

**Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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, Absent.

Next, President Mickavicz asked tonight's minutes reflect the Taylor Borough Council held an Executive Session on Monday, April 7, 2025, regarding Police Department personnel matter with the Borough Manager, immediately following the public work session.

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

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes of March 12, 2025. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Next, entertained a motion to approve the donation to the American Legion Post 306 for the annual Memorial Day Parade in the amount of \$1,400.00. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Day and Jose Valdez as DPW employees in order to fill two open full-time positions; benefits and hourly compensation as set forth in the SEIU agreement. The two candidates have CDLs. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. 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; Having received a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2025 authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Comcast as recommended and negotiated on behalf of the Taylor Borough by Cohen Law Firm. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel 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. Having received a unanimous vote Resolution No. 2 is adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz considered a motion to authorize the 2025 payment to the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County totaling \$30,279.55 for the Taylor TIF Project Properties as stated in the Taylor TIF project agreements. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato 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 for the ratification of an MOU between Taylor Borough and SEIU #668 modifying Article 12, section 1 and section 2, changing the semiannual clothing allowance for \$300 to \$299.50. Solicitor Jones confirmed that it was acceptable. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 3 of 2025 for applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development – PA Small Water and Sewer Grant in the amount up to \$500,000 with 15% matching funds for the MS4 program projects as recommended and determined by the Borough Engineer. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman Fox. 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 3 of 2025 is now adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to terminate the heart and lung benefits of a current Full Time Borough Police Officer because the officer is no longer eligible to receive heart and lung benefits. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to grant an honorable discharge to a current Full Time Borough Police Officer because the officer is not capable of performing the essential duties of a Borough Police Officer now or in the foreseeable future. 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 grant a disability pension benefit to a Full Time Borough Police Officer under the provisions of the Borough’s police pension plan and collective bargaining agreement. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Nezlo 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 authorize the President of Council to execute a settlement agreement regarding the Full Time Borough Police Officer who is eligible to receive a disability pension under the Borough’s Plan. 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.

President Mickavicz and Solicitor Jones give a brief explanation as to the nondisclosure of the Officer’s name as this situation deals with disability.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to pay the March 2025 payroll in the amount of \$160,309.58, the March General Fund Open Invoices in the amount of \$242,692.23, the March 2025 Paid Invoices in the amount of \$25,999.81 and the September Liquid Fuels Open Invoices in the amount of \$6,731.16 – Total Expenditures \$435,732.78. 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.

March Payroll	\$160,309.58
March General Fund Open Invoices	\$242,692.23
March Paid Invoices	\$25,999.81
March Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$6,731.16
 Total Expenditures	 \$435,732.78

Next, Councilman Nezlo read the Treasurer’s Report for March 2025. The Treasurer’s Report was placed in the file. President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. The motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all members were in favor. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report
March 2025**

Local Services Tax	\$1,523.58
Earned Income Tax	\$29,768.23
RE Transfer Tax – Mar.	\$5,215.07
RE Tax 2025	\$250,000.00
Tax Duplicate	\$270.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,283.84
RE Tax Delinquent	\$2,176.67
PA Liquid Fuels Allocation 2025	\$163,912.70

PLCB License Fees	\$650.00
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$3,218.74
Riverside/SRO	\$2,475.00
PD Special Duty	\$843.08
TCC	\$2,718.00
Interest	\$866.80
UCC Permits	\$339.00
Zoning	\$490.00
Lack. County Re-Invest Grant	\$5,000.00
Lack. County Aggressive Driving	\$1,215.28
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	\$473,965.99

Next, the financial report was read by Councilman Nezlo. The Financial Report was placed on file.

Financial Report		
March 31, 2025		
General Account	\$	321,600.45
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	25,957.54
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	179,589.28
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	636.86
Hero's Banner Account	\$	8,883.93

Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(1,071.45)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(77,914.95)
Lease Obligations	\$	(365,367.71)
2025 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(19,975.44)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(33,968.34)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,360.87
Escrow Account (General)	\$	22,956.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	3,235,381.49

ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	541,847.69
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	60,360.87
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	7,692.85
Government Money Market Fund	\$	384,870.58

Next, Councilman Digwood read the recycling report. The recycling report was placed on file.

Recycling Report March – 2025		
	Pounds	Tons
Comingle	21,560	10.78
Cardboard/Paper	27,960	13.98
Grass/Brush	0	0
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Totaling	49,520	24.76
Year Total	169,880	84.94

Mayor Kavulich joined the meeting at this time. President Mickavicz stated that with Council’s permission the Mayor’s report for March 2025 will be given next month, with the April 2025 report.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if any Council members had anything to discuss at this time. First, Councilman Digwood wanted to follow up from Work Session discussion regarding upcoming paving within the Borough, verifying that the bid for projects be opened. It is confirmed that the Borough Engineer is working toward that at this time. Next, Councilman DeAngelo spoke referencing the Noakes Park Project. A brief discussion followed. It was decided that a special meeting would be called in order to move forward with the project to allow for time to gather all appropriate facts and costs for equipment and installation. Finally, Councilman DeAngelo brought up various grant funds made available through the state. A lengthy discussion followed. President Mickavicz suggested that the deadlines for applications as well as the amounts we would consider applying for be collected so that this could also be discussed at the special meeting for Noakes Park. Councilman DeAngelo ended by commending fellow members of Council and the Borough Manager for their dedication to securing grant money to improve Taylor Borough.

Next, President Mickavicz asked Mayor Kavulich if there was anything she would like to add. Mayor Kavulich informed the Council that she had registered Taylor Borough for National Night Out for October 4, 2025, from 4pm to 6pm.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if there was any public input. First, Jeanie Sluck brought up the problems with youth specifically at the Community Center and the Library two weeks ago. She went further to thank Police Chief Brian Holland for speaking with library staff and patrolling the area. A lengthy discussion followed. Ms. Sluck raised concerns about the Community Center Director being the only employee working in the evening. President Mickavicz stated that in order to address these concerns, input from the Community Center Director would be addressed regarding needs for additional security, which may include the Police Department. Next, Eugene Gallagher inquired about the ownership of the property on Oak Street where a new home is being built. Mr. Gallagher could not specify the street to which he was referring. President Mickavicz explained in general ownerships between 3rd Street and 5th Street. A brief discussion followed. Finally, Nick Talarico addressed significant dumping of yard waste and tree limbs happening behind his property on South Pond Street coming from a home on Ridge Street. A brief discussion followed. President Mickavicz stated the Code Enforcement Officer would be made aware tomorrow.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Margaret Miles, Borough Secretary