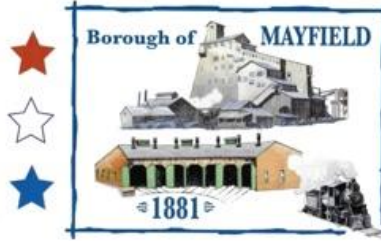


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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Wendy Bochnovich followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Wendy Bochnovich, Bridget Boettcher, Tiffany Casey, Tom Hartman, Mary Rosler were present. Diana Campbell and Jennifer Rossi were absent. Mayor Chelik and Atty. Coleman were also present.

Public Input

Brian Carite from 513 Penn Ave. complained about feral cats damaging his vehicles and property. Len Wilson expressed concern over blighted properties, in particular the one in the 200 block of Whitmore Avenue.

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 4-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to accept the Treasurer's report for March, 2025. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 4-0.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to pay all bills listed and all others mentioned. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 4-0.

Motion by Tom Hartman for a resolution to recognize the three volunteer fire companies in Mayfield and approve their activities for 2025. (Resolution 2025-06). Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 4-0.

A non-resident tax was discussed for the future.
(Tiffany Casey arrived.)

Mayor Chelik and Wendy met with DGK representative Jeff Kyle on March 25 about our insurance. He mentioned 2 step verification for logging into NBT for banking. He said that our costs have been steadily increasing at 4% a year. He also said that our EMS personnel rate is \$4.39 per \$100 of annual payroll. There is a pension insurance costing \$436 per person for 3 years of coverage. After a discussion, it was decided to purchase it.

Motion by Mary Rosler to purchase pension insurance for \$436 per person for 3 years of coverage. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

The TASA sidewalk funding meeting was canceled for today because April Hannon was out of the office. Tony was going to send an email update and said that the plans were uploaded.

Discussion on replacing the F-550 with a 2024 model from Tasca Ford for \$59,467. \$46,319 was received from the insurance company and deposited. This year, the amount that we are allowed for equipment purchases with Liquid Fuels funds is \$22,300.

Motion by Tom Hartman to purchase a 2024 F-550 from Tasca Ford for \$59,467. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Tom Hartman to have Williams Diesel complete the upfitting of the new truck not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 5-0.

Tom also reported that the insurance company sent in a check for \$3,765.23 for the damage that was done to one of the police trucks from a rock hitting the windshield. Three other vehicles reportedly had the same damage done.

Tom (by phone) and Wendy met with our PennDOT representative Jeff Roback on Tuesday and discussed paving part of Gorham Avenue. He filled out the form for us to send out to get 3 phone quotes for this job. It will be about 500 feet by 20 feet.

Motion by Tom Hartman to get 3 phone quotes for paving part of Gorham Avenue. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 5-0.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi

The borough building project is close to being finished. The Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by NEIC. The elevator is working and we are waiting for the final inspection.

The 2022 904 Recycling grant money has been deposited in the amount of \$33,097.64. Hopefully, approximately the same amount will be deposited soon for 2023.

An electronics recycling event has been approved for Saturday, September 27 from 9 to 11 AM. The information for tire recycling is not yet available. A check for \$945 was received on April 1 and deposited for last year's electronic recycling.

The leak in the roof at the emergency services center was repaired by Paradigm Roofing. They discovered that the current roof is approximately 20 years old and we need to start thinking about replacing it. It should be budgeted for next year.

Kleinbauer has already been approved by council to service the air conditioner at the Emergency Services Center annually.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary said that she is planning on updating the previous grant application for the Penn Avenue playground so that it is ready if a new opportunity for funding comes along.

Public Safety and Rental Inspections – Bridget Boettcher and Tiffany Casey

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported 25 fire calls received and acted upon for the month of March, 2025.

There was no zoning report.

Bridget reported that she received information on grants for police body cameras and she will be looking into applying.

Planning Commission report – Mayor Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported no new business at the Planning Commission meeting. The zoning hearing for the Marino request for a variance to build a home at 815 Pine Street was approved at the March 20, 2025 Zoning Board hearing.

Tiffany reported a few changes on landlord inspections.

Motion by Tiffany Casey for an ordinance amending the Landlord Ordinance 2018-08 (Ordinance 2025-08). Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

We have not yet heard back from PEMA or FEMA about the levee meeting we had last month with them and how they would suggest we should proceed. Tony sent them the information that we had so far. He said that this latest report on the study they conducted as if there were no rails on the Poplar St. bridge is showing a large difference in how the water would flow in a flood situation. This study is another one paid for by the Engineering grant.

John Murray, our analyst for this grant, called on March 26 to ask if we wanted to extend that grant for one more year, even though we just had a year extension. We have \$12,403 (including our match) to spend on more studies for the levee. He emailed today that we will have the approval tomorrow.

The video pipe report inspection was received this week and we have been told that 3 pipes have enough damage that they are labeled unacceptable. They must be repaired. We will have to apply for grant money to accomplish this. That inspection was done this past summer and is repeated every 5 years.

Wendy contacted the railroad to ask if they would consider spraying around the new fences that they installed on the 3 railroad bridges on both sides of the tracks. Trees are already growing there and if they are not taken care of, the fences will be ruined if the trees get large. She also sent them a quote from Jeff Dubas to remove the old fencing that is falling down on the bridges over the streets. No reply on either issue.

She also discussed lowering the fee for an accessory structure in the floodplain.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich for a resolution to amend the floodplain accessory structure fees. (Resolution 2025-07) Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 424 calls for the month of March, 2025.

Mayor Chelik reported that the retirement documents for Phyllis Jaskowiec were finally approved by PMRS and she was to receive her first check in February, 2025.

The mayor informed council that he will forward to council an ordinance in the future that will deal with the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals and asked for council's help in identifying prospective members. Members on this board must have specialized qualifications such as being an architect or an engineer, or have experience in the construction industry, or training or experience as an inspector or plan reviewer.

He also reported that he received only a few responses to his letter to Route 6 business owners regarding the sanitary sewer project.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported there was no Tax Collection Committee meeting in March.

He informed council that the Year-To-Date comparison of the Earned Income Tax from January through March, 2024 was \$63,665 and January through March, 2025 was \$66,333. This was an increase of \$2,668 or 4.19% better than last year during the same time period.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Attorney Coleman reported regarding the 2020 deed for the Park Drive Development that he is hoping to have a final answer from the county by the next meeting.

Old Business

The newsletter was distributed by the last week of March. Thank you to everyone who helped.

NorLack Update: A meeting for NorLack was held on March 26 in Jermyn. Wendy and Ron attended. For the most part, the Commonly Undesirable Land Uses were discussed. Four of the five communities have 17 of the CULUs, Mayfield among them, Greenfield Township has 16. They got the landfill. Mayfield does NOT have to take Adult Entertainment. We are all going to receive large maps of all of the areas to study and a list of what communities are assigned what undesirables so that we can make sure that our residents are aware of the changes. The zoning designations have been changed so that all five communities are the same. For example, instead of an R1 zone that we have now, it will be changed to TD3 and refers to Town Residential. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28 in Greenfield.

Mine Reclamation grant

Bid advertisement dates are April 25 and May 2. Pre-bid meeting with perspective bidders is May 7 and we will be opening bids on May 14 at our next council meeting.

Mayor Chelik composed a letter of support for developer Mark Powell as he applies for grant funds for "off-site" improvements which are estimated to be in excess of \$6 million for gas, electric and right-of-way acquisition.

Motion by Mary Rosler to send the letter of support from Mayfield Borough to the PA Department of Economic Development on behalf of Mark Powell as he applies for grant funds for "off-site" improvements to gas, electric and Right-of-Way acquisition. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

New Business

On Tuesday, April 8, Mayor Chelik, Diana, Wendy, and Serge met with Aidan Horgan of CABT (the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks). He explained the work they are doing trying to prevent legislation from passing allowing an increase in the weight and length of trucks traveling our highways. For example, it would increase a double trailer's length by 10 feet and weight by 11,000 pounds. He said they are a small group of 7 against hundreds lobbying for Amazon, Fed Ex, UPS, and others.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher for a resolution to support the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks as they oppose legislation increasing truck size and weight. (Resolution 2025-09) Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

Public Input

Joe Tomcavage expressed concern over what he thought was a plan to lower the rails on the Poplar Street bridge. Wendy clarified and explained that was not the plan. The rails will stay the same height. However, since the most recent study is saying no rails makes the water flow better, if we get a grant to alter the bridge, possibly the rails could be adjustable in a flood situation.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Rosler. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.