entitled to that under Pennsylvania Library Code; requesting a current status on the implementation of written by-laws; and also, when will the library resolve the issue of the Taylor Borough getting two picks for the Library Board to represent not only the Library but also the interests of the taxpayers of Taylor. President Mickavicz reiterated that this was previously discussed with the Library's solicitor and he agreed in November that the Borough is entitled to appoint two members of the Library's Board of Directors.

Next, Councilman McKeel wanted to make everyone aware of the Keep America Beautiful campaign for the weekend.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had anything to add at this time. First, Ed Fortuna requested to know if there was a signature on the Correspondence Letter from Taylor Fire and Rescue to which President Mickavicz responded that the President of Fire and Rescue, Christopher Kuratnick signed the document. He expressed deep disappointment at the way the letter was written. A lengthy discussion followed. President Mickavicz stated the council has gone as far as they can to assist in resolving issues between Taylor Hose Co. #1 and Taylor Fire & Rescue. At this time, Roberta Crosby-Bowman stated how important it is for Taylor Hose Co. #1 to be recertified for the community. President Mickavicz and Roberta hashed through some solutions on how we could move forward. Roberta stated she would provide the Borough with a list of active and trained firefighters.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Margaret Miles, Borough Secretary