

**Taylor Borough  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
November 8, 2023**

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Taylor Municipal Building, 122 Union Street, Taylor, Pennsylvania.

President Mickavicz chaired the meeting.

On Roll Call: Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Tigue, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Kavulich Loiselle, Yes

President Mickavicz entertained a motion to appoint Beverly Wallace as Secretary ProTemp. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion was passed.

Next, President Mickavicz asked the public if they had any comment or input regarding the agenda items. Mr. Fortuna asked if the \$45,000.00 per year for the Fire Department is in addition to the \$6,000.00 per month they already receive. The Chairman stated that yes, it is in addition to the \$72,000.00. He stated that currently, they receive \$72,000.00 per year and the Borough is required by law to pay the workers comp insurance for the Fire Department. The additional \$45,000.00 on a requested basis is due to the Fire Department paying drivers because of staffing shortages. He stated that this council is aware that a paid Fire Department with minimum staffing under NFPA Standards would be roughly 2 - 2.4 million dollars per year. He stated that Mr. Nezlo asked how this would affect Taylor Hose #1 if they came up with a strong reorganization plan with trained volunteers and drivers they would do the same for them and the door is always open for them to look at getting reactivated.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the following meeting minutes that were tabled at the October 11, 2023 meeting: the September 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes, the September 14, 2023 Reconvened Meeting Minutes and the October 3, 2023 Special Council Meeting all held at the

Taylor Municipal Building at 122 Union Street, Taylor, PA. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion to accept was by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

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Next, President Mickavicz stated that there were Executive Sessions held on Monday, October 30, 2023, immediately following the 6:00 P.M. Special Meeting and on Monday, November 6, 2023, immediately following the 7:00 P.M. Work Session both regarding personnel and contractual matters.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to authorize up to \$45,000.00 per year for Taylor Fire & Rescue on a requested basis effective June 6, 2023. A motion to approve by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman McKeel. Councilman Tigie asked about the workers comp policy. The Chairman explained that the volunteers are covered under the Borough's workers comp insurance but the paid driver is covered under their own workers comp insurance. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to authorize to negotiate and execute a DPW MOU regarding vacation carry overtime for any employee hired after the 2016 SEIU Contract. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman Tigie. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion was passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of Holiday Lighting Decorations in an amount not to exceed \$4,600.00. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion was passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion that Item D be removed. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion was passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to authorize the payment of \$23,056.89 to the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County as the amount owed by Taylor 1 LLC property 2023 TIFF Project. 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 was passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between Taylor Borough and SEIU 668 (Taylor Borough DPW) covering January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman Digwood. A roll call was made – Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Tigie, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No.12 of 2023 amending Resolution No. 9 of 2023, to list the changing of amount from \$250,000.00 to \$246,250.00 and the addition of names and titles of the two officials being given authorization to execute any and all grant documents. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made – Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Tigie, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The Resolution was adopted.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to enter into an annual agreement with the Pennsylvania Municipal League in the amount of \$1,002.08 for the 2024 dues. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A voice vote was called and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt the 2024 Tentative Budget in the amount of \$6,505,088.00 broken down into General Fund \$5,518,488.00 Capital Budget \$986,600.00 and the total Liquid Fuels Budget \$212,500.00. A motion was made by Councilman Tigie and seconded by Councilman McKeel. A roll call was made – Councilman Nezlo, Yes; Councilman

Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman Tighe, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes. The Tentative Budget was adopted.

October Payroll	\$148,623.93
October General Fund Open Invoices	\$137,729.46
October Paid Invoices	\$164,149.80
October Liquid Fuels Open Invoices	\$ 7,436.84
Total Expenditures	\$457,940.03

Next, Jeanie Sluck read the Treasurer's Report for October 2023. The Treasurer's Report was placed on file.

**Treasurer's Report  
October 2023**

Local Services Tax	\$3,213.73
RE Transfer Tax September	\$13,597.60
Tax Duplicates	\$5,130.00
Earned Income Tax	\$32,384.58
Court Fees/Police Fines	\$4,909.18
TCC	\$583.00
Zoning	\$25.00
UCC	\$10,346.29
RE Tax Delinquent 2018	\$123.05
RE Tax Delinquent 2019	\$420.37
RE Tax Delinquent 2020	\$472.80
RE Tax Delinquent 2021	\$1,713.24
RE Tax Delinquent 2022	\$911.77
Waste Management 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	\$539,857.88

Other Income	\$3,885.20
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$12,972.93
Interest	\$442.23
Total Revenue	\$630,988.85

Next, Mr. Tigie read the Financial Report for October 2023. The Financial Report was placed on file.

**Financial Report  
October 30, 2023**

General Account Balance	\$2,589,946.10
Real Estate Tax Account	\$67,603.60
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	\$83,736.68
Splash Park Account	\$30,772.34
Veteran's Memorial Account	\$1,306.59
Hero's Banner Account	\$7,745.84
ARPA Fund	\$303.23
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	\$512,582.14
Fire Insurance Escrow	\$10.00
Escrow Account (General)	\$18,156.90
Escrow Funds (Taylor Commons)	\$60,295.93
Police Pension Fund	\$3,192,178.50
Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	\$(47,763.50)
10 Year General Obligation Note	\$(124,097.41)
Lease Obligations	\$(232,059.99)
2023 Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$(15,625.02)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	\$(30,513.20)
Taylor Police K-9 Fund	\$13,417.71

Next, Councilman Digwood read the Recycling Report for October 2023. The Recycling Report was placed on file.

**Recycling Report  
October 2023**

	Pounds	Tons
Comingle	23,060	11.53
Cardboard/Paper	32,660	16.33
Grass/Brush	105,640	52.82
Totaling	161,360	80.68

Next, President Mickavicz asked that the Mayors Report for the month of October 2023 be placed on file.

During the month of October 2023, the Police Department responded to 495 incidents. There were 19 traffic crashes investigated; 88 Traffic Stops were made; 26 Traffic Citations issued and 7 non-traffic citations were also issued. Officers made 16 criminal arrests. Arrest Report – Officer Zuby -1 arrest; Officer Kowanick 1 arrests; Officer Graham – 3 arrests; Sergeant Snyder – 2 arrests; McDonald – 3 arrests; Officer Graham –3 arrests; Officer Surridge – 4 arrests; Officer Boback – 1 arrest; Chief Holland – 1 arrest.

Taylor Police Department held its second annual National Night Out and participated in Trunk or Treat.

Revenues received for the month of October 2023: Police Reports \$450.00, Magistrate Fines \$2,798.62, Judicial Fines \$89.72, Parking Tickets \$15.00, Lackawanna County Aggressive Driving Reimbursement 1,555.84  
Total \$4,909.

Mr. Goetz spoke to Council regarding the 2024 Pave Project and recommended to move forward with PennEastern for the ADA Ramps in the project. Council also discussed the cul-de-sac on the end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman McKeel thanked his colleagues, Councilman Maldonato and Councilman DeAngelo and the public for another 4 year term.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President

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Kristi A. Englehardt, Borough Secretary