Taylor Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2026

The Taylor Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 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: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Mayor Kavulich, Yes.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone from the Public had any comments or input on the agenda. There were none.

Next, President Mickavicz invited Nelson Villafane to the front so that Mayor Kavulich could present a Proclamation to him. Councilman Fox spoke first about Nelson's dedication and about the support he gets from his family. Mayor Kavulich then presented the Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Taylor, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, is blessed with exemplary individuals who strive for excellence, and in so doing, inspire the entire community;

WHEREAS, the Borough is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its young residents who demonstrate exceptional dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Villafane, a freshman at Riverside High School, has distinguished himself through outstanding achievements in the sport of wrestling; and

WHEREAS, Nelson recently competed in the United World Wrestling U17 World Championship held in Baku, Azerbaijan where he demonstrated remarkable skill, earning the title of United World Wrestling Champion in the 45-kilogram division; and

WHEREAS, achieving a championship at the international level is a tremendous accomplishment, particularly for a student at the beginning of his high school career, and reflects countless hours of training, preparation, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Nelson's accomplishment brings great pride not only to his family, coaches, teammates, and school, but also to the entire Borough of Taylor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Taylor Borough Council hereby recognizes and congratulates Nelson Villafane on becoming a United World Wrestling Champion and commends him for his outstanding achievement and dedication to the sport of wrestling.

DULY PROCLAIMED AND ADOPTED, this 9th day of September 2026, by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Taylor, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania in a lawful session duly assembled.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if everyone had the opportunity to read and review the Meeting minutes of August 12, 2026. If there are no corrections, deletions or additions, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the minutes were accepted as presented.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2026 to adopt the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2026 to apply for an LSA grant for up to $500,000.00 for Taylor Fire & Rescue to purchase a new Rescue Pumper. A motion was made by Councilman DeAngelo and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve a lease/purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor AWD Co-Stars 013-E22-275 from Ray Price in the amount of $45,000.00. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilwoman Sluck. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the upfit costs in the amount of $15,361.26 from 911 Rapid Response Co-Stars 012-E23-312 for the above vehicle purchase. A motion was made by Councilman Digwood and seconded by Councilman DeAngelo. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2026 to allow for the appointment of alternate Planning Commission members. A motion was made by Councilman Maldonato and seconded by Councilman Fox. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes;

Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to ratify an MOU with the TPOA regarding the Special Duty agreement with Riverside School District. A motion was made by Councilwoman Sluck and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called with Councilman McKeel abstaining due to working at the School District and all other Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the Quote from Williams Diesel LLC for repairs on PW-4 in the amount of $14,360.06. 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 passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the Proposal from Bowen Enterprises Inc. for repairs to be made to three storm drains in the amount of $11,000.00. 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 passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the replacement of two doors (TCC and Borough Building) by Mesko Glass totaling $4,758.00 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 passed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve the request from Riverside Lady Vikes Basketball for use of the TCC Gym/Community Room on October 3, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. at no cost. Any additional dates as need while their gymnasium is being renovated, conditional on availability as per TCC Director, Darrell Digwood. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded by Councilman Maldonato. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor. The motion passed.

August Payroll	$180,659.09
August General Fund Open Invoices	$91,289.15
August Paid Invoices	$303,355.86
Total Expenditures	**$575,304.10**

Treasurer's Report
August 2026

Local Services Tax	$27,005.27
Earned Income Tax	$169,403.99
RE Transfer Tax – July	$9,867.31
RE Tax 2026	$13,798.20
RE Tax Delinquent	$5,151.75
Court Fees/Police Fines	$5,948.23
Riverside/SRO	$9,310.00
PD Special Duty	$960.00
TCC	$1,359.00
Interest	$2,533.10
UCC Permits	$7,570.16
Zoning	$275.00
Astound/RCN	$3,762.62
Comcast Franchise Fee	$16,747.23
Police Reports/Parking Tickets	$170.00
Pave Cuts/Road Closures	$290.00
Insurance Reimbursement	$5,263.33
Total Revenue:	$278,455.19

Financial Report
August 31, 2026

General Account	$	609,567.63
Real Estate Tax Account	$	1,730.56
Liquid Fuels Account Balance	$	194,322.91
Veteran's Memorial Account	$	637.01
Hero's Banner Account	$	2,730.00
Open Purchase Orders (PO's)	$	(25,239.29)
10 Year General Obligation Note	$	(28,930.35)
Lease Obligations	$	(251,265.01)
2026 Police Comp/OT Obligations	$	(36,535.18)
Other Police Comp/OT Obligations	$	(34,987.36)
Escrow Account (General)	$	26,939.00
Police Pension Fund	$	4,162,775.24
ESL, Inc. Escrow Account	$	571,101.87
Fire Insurance Escrow	$	30,185.43

Taylor Police K-9 Fund	$	7,773.25
Government Money Market Fund	$	1,199,960.40
PIB Account	$	444,441.57

Recycling Report
August – 2026

	Pounds	Tons
Comingle	23,500	11.75
Cardboard/Paper	28,020	14.01
Grass/Brush	104,580	52.29
Totaling	156,100	78.05
Year Total	896,780	448.39

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the bills, Councilman McKeel made a motion and seconded by Councilwoman Sluck. A voice vote was called, and all Council Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

The Chair asked for 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 approved.

Mayor's Report

During the month of August 2026, the Police Department responded to 818 incidents. There were 16 traffic crashes investigated; 85 Traffic Stops were made; and 39 traffic citations were also issued 1 non-traffic citation. Officers made 18 criminal arrests. Arrest Report's — Chief Holland – 1 arrest; Sergeant Snyder – 1 arrest; Officer Palonis – 1 arrest; Officer Roche – 1 arrest; Officer McGovern – 1 arrest; Officer Strenkoski – 2 arrests; Officer Zelenski – 2 arrests; Officer Graham – 2 arrests; Officer McDonald – 3 arrests; Officer Izak – 4 arrests.

Revenues received for the month of August 2026: Special Duty - $960.00; Police Reports - $135.00; Judicial Fines - $368.57; Magistrate Fines - $5,579.66; SRO Reimbursement - $9,310.00; Parking Tickets - $35.00; Total Revenue - $16,388.23

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

Next, President Mickavicz asked if any Committees had anything they wished to discuss.

At the Safety Committee Meeting held this afternoon the Police requested that Council prepare a resolution for the Department to apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice for up to $200,000.00 for new body cameras. A brief discussion followed.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution allowing the Police Department to apply for the U.S Department of Justice Grant. He asked the public if they had any input, there was none. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilman Fox. A voice vote was called, and all members were in favor.

Next, President Mickavicz entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 of 2026 to allow the Taylor Police Department to apply for a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice for up to $200,000.00 for the purchase of new Officer worm body cameras. A motion was made by Councilman McKeel and seconded by Councilwoman Sluck. A roll call was made by President Mickavicz: Councilwoman Sluck, Yes; Councilman Maldonato, Yes; Councilman McKeel, Yes; Councilman Fox, Yes; Councilman Digwood, Yes; Councilman DeAngelo, Yes; President Mickavicz, Yes; Having received a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if anyone on Council had anything additional at this time. Councilman DeAngelo brought up that the Seniors are requesting to purchase a shed. They can contribute approximately $2,000.00 and are requesting that the Borough can match their contribution. President Mickavicz stated we could discuss this at the next meeting.

Next, President Mickavicz asked if there was anything from the public. Atty. Frank Hagen asked that the public hearing for the LERTA for Core5 be scheduled. The Borough Solicitor stated that would be scheduled.

Lastly, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Kenneth F. Mickavicz, President Margaret Miles, Borough Secretary