

**Taylor Borough  
Council Meeting Minutes  
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 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 comments or input on the agenda.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes of December 13, 2023, January 10, 2024, and January 17, 2024. 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 McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Next, President Mickavicz asked tonight's minutes reflect the Taylor Borough Council held an Executive Session on Monday, February 12, 2024, regarding contractual matters, immediately following the public work session. Also, would like to announce a brief Executive Session with the Solicitor tonight to discuss 2 contractual matters involving the Police Dept. immediately after the meeting.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept a resignation letter from part time Police Officer Thomas Kerrigan effective immediately. Borough

Manager Cynthia Bellucci read the letter submitted by Officer Kerrigan. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to reject the bids for the Ford F150 truck. A vote was made last month on January 11, 2024, to not sell the F-150, However, the bid was open 3 days later and could not stop the bid. Highest bid was \$6000.00. Decision already made to not sell the F-150 Truck and donate to DPW as maintenance vehicle. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to hire Michael Bellotti as fulltime employee for DPW and subject to SEIU Contract, has been discussed and meets qualifications. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood 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; and has received a unanimous vote for Michael Bellotti is now considered as a full-time employee.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to allow the Council President to negotiate and execute an MOU with the TPOA for new hires. It was put on the agenda; however, a copy of the MOU was received from the solicitor that the TPOA has signed copy. The council is considering hiring one new police officer, possibly three. The current one reads there are defined shifts and defined scheduling. If memorandum passes, it will allow the Chief and Mayor flexibility for at least two and half years. Due to the shortage of Police Officers and demands such as the police officers assigned to the Riverside School District. This will only apply to any new hires coming in. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider a \$500.00 donation from Sheetz for expenses incurred from July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, fuel sale. A motion was

made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider to award a bid for the Borough building driveway paving project to American Asphalt, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$72,007.00. There was a bid opening and three requested, two submitted back. That would encompass them to do driveway for police department. There is no entrance for them to come in, sidewalks for handicap and the driveway and complete paving for the parking lot. A motion was made by Councilman Fox 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 payment of \$25,000.00 to Taylor Fire & Rescue as per the Alliance Landfill Host Municipal Agreement. As you know, there was an agreement several years ago that Taylor gets reimbursed for tonnage from the landfill. The landfill allocates to us, and we allocate it to the Fire Department. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel 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 Resolution 2 of 2024 to appoint Delfine DeAngelo as Taylor Borough Tax Collector. As you know, LuAnn Krenitsky submitted her resignation after several years of being Tax Collector to accept the Borough Secretary position. The Borough needed to fill vacancy and since she was previously the Tax Collector, she graciously accepted the position. Mrs. DeAngelo has to become certified and has 60 days (state and county). This will have her finish out LuAnn Krenitsky's term.

Councilman DeAngelo abstained from the discussion. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood 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, abstained; President Mickavicz, Yes; Resolution 2 of 2024 is now adapted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to apply for Phase II, Derenick Park project. Phase I is still in completion, authorization tonight would allow us to get

the application process going and apply for dollar amount for Phase II. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider donating \$200.00 to the Taylor Lions Club Egg Hunt. In the past it has been customary for us to donate. A motion was made by Councilman Deangelo and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the MOU between Taylor Borough and TPOA regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement. The new MOU will have all the new substantial changes. The Solicitor is going to work with attorneys to get a consolidated amended contract. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to increase Taylor Borough part time Clerk compensation by an additional \$1.00 per hour. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

January Payroll	\$190,776.31
January General Fund Open Invoices	\$359,002.96
January Paid Invoices	\$ 123,530.50
January Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$ 15,685.61
Total Expenditures	\$688,995.38

Treasurer's Report  
January 2024

Local Services Tax	\$4,735.45
Earned Income Tax	\$33,277.36
RE Transfer Tax — Dec	\$8,643.60
Landfill 4 <sup>th</sup> % 2023	\$416,457.42
	(\$378,623.89 in 2022)
Landfill to Fire Company	\$25,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$7,247.46
Tax Duplicates	\$425.00
RE Tax Delinquent 2020	\$57.58
RE Tax Delinquent 2021	\$34.29
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$1,240.05
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$6,222.49
Riverside/SRO	\$6,770.00
TCC	\$1,359.00
Interest	\$831.69
Zoning	\$134.50
<u>Total Revenue:</u>	\$512,435.89

General Account	Financial Report January 31, 2024
Real Estate Tax Account	2,093,748.02
Liquid Fuels Account	18,448.97
Balance	47,875.75
Splash Park Account	30,773.89

Veteran's Memorial Account 1,306.65 Hero's Banner Account 8,054.93

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Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	(3,008.92)
10 Year General Obligation Note (1 169157.31) Lease Obligations	
(299,414.63)	
2023 Police Comp/OT Obligations	(1 1 ,096e 16)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	(30,513.20)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons) \$ 60,298.11 Escrow Account	
(General) 18,156.90	
Police Pension Fund	3,678,058.51
ESL, Inc, Escrow Account	516,041 .33
Fire Insurance Escrow 10.00 ARPA Fund 305.53	
Taylor Police 1<-9 Fund	9,858 50
Government Money Market Fund	303,027.60

Recycling Report  
January — 2024

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	32,740	16.37
Cardboard/Paper	41, 280	20.64
Trees	5,700	2.85

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Totaling

79,720

39.86

During the month of January 2024, the Police Department responded to 676 incidents. There were 18 traffic crashes investigated; 206 Traffic Stops were made; 111 Citations issued and 105 traffic citations were also issued. Officers made 22 criminal arrests. Arrest Report's — Officer Boback - 1 Officer Strenkoski -1 arrest; Chief Holland— 1 arrest; Officer Palonis - 3 arrest; Officer Graham —4 arrests; Sergeant Snyder — 2 arrests; Officer McDonald — 6 arrests; Officer Surridge — 2 arrests; Officer Izac-1 arrest; Officer Kowanick — 2; Total 22

Revenues received for the month of December 2024 • Police \$390.00, Magistrate Fines \$2,642.78, Judicial Fines \$329.71, Parking Fines \$60.00. Total \$3,422.49.

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Mayors Report for the month of January 2024 be placed on file.

Next, President Mickavicz stated the appointments for each of the committees.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if there was any public input. Ed Fortuna asked why the financial information was left out, is this a new practice? President Mickavicz advised it was just missed and this is not new practice. The copies to the public was missed and not copied. Ronald Gallagher commended the Police Dept. and wanted to know why the speed limit was changed. President Mickavicz stated because it was no longer a School Zone. We will be in touch with PennDot being that the School Administration Building is there and was built to have classes in there, to get this a school zone.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

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LuAnn Krenitsky, Borough Secretary