

**Taylor Borough  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2024**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 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, Yes

President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the public had any comment or input on any agenda item, if none, you will always be given the opportunity at the conclusion to state any matters pertaining to Taylor Borough, seeing none.

President Mickavicz stated with Councils permission, I see Chief Wesley Jones and members from the Taylor Fire and Rescue here. Michelle Jones requested permission to use the Taylor Community Center and the parking area for a fund-raising event on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. This would be for a sport of strongman and the fire company volunteers will set up, breakdown, and clean up after the event. It is an outdoor event; however, they need use of the gym to leave their personal items and stretching. As long as they wear the proper shoes and that is all. If you can have your carrier add us as additional insured for that event, it's usually a rider they throw on. Thank you.

Item A is a motion to award the high bid of \$3,200.00 for the 2009 Dodge Caravan: Good condition, 48,000 miles to Harry Krenitsky, as discussed at the work session. This was a legally advertised bid; it was on our website and in the paper and met all the requirements by law. The bids are attached and the high bid for the vehicle was \$3,200.00. The Chair would like to make a motion to adapt Item A. Councilman Maldonato made a motion. Seconded by Councilman

DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Item B is to consider a motion to reject all bids for a 2018 Ford F-350 Super Duty: 6.2 liter, V8 Automatic, 4WD w/Police upfit package, 4,146 miles, mint condition. As discussed in the work session on Monday (July 8, 2024), it was legally advertised and was on our website and the paper and the highest bid was \$48,500.00. We all do know that this truck to replace as it currently sits would be over \$100,000.00 and I do know that it's a 2018, however, with the 4WD and the low mileage, we discussed that we have a couple options, we can advertise in the Borough News Magazine, which would go statewide. There might be a Police Department out West that would jump on it or as a last resort every time we buy a pickup truck for the DPW we spend about \$85,000.00. If we got creative, we can sell the Redding box separately there is value in that or get a brand new take up box and make it a plow truck and the whole transformation would cost about \$10,000.00. Item B, we consider a motion to reject all bids. Councilman McKeel made a motion, and second by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Item C is to consider a motion to accept the lowest written/telephonic quote of \$15,000.00 from InfraHorse for the lining of the Sanitary Sewer Line (270 ft 8" and 83 ft of 10") and other necessary work on Fourth Street. Our DPW director submitted the quotes ranged from Able Recon for \$26,276.45 and U.S. Pipeline for \$89,080.00 and PPM for \$56,305.00 and the InfraHorse being \$15,000.00. Can I get a motion to adapt Item C. Councilman Fox made a motion, and second by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted. Councilman Digwood who also serves on our development committee, said he will bring attention to the development committee to pick up the tab for that.

Councilman Digwood brought attention that President Mickavicz missed approval of the minutes. You have before you the minutes to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, if anyone has any corrections, additions, or deletions, can I get a motion to accept the minutes presented to you. Councilman Digwood made a motion, and second by

Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Item D is to consider a motion to accept a change order of \$2,500 from Bowen Enterprises for the installation of a manhole that was approved at Rosedale and Schrader Street. As discussed in previous meetings, we authorized Bowen Enterprises to install a manhole in the sum of \$6,500.00, unfortunately the calculations were incorrect, and the change order was updated. Councilman DeAngelo made a motion, and second by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Item E is to consider a motion to accept a \$3,500.00 donation from the Taylor Lions Club, to be used for improvements at Derenick and/or Noakes Parks. Such use to be determined by recommendation from the Taylor Council Recreation Committee.

The Chair made a motion to adapt item E. The Recreation Committee decided today (July 10, 2024) to put the donation towards Derenick Park. Councilman DeAngelo made a motion, and second by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, not all Council Members were in favor, Councilman McKeel opposed and the motion carries.

Item F is to consider a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2024 to re-apply for a Lackawanna County Reinvestment Grant of \$5,000.00. This is for the Holiday Lights. Councilman DeAngelo helps run this and we were rejected last year so we made it appoint to apply for Phase II. We do need to re-apply with a new Resolution, with that being said, Chair made a motion to re-apply for the Reinvestment Grant. Councilman DeAngelo made a motion and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Item G is to consider a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Mark Grasso as a Part Time Police Officer upon the successful application for and receipt of a MPOETC # within 90 Days hereof, at no cost to Taylor Borough. Further, same shall be on an as needed basis with no guarantee of hours and with the starting hourly compensation rate and benefits in accordance with the budget, subject to other applicable Acts including but not limited to ACT 57. The Chair

would make a motion to adapt Item G. 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 accepted.

Madame Secretary will call the roll please, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes, After getting a unanimous vote, Item G is adapted.

Item H is to consider a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Yariana Feliciano as a Part Time Police Officer upon the successful application for and receipt of a MPOETC # within 90 Days hereof, at no cost to Taylor Borough. Further, same shall be on an as needed basis with no guarantee of hours and with the starting hourly compensation rate and benefits in accordance with the budget, subject to other applicable Acts including but not limited to ACT 57. The Chair would make a motion to adapt Item G. Councilman DeAngelo made a motion and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted. Madame Secretary will call the roll please, Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes, After getting a unanimous vote, Item H is adapted.

Item I is to consider a motion to accept a quote from Witmer Public Safety Group with Costar # 23-238776 for the police departments 2024 ammunition for firearms qualification in the amount of \$17,924.81. The Chair will entertain a motion to adapt Item I. 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 accepted.

Item J is approval of Bills for payment. The Chair will make a motion to approve the bills, Councilman Digwood made a motion and seconded by Councilman

McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

June Payroll	\$156,923.82
June General Fund Open Invoices	\$238,020.74
June Paid Invoices	\$15,471.15
June Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$6,484.60
Total Expenditures	\$416,900.31

**Treasurer's Report  
June 2024**

Local Services Tax	\$6,833.16
Earned Income Tax	\$12,836.14
RE Transfer Tax – June	\$11,611.04
Miscellaneous	\$1,487.78
Tax Duplicates	\$420.00
RE Tax Delinquent 2021	\$63.26
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$383.06
RE Tax Delinquent 2023	\$16,991.95
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$3,604.03
Riverside/SRO	\$790.00
TCC	\$1,359.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$74,287.56
WMI Host Fee Adjustment	\$59,066.45
Interest	\$919.48
UCC Permits	\$2,979.50
Zoning	\$110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>Revenue:</b>
\$193,742.41	

<p><b>Financial Report June 30, 2024</b></p>
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General Account	\$	2,145,761.51
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	39,665.17
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	168,380.04
Splash Park Account	\$	30,776.44
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	1,306.75
Hero's Banner Account	\$	8,054.93

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Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(13,478.63)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(99,998.00)
Lease Obligations	\$	(398,480.43)
2023 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(41,137.89)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(32,332.35)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,300.62
Escrow Account (General)	\$	18,156.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	3,724,185.06
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	526,640.22
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	10.00
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	8,276.97
Government Money Market Fund	\$	456,844.16

**Recycling Report  
June – 2024**

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	23,120	11.56
Cardboard/Paper	28,460	14.23

Grass/Brush	59,200	29.60
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>110,780</b>	<b>55.39</b>

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

Mayor’s Report

During the month of June 2024, the Police Department responded to 644 incidents. There were 18 traffic crashes investigated; 145 Traffic Stops were made; and 52 traffic citations were also issued 6 non-traffic citations. Officers made 24 criminal arrests. Arrest Report’s — Officer Boback - 3 arrest; Officer Graham - 2 arrest; Officer Kowanick – 3 arrests; Sergeant Snyder - 7 arrests; Officer McDonald - 6 arrests; Officer Strenkoski - 1 arrests; Officer Palonis – 1; Officer Palauskas - 1: Total 34

Revenues received for the month of June 2024, Police Fines: \$151.00, Parking Tickets: \$90.00, Police Reports: \$240.00, Magistrate Fines \$3,077.29, SRO: \$790.00, Judicial Fines \$45.74. Total \$4,304.03.

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Mayor’s Report for the month of July 2024 be placed on file.

Then President Mickavicz asked if the public had anything to say.

President declared the meeting adjourned.