

**Taylor Borough
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 11, 2021**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania.

On Roll Call: Councilman Naro, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; Councilman Fallon, Yes; Councilman Tigue, No; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman McKeel, No; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Praschak, Yes.

President Mickavicz chaired the meeting. The Chairman stated that he'd like to start off with Swearing in of three Police Officers, which was previously delayed due to the pandemic. Officers Cole Surridge, Nicholas Strenkoski and Matthew McDonald were sworn in by Mayor Praschak. President Mickavicz thanked the Officers and their families for their continued support and dedication to the Taylor Borough.

Next, President Mickavicz asked the public if they had any comments or concerns regarding the agenda items. There were none.

Next, President Mickavicz stated that everyone had the opportunity to read and review the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 16, 2021 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes. An Executive Session was also held on August 9, 2021. President Mickavicz asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. None noted. A Motion to accept by Councilman Digwood 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.

Next, President Mickavicz announced the Swearing in of Fire Chief Wesley I. Jones and Assistant Fire Chief William Nash III. – will be postponed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept a donation from Lower Lackawanna Valley Sewer Authority in the amount of \$25,000.00. This donation will be used to offset the Fifth Street Sewer Project.

A motion to accept by Councilman Fallon and seconded by Councilman Naro. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance # 1 of 2021, an Ordinance amending the Civil Service Ordinance, by hereby adopting amended sections 3.1 and 4.2 along with new sections 3.6, 4.9 and 5.7 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations for the Borough of Taylor Municipal Civil Service Commission. A motion to accept by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made – Councilman Naro, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; Councilman Fallon, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance # 2 of 2021, an Ordinance amending Ordinance # 2 of 2014, adopting certain rules restricting smoking and penalties for Derenick Park, Noakes Park/Little League and the Taylor Community Center Grounds located within the Borough of Taylor. A motion to accept by Councilman Fallon and seconded by Councilman Naro. A roll call was made – Councilman Naro, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; Councilman Fallon, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance # 3 of 2021, an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding or providing foods to wild animals or birds so as to cause a nuisance. A motion to accept by Councilman Fallon and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made – Councilman Naro, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; Councilman Fallon, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider a Resolution # 8 of 2021, authorizing the Council President and any other Borough Officials to execute any required documents to purchase/lease a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe PPV 4x4 for the Taylor Police Department. (Truck amount \$40,875.00, Police upfit amount \$11,930.55 for a total amount of payments of \$18,907.04, Lease # 63298. Costars # 012-210 (Kovatch) and Costars # 014-1414, Contract # 013-198 (Bonner Chevrolet).

A motion to accept by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman Fallon. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to award a bid to the highest bidder for the 2005 Chevrolet HD 2500 pickup with snowplow and salt box. The three highest bids received were: Ezman Auto Sales - \$4,201.00; Gallagher Masonry LLC - \$2,601.00; Alex Pucilowski - \$2,151.00 out of six bids received. A motion to accept by Councilman Naro and seconded by Councilman Fallon. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, Mr. Zeleniak read the Approval of Bills for Payment for July 2021. Attached are the list of paid invoices and open invoices.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to pay the July 2021 Payroll in the amount of \$103,106.11. July General Fund Open Invoices in the amount of \$70,147.05. July Paid Invoices in the amount of \$54,184.50 and July Liquid Fuels Open Invoices in the amount of \$6,621.91 - Total Expenditures \$234,059.57 when funds are available. A motion was made by Councilman Tighe and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

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| July Payroll | \$103,106.11 |
| July General Fund Open Invoices | \$ 70,147.05 |
| July Paid Invoices | \$ 54,184.50 |
| July Liquid Fuels Open Invoices | \$ 6,621.91 |
| Total Expenditures | \$234,059.57 |

Next, Mr. Zeleniak read the Treasurer's Report for July 2021. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report
July 2021**

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| Local Services Tax | \$609.26 |
| 2021 Real Estate | \$166,000.00 |
| RE: Tax Delinquent 2020 | \$1,456.70 |
| RE: Tax Delinquent 2019 | \$31.20 |
| RE: Tax Delinquent 2018 | \$33.86 |
| RE: Tax Delinquent 2017 | \$32.75 |
| RE Transfer Tax | \$8,952.30 |
| Tax Duplicates | \$90.00 |
| Earned Income Tax | \$17,783.05 |
| UCC Building Permits | \$5,117.34 |
| Court Fees/Police Fines | \$3,407.78 |
| TCC | \$1,359.00 |
| Waste Management 2 nd Quarter 2021 | \$308,144.98 |
| Zoning | \$45.00 |
| LLVSA Donation | \$25,000.00 |
| Fire Escrow | \$24,079.00 |
| ARPA Funds | \$309,454.53 |
| Intergovernmental Revenue | \$344.42 |
| Other Income | \$807.76 |
| Interest | \$59.22 |
| Total Revenue | \$872,808.15 |

Next, Mr. Zeleniak read the Financial Report for July 31, 2021. The Financial Report was placed on file.

**Financial Report
July 31, 2021**

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| General Account Balance | \$1,494,291.68 |
| Real Estate Tax Account | \$1,366.92 |
| Liquid Fuels Account Balance | \$416,887.45 |
| Splash Park Account | \$30,758.49 |
| Veteran's Memorial Account | \$1,006.05 |
| Hero's Banner Account | \$6,416.94 |
| ARPA Account | \$309,454.53 |
| ESL, Inc. Escrow Account | \$474,437.92 |
| Fire Insurance Escrow | \$24,083.00 |
| Escrow Account (General) | \$2,045.90 |
| Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons) | \$60,260.41 |
| Police Pension Fund | \$4,108,066.98 |
| Open Purchase Orders (PO's) | (\$21,475.50) |
| 10 Year General Obligation Note | (\$192,005.14) |
| Lease Obligations | (156,861.99) |

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Recycling Report for July 2021 be placed on file.

**Recycling Report
July 2021**

| | Pounds | Tons |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Comingle | 27,220 | 13.61 |
| Cardboard/Paper | 38,220 | 19.11 |
| Brush | 77,120 | 38.56 |
| Totaling | 142,560 | 71.28 |

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Mayor's Report for the month of July 2021 be placed on file. There were 501 incident numbers generated. Police investigated 13 motor vehicle crashes. There were 14 traffic stops conducted. Officers issued 13 traffic and 6 non-traffic citations. There were 9 criminal complaints filed.

The MCSAP Unit conducted 6 commercial vehicle inspections - 3 of the vehicles were placed out of service for mechanical violations.

There were 11 quality of life investigations conducted. There were 6 quality of life violations notices issued. 4 state citations were filed. 6 letters of violation were issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. These letters were issued for residents who failed to comply with both the violation notice and state citation.

Revenues received for the month of July 2021: Parking Tickets, \$110.00; Police Reports, \$210.00; Magisterial District Court Fines, \$1,834.99; Judicial Fines, \$459.94; Roving Patrol, \$392.85; Quality of Life Violation, \$400.00; - Totaling \$3,407.78.

Next, the Chairman asked if anyone had any other comments or concerns.

Next, President Mickavicz asked the Public if they had any comments or questions. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Kristi A. Evans, Borough Secretary