

**Taylor Borough  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2024**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 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, absent; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Kavulich Loiselle, 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 to Council, you have before you the minutes to May 8, 2024, if anyone has any corrections, additions, or deletions? If not, the chairman would ask to accept a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Digwood made a motion and Councilman McKeel second the motion. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Item A is present Taylor Police Officers, Sergeant Nicholas Snyder, Officer Matthew McDonald and Officer Jacob Palonis with Life Saving Commendation Plaques for their heroic service on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, these Officers did lifesaving, bravery and intrepidity, responding to a structure fire in the 700 block of South Main Street. Learning people were still inside the inferno. They ran in and without hesitation went inside to search for victims. All three Officers were successful in evacuating three (3) victims from the fire. By their courage and unwavering devotion to duty and the face of great personal risk. On behalf of myself (Mayor) and the Chief and Taylor Borough Council and the entire Taylor Community, we thank you. President Mickavicz stated, Taylor Borough Police

are the best in the county if not in the nation and we Thank You and Commend you for your continued service.

Item B is Consider a motion to authorize the 2024 payment to the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County to the Taylor TIF Project Properties in the following amounts: Taylor 1, LLC TIF Tax Map #16607-030-001 \$15,947.05, Clover Communities Taylor LLC Tax Map #16607-030-00101 \$4,277.92, New Taylor LLC Tax Map #16607-030-00103 \$643.17 for a total of \$20,868.14. Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next Item C, to consider a motion to consider a motion to authorize reimbursement to Riverside School District in the amount of \$129,387.00 for the Awarded LSA. Councilman DeAngelo made a motion and seconded by Councilman Nezlo. 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 adopt Ordinance 1 of 2024 to establish a no parking restriction zone along a portion of North Main Street in order to improve public safety and sight distance. This would prohibit parking from Davis Street to Church Street this would have a maximum of a half hour parking Councilman DeAngelo made a motion and seconded by Councilman McKeel. Madame Secretary, will you call roll. Roll Call: Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, absent; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. After receiving a unanimous vote, Ordinance 1 of 2024 is hereby adopted.

Item E is to consider motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Frank Naughton, as a Part Time Police Officer on an as needed basis with no guarantee of hours and with a starting hourly compensation rate and benefits in accordance with the budget, subject to other applicable Acts including but not limited to ACT 57. As requested by the Mayor and the Chief at Monday's Work Session. Motion made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Digwood. Madame Secretary, will you call roll. Roll Call: Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, absent; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes;

Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes.

Item F is to consider motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Noah Palauskas, as a Part Time Police Officer on an as needed basis with no guarantee of hours and with a starting hourly compensation rate and benefits in accordance with the budget, subject to other applicable Acts including but not limited to ACT 57. Motion made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. Roll Call: Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, absent; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes.

Item G is to consider a motion to accept Services from CentralSquare providing software before Police Computers can be installed in the amount of \$2,340.00. Councilman Fox 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 H is to consider a discussion on the updating and the future procedures of the Honors Banner Program. Initially when started it was going to be a three (3) year program, we did extend it periodically. The discussion is how long does the program run for? Checking with other municipalities, we found that some leave them up and when damaged they either replace them or discard them to the rightful owner. Councilman McKeel would like the banners to keep going indefinitely. DPW takes them down during the winter, so they can decorate for the Holiday's and puts them back up for Memorial Day. It's a good tribute for our Veterans. If we can come up with new procedures regarding these. We will leave the program running.

Next is Item I, to consider a motion on installing a new manhole at Rosedale and Schrader Street. Estimate in the amount of \$6,500.00 from Bowen Enterprises Inc. Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

Next Item J, to discuss Noakes Park GTRP Grand of \$100,000.00. The borough's contribution of 15% must be met with \$15,000.00 from the General Fund. The

land appraisal cannot be used as the borough's contribution. If we are approved, we will have the Finance Committee look at it.

Item K is a motion to authorize the president of Council to negotiate and execute an agreement with Cummings Insurance Agency pertaining to covered person from October 2022 to February 2024 with subject to solicitors' approval. It is a settlement agreement from the insurance company for \$10,000.00. The chairman would entertain a motion, 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.

Next item L is to consider a motion to transfer \$60,300.08 from a dormant escrow account for more than 3 years from Zamais Account aka Walmart to the Pennsylvania State Treasurers office as unclaimed property. The original company filed for bankruptcy, got tied up in courts. The solicitor has reached out to the property owner who owns it now, however, they have never taken initial action to reclaim the money. The chairman will entertain a motion to adopt item L that if this passes, it will be after 45 days. Chairman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Fox. Anyone from the public because we added the 45 days on to it. Seeing none, a voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was accepted.

May Payroll	\$170,252.60
May General Fund Open Invoices	\$253,828.94
May Paid Invoices	\$78,432.12
May Liquid Fuels Paid Invoices	\$ 6,563.61

Total Expenditures **\$509,077.27**

**Treasurer's Report  
May 2024**

Local Services Tax	\$21,087.49
Earned Income Tax	\$171,005.11
RE Tax Current Year 2024	\$303,000.00
RE Transfer Tax – May	\$5,096.05
Miscellaneous	\$7,359.27
Tax Duplicates	\$1,470.00
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$111.32
RE Tax Delinquent 2023	\$1,970.24
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$4,044.85
TPD Special Duty	\$1,802.24
Comcast	\$20,881.08
PHMIC Reimbursement (Medical)	\$23,398.13
Riverside/SRO	\$4,355.84
Intergovernmental Revenue – Riverside LSA	\$129,387.00
UCC Permits	\$329.00
Interest	\$912.46
Zoning/Planning/SALDO	\$75.00
<b><u>Total Revenue:</u></b>	<b>\$696,285.08</b>

<b>Financial Report May 31, 2024</b>		
General Account	\$	2,513,545.64
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	10,033.12
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	174,696.79
Splash Park Account	\$	30,775.93

Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	1,306.73
Hero's Banner Account	\$	8,054.93
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Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(11,290.63)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(105,418.81)
Lease Obligations	\$	(398,480.43)
2024 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(36,091.04)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(32,332.35)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,300.08
Escrow Account (General)	\$	18,156.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	3,705,907.91
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	525,460.79
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	10.00
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	8,276.97
Government Money Market Fund	\$	306,052.52

**Recycling Report  
May – 2024**

	Pounds	Tons
Commingle	23,640	11.82
Cardboard/Paper	43,080	21.54
Grass/Brush	81,960	40.98
<b>Totaling</b>	<b>148,680</b>	<b>74.34</b>

The chairman would entertain a motion, Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilman Fox.

### Mayor's Report

During the month of May 2024, the Police Department responded to 710 incidents. There were 23 traffic crashes investigated; 267 Traffic Stops were made; 141 citations issued, and 67 traffic citations were also issued 5 non-traffic citations. Officers made 34 criminal arrests. Arrest Report's — Officer Boback - 4 arrest; Officer Graham - 2 arrest; Officer Kowanick - 2; Sergeant Snyder - 10 arrests; Officer McDonald - 12 arrests; Officer Strenkoski - 1 arrests; Officer Palonis – 2; Officer Zuby - 1: Total 34

Revenues received for the month of May 2024 • K-9 Donations: \$735.28, Special Duty Reimbursement: \$1,802.24, Police Reports: \$120.00, Magistrate Fines \$3,656.59, SRO: \$4,355.84, Judicial Fines \$272.26. Total \$10,942.21.

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

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

President declared the meeting adjourned.

Borough of Taylor  
Ordinance No. 1 of 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH OR RE-ESTABLISH A PARKING RESTRICTION ZONE ALONG A PORTION OF NORTH MAIN STREET IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SIGHT DISTANCE.

**WHEREAS**, parking shall be restricted and/or prohibited at the following locations:

- The easterly side of MAIN STREET (SR 3013) from a point approximately 215 feet north of the center of the intersection of MAIN STREET with DAVIS STREET (SR 3016) to the intersection of MAIN STREET with CHURCH STREET (SEGMENT 0060, OFFSETS 2321 TO 2543)

**WHEREAS**, the said locations along MAIN STREET are being revised to provide relief to the congested intersection of Main Street, Davis Street and Union Street, in the interest of public safety and convenience; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to provide adequate turning radius and sight distance in accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PENNDOT's) minimum safe sight distance for driveways and local roads located within the said roadway segments for public safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of Taylor Borough, Lackawanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by authority of the same,

1. That parking shall be prohibited along portions of Main Street for public safety and convenience at the following locations:
  - The easterly side of MAIN STREET (SR 3013) from a point approximately 215 feet north of the center of the intersection of MAIN STREET with DAVIS STREET (SR 3016) to the intersection of MAIN STREET with CHURCH STREET (SEGMENT 0060, OFFSETS 2321 TO 2543)
2. The aforesaid restricted area should be clearly identified by the posting of appropriate signs.
3. It shall be illegal for any person to park or to have their vehicle or vehicles parked in the above area. Any conviction of a violation of any section or subsection of this Ordinance shall result in the imposition of a fine of \$15.00 plus costs. A separate offense under this Ordinance shall be deemed to occur for each day for which a vehicle is parked or remains parked in the aforesaid area.

As provided, it shall be illegal for any person to violate the terms of this Ordinance and a person violating same shall be prosecuted under the rules of procedure for summary proceedings before district justice. Any conviction of a violation of any section or subsection of this Ordinance shall result in the imposition of a fine of \$15.00 plus costs or in default of payment of said fine and costs the offender may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment

subject to Pa R Crim P. 456 (c) and 42 Pa C.S. 9730 (b) or similar promulgation, as may be amended, supplemented or renumbered. A separate offense under this Ordinance shall be deemed to occur for each day for which a violation occurs. Nothing herein is intended to impede or restrict the prosecution of any criminal offense for any person continuing to violate the terms of this ordinance or any order to stop or desist from any illegal conduct or from being charged with any separate offense under the criminal codes or otherwise.

4. The following persons are hereby authorized to enforce this Ordinance. The Department of Public Safety, the Taylor Borough Chief of Police and any Police Officer of the Borough of Taylor, or such officers under any inter-jurisdictional agreements with the Borough now or herein after adopted by the Borough of Taylor, along with the Pennsylvania State Police or such other law enforcement agency and/or officer now or herein after otherwise having jurisdiction.

5. This Ordinance is declared to be necessary for the preservation of public health and safety and is enacted pursuant to the police powers of the Borough of Taylor for that purpose. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted has such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included in this Ordinance.

6. Any prior Ordinance or parts thereof, inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed. The repeal hereof shall not affect any prior or ongoing prosecution under any repealed Ordinance or part thereof.

7. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage or as otherwise permitted by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

ATTEST:

Borough of Taylor



LuAnn Krenitsky, Secretary



Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President of Council

EXAMINED and APPROVED this 12 day of June, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Loni Kavulich Loiselle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Loni Kavulich Loiselle, Mayor