

**Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2025, 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, absent; Councilman Maldonato, yes; Councilman McKeel, yes; Councilman Nezlo, yes; Councilman Digwood, yes; Councilman DeAngelo, yes; President Mickavicz, yes; Mayor Kavulich, yes.

Housekeeping: chair entertains a motion to appoint Cindy Bellucci Secretary pro temp. for this evening's meeting. Councilman Digwood made a motion. Seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz asked if there was anything from the public regarding the agenda. Mr. Emily said he would like to speak. President Mickavicz asked since it was not related to the agenda if he could wait until the end of the meeting. Mr. Emily asked to be heard now. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Emily spoke of an issue with container trucks speeding nonstop in front of his home. He said his house is shaking as well as Jake breaks. What can be done? President Mickavicz said he will the mayor and Police Chief to step up enforcement and we will also ask PennDOT about Jake breaks signs. Mr. Emily also asked about tickets and feels he is getting tickets and no one else is getting them. A nurse comes to Little Bigger and she gets no tickets, why does he get tickets? President Mickavicz explained that Officers are documenting times, then they come back to check but cannot expect police to sit there to wait. Our police enforcement is good throughout the community. Mr. Emily said he was told to park in the yard and he said he wouldn't park there. He said he was given a ticket for parking in the alley. President Mickavicz said he need to park where he was told, which is in his yard. Mr. Emily is upset because he now has to take medication after he quit drugs and alcohol. President Mickavicz said he must listen to what he was told at the magistrate's office and to park in his yard. President Mickavicz, said the chief and Mayor are both here, we will ask to step up the patrols. Mr. Emily said he is taking the issue up with the State. He wants to know the officer names etc. who are giving him tickets. President Mickavicz said he can get the information he needs from the chief and may need to file a Right To Know Request. The mayor asked if Linda Bigger offered her yard to park in. Mr. Emily says he can't park there because it will damage his car. President Mickavicz again says he will ask the mayor and chief to look into stepping up patrols. Mr. Emily thanked the council and the mayor for their time.

President Mickavicz asked if there are any corrections to the February 2025 minutes, there were none. Councilman McKeel made a motion to approve,

seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, New business, item A. Consider a motion to ratify Veteran's Day off for DPW workers as per the agreement with SEIU 668 which was inadvertently removed from the current DPW agreement. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item A. Motion made by Councilman Maldonato, seconded by Councilman Mc Keel. Madame Secretary, will you call the roll please. Councilman Maldonato, yes; Councilman McKeel, yes; Councilman Nezlo, yes; Councilman Digwood, yes; Councilman DeAngelo, yes; President Mickavicz, yes. Having received a unanimous vote item A is hereby adopted.

President Mickavicz, next is item B. Consider a motion to accept a resignation from Luann Krenitsky as the Borough Secretary effective February. 24, 2025. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item B. Motion was made by Councilman Maldonato, seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, item C is Consider a motion to authorize the President of Council to execute a Retirement Agreement and General Release for Officer Brandon Bell as negotiated by Solicitor William T. Jones and Attorney Scott Blissman with Eckert and Seamans Law firm. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item C. Motion made by Councilman Digwood, seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, Item D is Consider a motion regarding a request from the Lackawanna County Library System and the Scranton Public Library to park the new book mobile behind the Taylor Community Center. A brief discussion ensued. Scott from Lackawanna County was asked a few questions, President Mickavicz was under the impression it would be temporary. President Mickavicz is asking for the solicitor work with Scott to make an agreement for yearly approval and other changes. President Mickavicz asked to change tonight's motion to enter into an agreement with the Lackawanna County Library system with concurrence from the solicitor for an agreement for a year-to-year agreement and other changes. The Chair would entertain a motion to adopt this as item D. Motion was made by Councilman Maldonado, seconded by Councilman McKeel. President Mickavicz, anyone from the public since the motion was changed? seeing none, A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, item E, Consider a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$425.00 to the Wannabees for a summer concert to be held on August 17, 2025. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item E. Motion made by Councilman DeAngelo, seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, item F is Consider a motion to host the Summer Kids Day program on July 15,16,17 of 2025 with an approximate budget of \$800.00. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item F. Motion was made by Councilman McKeel, seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, item G is Consider a motion regarding a request from the Taylor Community Library for the use of the TCC parking lots for the annual Kids' Carnival to be held on August 9, 2025. Councilman De Angelo asked about a rain date. Jeanie said yes there will be a rain date which would be on a Saturday. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item G. Motion was made by Councilman Maldonato, seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Next President Mickavicz, Item H is Consider a motion to approve the hiring of Margaret Miles as the Borough Secretary at an annual salary of \$36,500.00 and other benefits comparable to the prior secretary. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item H. Motion made by Councilman McKeel, seconded by Councilman Nezlo. President Mickavicz, Madame Secretary, will you call the roll please. Councilman Maldonato, yes; Councilman McKeel, yes; Councilman Nezlo, yes; Councilman Digwood, yes; Councilman DeAngelo, yes; President Mickavicz, yes. Having received a unanimous vote, Margaret Miles is hereby appointed as the Borough Secretary.

President Mickavicz, Item I is Consider a motion to have the basketball court floor at the TCC refinished by All American Athletics in the amount of \$2,650.00. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item I. Motion was made by Councilman McKeel, seconded by Councilman Digwood. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, next is Item J. Consider a motion to prepare for a Dedication Program and Family Day for Derenick Park this summer with an approximate budget of \$700.00. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item J. Motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo, seconded by Councilman Nezlo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, next is item K. Consider a motion to approve a request from the Scranton Animal Association in the amount of \$2,000.00 to help in the control of the feral cat population.(Last year February 2024 \$1,600.00). Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item K. Motion was made by Councilman Mc Keel, seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, next is item L. Consider a motion to approve a training request from Chief Holland and Officer Kowanick to attend a pistol instructor training program in Virginia at an approximate cost of \$1,636.00. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item L. Motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo, seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, next is item M. Consider a motion to approve the use of the TCC on May 17, 2025 at noon for a Police Officer Memorial Day Ceremony with a rain date of May 24, 2025 at noon. The event will take place outdoors. Chair would entertain a motion to adopt item M. Motion was made by Councilman McKeel, seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

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| February Payroll | \$171,560.20 |
| February General Fund Open Invoices | \$118,522.32 |
| February Paid Invoices | \$41,462.85 |
| February Liquid Fuels Open Invoices | \$12,094.17 |

Total Expenditures \$343,639.54

**Treasurer's Report
February 2025**

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| Local Services Tax | \$23,260.75 |
| Earned Income Tax | \$177,331.61 |
| RE Transfer Tax – Feb. | \$5,971.80 |
| RE Tax 2024 | \$9,330.21 |
| Tax Duplicate | \$295.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$1949.57 |
| Waste Management-Gas to energy | \$150,000.00 |
| RE Tax Delinquent | \$684.71 |
| Ransom Twp. Payment | \$71,808.00 |
| Court Fees/Police Fines | \$2,912.74 |
| Riverside/SRO | \$2,380.00 |
| PD Special Duty | \$1,686.44 |
| TCC | \$1,359.00 |
| Interest | \$741.88 |
| UCC Permits | \$437.43 |
| Zoning | \$435.00 |
| Workman’s comp refund | \$2,539.52 |
| Comcast | \$18,914.34 |

Total Revenue: \$472,038.00

| Financial Report February 28, 2025 | | |
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| General Account | \$ | 328,596.63 |
| Real Estate Tax Account | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Liquid Fuels Account Balance | \$ | 27,911.67 |
| Veteran’s Memorial Account | \$ | 636.85 |
| Hero’s Banner Account | \$ | 8,883.93 |
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| Open Purchase Orders (PO’s) | \$ | (1,489.00) |
| 10 Year General Obligation Note | \$ | (80,732.50) |
| Lease Obligations | \$ | (384,152.04) |

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| 2025 Police Comp/OT Obligations | \$ | (16,033.07) |
| Other Police Comp/OT Obligations | \$ | (33,968.34) |
| Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons) | \$ | 60,360.87 |
| Escrow Account (General) | \$ | 22,956.90 |
| Police Pension Fund | \$ | 3,601,448.46 |
| ESL, Inc. Escrow Account | \$ | 541,084.84 |
| Fire Insurance Escrow | \$ | 60,360.87 |
| Taylor Police K-9 Fund | \$ | 7,692.85 |
| Government Money Market Fund | \$ | 384,055.12 |

**Recycling Report
February – 2025**

| | Pounds | Tons |
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| Comingle | 23,560 | 11.78 |
| Cardboard/Paper | 27,080 | 13.54 |
| Grass/Brush | 0 | 0 |
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| Totaling | 50,640 | 25.32 |
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| Year Total | 120,360 | 60.18 |

Next, President Mickavicz called for the approval of the bills for payment, Councilman Nezlo. Chair will entertain a motion for payment. Motion made by Councilman Digwood, seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved. Treasurer’s report, Councilman Nezlo. Treasurers report was read.

President Mickavicz, you heard the reading of the treasurer’s report. Any comments or questions if not, see a motion to report as read. Motion made by Councilman McKeel, seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

President Mickavicz, Financial report, Mr. Nezlo. You heard the reading of the Financial report, any questions or comments? If not we asked that it be placed on file. Recycling report, Councilman Digwood. Recycling report was read.

President Mickavicz, any questions or comments? If not we asked that it be placed on file. President Mickavicz, Committee reports, any committee reports? Seeing none, Mayors Report. Mayor report was read. During the month of February 2025, the Police Department responded to 625 incidents. There were 19 traffic crashes investigated; 183 Traffic Stops were During the month of February 2025, the Police Department responded to 625 incidents. There were 19 traffic crashes investigated; 183 Traffic Stops were made; and 72 traffic citations were

also issued 6 non-traffic citations. Officers made 18 criminal arrests. Arrest Report's Officer Roche – 1 arrest; Officer Moran – 1 arrest; Officer Grasso – 1 arrest; Officer Graham – 3 arrests; Officer McDonald – 8 arrests; Sargent Snyder – 4 arrests.

Revenues received for the month of February 2025, Police Reports: \$210.00, Magistrate Fines \$2,392.63 Judicial Fines \$215.11, Parking Tickets \$95.00, Special Duty: \$1,686.44 - Total \$4,599.18.

Thank you Mayor, Any questions or comments on the mayor's report? If not we asked that it be placed on file. President Mickavicz, anything that council would like to bring up at this time? President Mickavicz commented on the length of the agenda and thanked Borough Manager Cindy commending her for her efforts since not having a Borough Secretary. President Mickavicz, every item on the agenda required multiple phone calls and time. If she didn't crack in the last 2 weeks she will be good for the next 20 years (laughter). Thank you to the council as well. Anyone from the public? Mr. Fortuna asked about the Astound payment. President Mickavicz said that Astound will make up for any Comcast shortfall.

President Mickavicz, If no one has anything else, I hereby declare this meeting adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

Cynthia Bellucci, Secretary