

**Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 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: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, 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 asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes of January 14, 2026. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Councilwoman Sluck noted needed corrections as follows:

- Appointment of Jim Walters as the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – She did not second the motion, and she negatively voted on the appointment. The Borough Secretary reviewed the notes from the January meeting and verified - The second was Councilman DeAngelo and Councilwoman Sluck voted no.

A motion to accept the minutes with the noted corrections 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 with corrections.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to make a partial payment in the amount of \$321,807.81 to American Asphalt Paving Company for the 2025 Paving Project as reviewed and recommended by PennEastern Engineers, LLC. Funds to be paid from the PIB Loan Account. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo 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 add Michael Bellotti and Paul Harrison for DPW part-time call-in list per diem at \$21.00 per hour due to emergency situations such as snow events. Effective date January 24, 2026. 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, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to award Liberty Motors Inc. as the sole bidder for the 2015 Ford Interceptor - where is, as is, -in the amount of \$1,416.99. 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 approve the Annual ammunition purchase of \$13,018.12 as recommended by Police Chief per the TPOA Bargaining Agreement from Witmer Public Safety Group – Costars: 012-E22-281. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sluck 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 approve Resolution No. 2 of 2026 to apply for the Lackawanna County Re-Invest Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to make improvements to the Veteran’s Memorial Monument at the Taylor Community Center. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, 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 approve Resolution No. 3 of 2026 to apply for the Spark Good Local Grant through Walmart on behalf of Taylor Fire & Rescue. The funds will be used toward the purchase of a UTV off-road all-terrain vehicle for off-road rescues and off-road fires. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, 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 allow the Council President to execute an agreement with the Riverside School District to lease the Noakes Softball Fields as negotiated by the Borough Solicitor. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz explained that as discussed at the Work Session, Council would consider tabling the next number 8 and 9 on the agenda so that an agreement to the TPOA MOU could be reached prior to any decision to hire additional Police Officers. Councilman Fox stated on the question, that either scenario for the Police Officers would work out in his opinion. A brief discussion followed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to table the approval of an

MOU amending the TPOA agreement regarding scheduling and comp time. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion to table passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to table the appointment of up to two (2) Full-Time Entry-Level Police Officers from the Civil Service Eligibility List. Salary and benefits in accordance with the TPOA current agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and the majority of Council Members were in favor. The motion passed. Councilman Digwood stated that his position was that the MOU should be in place prior to any hiring.

Next, Councilman Fox presented the Bills, Treasurer’s, and Financial reports:

January Payroll	\$270,116.00
January General Fund Open Invoices	\$133,989.25
January Paid Invoices	\$ 78,558.04
January Liquid Fuels Open	\$ 13,582.75
January PIB Account Open Invoices	\$328,332.81
Total Expenditures	\$824,578.85

**Treasurer’s Report
January 2026**

Local Services Tax	\$2,764.41
Earned Income Tax	\$9,982.74
RE Transfer Tax – Dec.	\$5,826.34
RE Tax 2025	\$8,070.08
Miscellaneous	\$2,996.78
RE Tax Delinquent	\$673.74
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$3,070.05
Riverside/SRO	\$2,920.00
PD Special Duty	\$2,500.00
TCC	\$1,481.75
Interest	\$929.57
UCC Permits	\$2,020.00
Pave Cut Fees	\$591.25
Insurance Payment	\$5,442.09
Ransom Twp. 2026 Payment 1 of 4	\$74,680.32
Ransom Twp. Vehicle Lease Payment 1 of 2	\$26,944.65
Alliance Landfill Quarterly to Borough	\$447,692.00
Alliance Landfill to Fire Department	\$25,000.00
ERSI – 4th Quarter 2025 Tonnage	\$370.32
DCED – Noakes Park Grant	\$26,794.00
DCNR – Derenick Park Grant	\$8,230.00
Covid/H2O/ARPA Grant – Final	\$129,461.00
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	\$788,441.09

**Financial Report
January 31, 2026**

General Account	\$	378,883.17
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	3,021.52

Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	88,316.67
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	636.96
Hero's Banner Account	\$	100.00

Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(1,588.48)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(49,463.30)
Lease Obligations	\$	(251,265.01)
2025 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(9,124.49)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(33,968.34)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,310.17
Escrow Account (General)	\$	19,916.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	4,153,825.30
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	557,906.62
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	30,185.43
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	7,773.25
Government Money Market Fund	\$	492,991.45
PIB Account	\$	781,284.38

**Recycling Report
January – 2026**

	Pounds	Tons
Comingle	22,920	11.46
Cardboard/Paper	34,060	17.03
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Totaling	61,220	30.61
Year Total	61,220	30.61

The Chair will make a motion to approve the bills, 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 approved.

The Chair will make a motion to approve the Treasure's Report, Councilman Maldonato made a motion and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mayor's Report

During the month of January 2026, the Police Department responded to 965 incidents. There were 23 traffic crashes investigated; 107 Traffic Stops were made; and 22 traffic citations were also issued 2 non-traffic citation. Officers

made 15 criminal arrests. Arrest Report's — Officer Izak – 1 arrest; Officer Palonis – 3 arrests; Officer Feliciano – 3 arrests; Officer McDonald – 4 arrests; Officer Boback – 4 arrests.

Revenues received for the month of January 2026: Special Duty - \$2,500.00; Police Reports - \$450.00; Judicial Fines - \$12.18; Magistrate Fines - \$2,607.87; SRO - \$2,920.00; Total Revenue - \$8,490.05.

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

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone on Council had anything they wished to discuss.

Councilwoman Sluck asked if anyone would be participating in the Read Across America Program. A brief discussion followed with a consensus that Council would respond to the e-mail each received if they planned to participate.

Next, Councilwoman Sluck asked if the Borough would be participating in the America 250 celebrations other than the American Legion's annual Memorial Day Parade. A brief discussion followed.

Next, Councilwoman Sluck stated she should be referred to as Councilwoman Sluck, not Councilman Sluck in all meeting minutes going forward.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to recess the Council Meeting for one week. 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.

Immediately following the meeting, Council will meet with the Solicitor to discuss a Police Personnel matter.

Lastly, the Chairman entertained a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

**Taylor Borough
Reconvened Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2026**

The Taylor Borough Council reconvened its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Kavulich, Yes.

Next, President Mickavicz explained that the purpose of recessing the meeting was to negotiate and finalize the last two items on the agenda.

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the minutes reflect that Council met in executive session immediately following the Council Meeting on February 11, 2026; Friday, February 13, 2026 at 6:15 PM; and Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:15 PM

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 approve an MOU amending the TPOA agreement regarding scheduling and comp time. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. The Borough Solicitor gave a brief explanation on the MOU explaining the updated base salary \$72,141.20, a permanent amendment to Compensatory Time provisions, and scheduling of new officers 2/14/2024 will now expire with the current CBA 12/31/2028. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, 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 make a conditional offer of employment for an entry level position of Full Time Probationary Police Officer to Frank Naughton, subject to compliance with PA Act of July 14, 2020, P.L. 613, #57 mandated by law and subject to compliance with the Taylor Civil Service Rules and Regulations including the successful completion of a background investigation, physical and psychological examination; Candidate to be selected from the Certified Eligibility List submitted by the Taylor Borough Civil Service Commission. Salary and benefits in accordance with the Taylor Police Officers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had any comments, there were none. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, No; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a majority vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to make a conditional offer of employment for an entry level position of Full Time Probationary Police Officer to Zachary Zelenski, subject to compliance with PA Act of July 14, 2020, P.L. 613, #57 mandated by law and subject to compliance with the Taylor Civil Service Rules and

Regulations including the successful completion of a background investigation, physical and psychological examination; Candidate to be selected from the Certified Eligibility List submitted by the Taylor Borough Civil Service Commission. Salary and benefits in accordance with the Taylor Police Officers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had any comments, there were none. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, No; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a majority vote, the motion passed.

Next, Councilman Digwood offered an explanation to his opposing votes stating that Taylor Borough has more Full-Time Police Officers right now, stating fiscal responsibility concerns and needing to see some changes to the scheduling. A brief discussion followed.

Next, Councilman DeAngelo discussed a partnership with Riverside School District for the School Safety & Security Committee. Riverside will apply for the grant and the Borough will participate.

Next, President Mickavicz adjourned the meeting.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Margaret Miles, Borough Secretary