

**Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 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 stated that he was going to jump out of order to announce and introduce the new recently appointed Full Time Police Officers for the Borough of Taylor. Invited Officer Elijah Izak, Officer Dalton Boback, and Officer Michael Kowanick. Mayor Loni Kavulich-Loiselle did the Oath of Office with the three new Officers. Then went on to describe how important their jobs are and how much they are appreciated by the council and citizens of Taylor. These Police Officers go above and beyond and then on behalf of the entire Borough, we congratulate all of you. Then Chief Holland went on to thank them also.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes before we go any further. No comments from the audience. We have the Boy Scout Troop #16, they are here to do part of their merit badges, to do community meetings for local government. We welcome them this evening. Also, if we can jump out of turn, Mr. Aniska would like to talk, he is on a tight schedule, Ron Aniska, stood up and stated he was at the meeting last month regarding the alley behind 1318 and 1312 North Main, and was asked to do some due diligence on the neighbors and the properties and he is now ready for a petition. President Mickavicz stated that he can now get signatures for the petition. Once done, we will conduct a public hearing and

move forward. No guaranties that this will happen just moving to the next phase for consideration.

Next, President Mickavicz stated to Council the minutes from the Council Meeting of February 14, 2024, and Special Council Meeting of February 21, 2024, held at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania, were included in the pack.

Before he asked for a motion, to adopt the minutes as presented. President Mickavicz stated back in January's meeting, Ms. Sluck stated there were two corrections, one dealt with regarding \$80.00, the math didn't add up, we verified that it was the actual amounts. It was for two parking tickets or a \$50.00 handicap ticket or some other payment from the police. However, the amount was correct. The numbers were accurate, it was \$80.00 dollars. Also, on our spreadsheet, they transposed the numbers to put where everyone can read it, rather than computer generated. The numbers were correct, what was incorrect was the total. That was supposed to be in February's minutes, however, the audio does not pick up public comments. Ms. Sluck was asked if she was satisfied with this, and she stated yes. Unfortunately, the tape does not pick up public comments. Since Ms. Sluck was satisfied, there was a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. 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.

Next, President Mickavicz stated the Council had an Executive Meeting immediately following the Work Session on Monday, March 11, 2004, to discuss a memorandum of understanding between the Borough Council and the SEIU for the DPW union.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider a donation from Walmart for the following items, 1 55" TCL smart TV valued at \$248.00 and 6 sterilite plastic bins valued at \$50.04 to the Police Department. The TV is mounted in the Police Department for dispatch. 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 the contract for legal services from the Cohen Group for Cable Franchise with Comcast as recommended by Solicitor. The Solicitor said a few comments on the Cohen Group are specialist across the area regarding the Cable Franchise, how they negotiate with local government with use of our roadways. In the past we asked for an increase on our cable franchise fees, they are usually 10-year contracts. 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 consider Resolution #3 of 2024 to approve destruction of Audio Recording records for establishing procedures for the standard destruction of both public meeting audio tapes and audio video tape recordings or digital recordings, upon adoption of the written approved minutes by Council. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman McKeel. 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. Resolution #3 of 2024 is now adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution #4 of 2024, to advertise for the approval of the New Code E360 Adopting Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded Councilman McKeel. 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. Resolution #4 of 2024 is now adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider to adopt Resolution #5 of 2024 for applying to DCNR matching grant up to \$190,000.00 (Borough 95,000.00 and DCNR 95,000.00) Phase 2 for Derenick Park, better described in PennEastern Plan date 2/21/23 Derenick Park Phase 2. Playground equipment has been installed. Part of Phase 1 is for parking area and fenced in area. Phase 2 is for more parking and benches and lights. A motion by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Digwood. 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. Resolution #5 of 2024 is now adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to consider a ratification of an MOU between Taylor Borough and SEIU #668 regarding the collective bargaining agreement. There was a section that was not carried over from old contract, and it would allow any person three (3) paid days off for anyone having a child or adoption of child and allow them to apply for FMLA. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Approval of bills for payment, Council Nezlo read the bills off, and A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and Seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report

February Payroll	\$176,941.01
February General Fund Open Invoices	\$11,659.83
February Paid Invoices	\$105,586.85
February Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$ 6,659.52
Total Expenditures	\$400,847.21

Treasurer's Report February 2024

Local Services Tax	\$26,528.61
Earned Income Tax	\$157,492.55
RE Transfer Tax	\$3,944.50
ERSI Disposal 4 th ¼ 2023	\$473.50
Comcast	\$22,982.02
Miscellaneous	\$2,719.74
RE Tax Delinquent 2021	\$64.39
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$289.76
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$3,037.39
Special Duty	\$1,200.00

TCC	\$1,665.00
UCC Permits	\$649.00
Zoning	\$40.00
Interest	\$771.80

Total Revenue: \$221,858.26

**Financial Report
February 29, 2024**

General Account	\$	1,725,560.47
Real Estate Tax Account	\$	1,449.06
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$	38,575.94
Splash Park Account	\$	30,774.38
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$	1,306.67
Hero's Banner Account	\$	8,054.93

Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$	(15,894.48)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$	(113,495.96)
Lease Obligations	\$	(398,480.43)
2023 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(16,758.34)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$	(32,332.35)
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$	60,298.59
Escrow Account (General)	\$	18,156.90
Police Pension Fund	\$	3,764,237.98
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$	519,783.73
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$	10.00
ARPA Fund	\$	306.26
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$	7,733.50

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

Next, President Mickavicz asked if there was any public input. Ed Fortuna on the treasurer’s report, regarding the ERSI, that’s the Amity Landfill not Alliance stating this is why it is lower, also inquired about the underground cables. Mr. Fortuna likes the competition between the cable companies.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

LuAnn Krenitsky, Borough Secretary