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### MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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**Call to order** at 7:00 p.m. by President Diana Campbell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diana Campbell asked for public input on the \$2,327,734.00 flood grant the Borough received to bring the Mayfield Levee into compliance with FEMA regulations. Mike Brady talked about extending the levee from the Meredith Street Bridge to Oak Street, using the \$327,734.00 from the flood grant. He mentioned a study completed by Dennis Kutch. Dan Dragwa suggested council consider installing a pipe from the headwall on Poplar Street and Hill Street along the railroad, extending it under the railroad to the west side and covering the ditch that currently serves the water collection system.

**Roll Call:** Diana Campbell, Mary Rosler, Wendy Bochnovich, Jennifer Rossi, Tiffany Casey were present. Ron Ryczak (absent) on vacation, Bridget Boettcher (absent) was ill. Atty. Coleman and Mayor Chelik were present.

#### Public Input

Wendy Bochnovich gave an update on the 2.3 million dollar grant for the river project.

Mary Rosler said the Borough did not get a playground grant but she will resubmit the application for the next round of grants. Another option for funding may be the Greenways Trail Grant. Plans are to replace the blacktop, nets, rims along with equipment for the disabled.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Wendy Bochnovich to amend the agenda under Old Business regarding the agreement with UGI. Passed 5-0.

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#### Administration – Diana Campbell

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi to accept the Treasurer's report for February, 2023. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to pay all bills listed in packet and all others mentioned. Passed 5-0.

#### Streets and Public Works – Tiffany Casey

Tiffany Casey reported a third load of road salt was received.

An electronic deposit of \$55,029.07 was received March 1 for 2023 Liquid Fuels.

**Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi**

**Motion** by Jennifer Rossi, second Tiffany Casey to amend the agenda to include purchase of a new floor sweeper for the municipal building. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Jennifer Rossi, second Tiffany Casey to purchase a new floor sweeper for the municipal building with price not to exceed \$200. Passed 5-0.

Jennifer Rossi said has not received a bill yet for repairs at the bank building.

**Playground and Athletic Complex – Mary Rosler**

Mary Rosler said to have the electric service (PPL) restored tomorrow at the athletic complex.

**Public Safety and Rental Ordinance – Bridget Boettcher**

Fire Chief Joseph J. Tomcavage listed 9 calls in February, 2023.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith reported no permits (borough or UCC) were issued in February, 2023.

Planning commission – Mayor Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported the commission met March 1, 2023 and recommended to Council to approve the minor subdivision submitted by Century Development for the area east of the Casey Highway and Rushbrook Street intersection

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve Minor Subdivision Plans submitted by Century Development for the area east of the Casey Highway and Rushbrook Street intersection as approved by the planning commission. Passed 5-0.

Mayor Chelik said a request was made by Laurel Street homeowner to have a PPL pole moved so he may use his plans for landscaping. He was given a phone number and e-mail to contact at PPL.

**BIU Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve the Rental Inspection Contract with BIU. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to amend the agenda to add approval of Mark Bednash subdivision plan as approved by the Mayfield Zoning Board. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi add to the agenda approval of subdivision of Mark Bednash property as approved by the Mayfield Zoning Board. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi to approve the subdivision plan of Mark Bednash property as approved by the Mayfield Zoning Board. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi to approve the updated Professional Service Agreement with BIU for Rental Inspections. Passed 5-0.

**Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich**

Need to approve a change order to pay Linde which is formalizing an email poll done by council president Diana Campbell - Linde's original bid was for \$79,580. The job consisted of fixing a pipe separation on the levee, removing the gravel bar in the river and cutting down 3 large trees along the levee. The grant we received for this project was \$55,326. With our 15% match of \$9,763, the project total is \$65,089. (Our original approved grant total was \$68,189.) This is \$14,491 less than Linde's bid. Linde still agreed to do the job. They fixed the pipe, they removed the gravel bar, but did not cut down the 3 large trees because they said they had already exceeded the amount we had available to pay them. We compromised with them through KBA Engineering and they have agreed to have the trees cut down, making the total bill \$70,505, which is \$9,075 less than their original bid and \$2,316 more than our originally approved amount.

The trees should be cut down soon.

**Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Rossi to approve the change order and pay Linde \$52,655.00 for the work done so far. Passed 5-0.

Tom Hughes from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has reported that FEMA has found that Mayfield may be eligible to have to pay less than the usual 25% match for the levee grant. We will find out exactly what our match will be when the application is completed. Resolution 2023-08 needs to be amended without any mention of a match amount since we are not sure of the amount right now.

**Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Rosler to amend Resolution 2023-08 by a resolution to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending in the amount of \$2,327,734 and designate Ron Ryczak and Wendy Bochnovich as agents to execute all forms and documents. Passed 5-0.

**(Resolution 2023-09)**

**Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Rossi to adopt a resolution to apply for a DCED grant in the amount of \$500,000 toward the levee project, which would cover all or part of the match depending on the % we have to match. Passed 5-0. **(Resolution 2023-10)**

**Engineering Grant for Levee** - KBA Engineering will also continue with their study of exactly where the levee needs the upgrade. This will be covered by a grant awarded to us 2 years ago in the amount of \$43,286. Our 15% match is \$7,639 for a project total of \$50,925.

**Beaver Dam Report** - On February 15, Ron, Diana, Serge and Wendy went to the beaver dam that has been the subject of possible flooding of Powderly Creek. Ron wore hip boots, walked out into the water and using a 16 foot survey rod with a 6 foot folding ruler attached at the end was able to measure at distances of about 20 feet out to about 100 feet out where he was able to walk out further. Depths were from 2 to 3 feet until he got closer to the beaver lodge at which point he was measuring water that was 5 to 6 feet deep. The conclusion was that a failure at any point along the embankment would not cause the creek to overtop the levee near Oak Street given the distance from the beaver dam to Oak Street, which is about 1.5 miles.

**Stormwater – Ron Ryczak** (absent – no report).

**Mayor’s report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik**

Police report listed 300 calls in February, 2023.

Mayor Chelik informed council that he completed the request of the Census Bureau on the Boundary & Annexation Survey Report and it was accepted by the Bureau.

The mayor stated council that as has been the tradition for over a decade, he read to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at Mayfield Campus and for the first time to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at the Scott Campus on the Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day.

Mayor Chelik performed a wedding ceremony on February 25, 2023 at the Highlands in Archbald, PA. Between Jessica Washenko and Lonnie Blank. There was no fee collected.

The mayor pointed to an article in the February 28, 2023 Times/Tribune about the progress of the Lackawanna County Reassessment. Much of the work in Old Forge and Taylor is finished and the homeowners will soon be getting a report on the findings. The assessment is currently ongoing in Scranton.

Also reported was that a Monroe County judge recently ruled that skill game devices are legal and barred prosecutors from presenting them as evidence in a criminal case. This ruling affects the criminal case against Robert Covington, co-owner of Sinners Swing Gentlemen’s Club, who is awaiting trial on several charges, including he paid out winners on the machines.

Wendy Bochnovich, Diana Campbell and the mayor attended an exit conference on the police pension on January 18, 2023 and were informed that there was no significant issues on the borough’s plans.

The mayor and Paul Natishak attended a meeting on March 2, 2023 with UGI and Krieger Construction on the installation of an 8” gas line on Plank Road.

He presented two articles on problems with short-term rental ordinances to the solicitor for his review.

Also noted was the three fire companies were awarded grants from the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grants, \$13,089.40 each to Mayfield Hose and Whitmore Hose Companies, and William Walker received \$15,000.00 for fire and \$10,000.00 for EMS.

On February 24, 2023, the PA Human Relations Commission informed the police department that the Kwinton Johnson v. Mayfield Police Department case was closed due to insufficient evidence to establish discrimination.

**Act 32 report -Mayor Chelik**

Nothing to report.

**Solicitor's report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman**

Attorney Coleman stated he had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Things are in order with the Lakeland Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve agreement with UGI to give an easement to install a 24" gas line needed to replace the 16" gas line off Casey Highway off of 19 Acres and borough to receive \$25,181.57. Passed 5-0.

**New Business**

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Wendy Bochnovich to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve \$2,000.00 for equipment for two police vehicles this year, two next year to upgrade equipment necessary in regards to citations being electronically issued. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi to change cell phone services from Verizon to T-Mobile at cost of \$253.96 per month and includes insurance, 3 hot spots and 4 phones. Passed 5-0.

**Public Input**

Tom Joyce asked about leaf collection. Paper recycling bags are acceptable.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Diana Campbell, second by Tiffany Casey to adjourn. Passed 5-0.

Time 8:10p.m.