

**Taylor Borough  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2026**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 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: Councilman 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 recognized Officer Matthew McDonald for having received the Top Gun Award from the Pennsylvania DUI Association, which recognizes law enforcement officers who show extraordinary efforts in removing impaired drivers from Pennsylvania roads. A brief discussion followed.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes of December 10, 2025; Special Meeting December 22, 2025; and Reorganization Meeting January 5, 2026. 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 DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Next, President Mickavicz considered a motion for an amendment to the agenda to reflect an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a vacant position for an alternate member. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had any questions or comments. There were none. A voice vote was called, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2026 to apply for the America 250 Grant through Lackawanna County in the amount of \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Sluck. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint Frank DeAngelo, Jr. to the Planning Commission for a 4 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2029. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Abstain; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a majority vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to appoint George Aulisio, Sr. to the Planning Commission for a 4 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2029. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Abstain; Having received a majority vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to appoint Bill Czachor to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2030. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint David Wilce to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2030. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded by Councilman Sluck. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint James Walters to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate for a 3 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2028. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman Sluck, No; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a majority vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to appoint Wesley Jones to Fire Chief for a 2 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2027. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint William Nash, III. to assistant Fire Chief for a 2 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2027. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint Dan Zeleniak to the Development Authority of the Borough of Taylor for a 5 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2030. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman 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 appoint Ed Fortuna International Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals for a 3 Year Term to expire on 12/31/2028. A motion was made by Councilman Sluck and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, No; Councilman McKeel, No; Councilman Fox, No; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, No; President Mickavicz, No; Not receiving a majority vote, the motion does not carry. There were no other nominations at this time, and it can be addressed at the next council meeting.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to award the contract for the Taylor Municipal Building Skylight Replacement Project to D&M Construction Unlimited Inc., the lowest responsible bidder - \$181,000.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. 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 entertained a motion to accept the Certified List of Eligible Entry-Level Full-Time Police Officers from the Civil Service Commission. 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.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| December Payroll                    | \$222,779.94        |
| December General Fund Open Invoices | \$366,178.97        |
| December Paid Invoices              | \$ 79,924.97        |
| December Liquid Fuels Open          | \$ 17,332.93        |
| December PIB Account Open Invoices  | \$ 8,410.00         |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$694,626.81</b> |



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| Taylor Police K-9 Fund                      | \$        | 7,773.25   |
| Government Money Market Fund                | \$        | 392,113.28 |
| PIB Account                                 | \$        | 882,033.38 |
| <b>Recycling Report<br/>December – 2025</b> |           |            |
|   | Pounds    | Tons       |
| Comingle                                    | 36,940    | 18.47      |
| Cardboard/Paper                             | 27,020    | 13.51      |
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| Totaling                                    | 63,960    | 31.98      |
| Year Total                                  | 1,302,940 | 651.47     |

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

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

#### Mayor’s Report

During the month of December 2025, the Police Department responded to 976 incidents. There were 30 traffic crashes investigated; 114 Traffic Stops were made; and 17 traffic citations were also issued 1 non-traffic citation. Officers made 15 criminal arrests. Arrest Report’s — Officer Roche – 1 arrest; Officer Boback – 1 arrest; Officer Naughton – 1 arrest; Officer Baizan – 1 arrest; Officer Kowanick – 1 arrest; Officer Strenkoski – 1 arrest; Officer McDonald – 2 arrests; Officer Palonis – 3 arrests; Sergeant Snyder – 4 arrests.

Revenues received for the month of December 2025: Special Duty - \$800.00; Police Reports - \$120.00; Total Revenue - \$920.00.

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.

Councilman DeAngelo spoke briefly about reopening Honor Banners Applications for anyone wishing to purchase a new banner for the first time or to replace a worn-out banner. Next, Councilman DeAngelo spoke about the Children’s Summer

Program with a tentative date for the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Councilman DeAngelo discussed the Summer Concert scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Next, President Mickavicz listed the 2026 Committee Appointments:

| <b>Committee</b>   | <b>Chairman</b>   | <b>Member</b>     | <b>Member</b> |
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| Public Works       | James Digwood     | Leonard Maldonato | Fran DeAngelo |
| Public Safety      | Leonard Maldonato | John Fox          | Chuck McKeel  |
| Environmental      | Jeanne Sluck      | John Fox          | Fran DeAngelo |
| Finance            | John Fox          | Leonard Maldonato | Fran DeAngelo |
| Personnel          | James Digwood     | Leonard Maldonato | Chuck McKeel  |
| Recreation         | Fran DeAngelo     | John Fox          | Chuck McKeel  |
| Building & Grounds | Fran DeAngelo     | John Fox          | Chuck McKeel  |

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

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

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Margaret Miles, Borough Secretary