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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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The meeting was called to order at 739 Penn Avenue, Mayfield, PA at 7:00 p.m. by President Diana Campbell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Council members Wendy Bochnovich, Bridget Boettcher, Tiffany Casey, Diana Campbell, Tom Hartman, Jennifer Rossi and Mary Rosler. Also present were Mayor Alexander Chelik, Atty. Owen Coleman, and Fire Chief Joseph Tomcavage. Absent were – Jennifer Rossi (sick) and Tiffany Casey.

Public Input

Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County Director for Community Relations, informed all about upcoming events in the county and left fliers to be posted.

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to approve the minutes of July 9, 2025. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Tom Hartman to accept the Treasurer's report for July, 2025. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to pay all bills listed and all others mentioned. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to sell 2 police cars. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 5-0.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to adopt **Resolution #2025-11** approving the sewage planning module for Century Development. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 5-0.

Diana asked Atty. Coleman to prepare a maintenance agreement for the sewers since they will be turned over to Mayfield.

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky received a letter from Archbald to purchase 3 tasers at \$500 each.

Motion by Diana Campbell to purchase tasers from Archbald for the Mayfield police department. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

We received an email from the Lackawanna County Library System, asking if we would like them to come back to our borough. Diana recommended Tuesday 8-11 A.M. year-round while Seanna Koerner is in the office. Seanna will respond to the email.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom reported on the TASA (Transportation Alternatives Set Aside) sidewalk funding online meeting today with April Hannon, Wendy Bochnovich, Tony Grizzanti, and Corey Lewis from PennDOT. He

presented a map of the entire project area on the TV screen. Residents were encouraged to ask questions. The sidewalks should be completed during the summer of 2026.

He also reported that the paving project on Gorham Avenue is complete.

He reported that the pole missing near the Rushbrook Street ramp on the Casey highway is on backorder of about 5 months. Insurance is covering the pole with a \$1,000 deductible.

The storm drain cleaning on Hill Street will hopefully be scheduled in September or October.

The storm drains at May and Pine Streets are completed. The drain on Poplar and Hill Streets has not been tarred yet.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi was absent. Diana Campbell spoke in her place.

Diana reported the power washing of the Emergency Services Center was completed July 16, 2025.

Diana also reported that Jennifer is in the process of comparing prices for an electric provider and will have more results for the next meeting. She thanked Tom Joyce for his help with the electric work in the garage.

Three backflow tests required by the water company are being scheduled for 739 Penn Avenue, 500 Lackawanna Avenue, and the Chestnut Street concession stand at the ballfield.

The flag sign is on the building from Cerra signs. There was a discussion of possibly adding a sign that says "Municipal Building" to the front of the building at a later date.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

The hearing for the boys who damaged the playground was rescheduled.

Public Safety – Bridget Boettcher

Bridget Boettcher has no report on police cameras.

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported 22 fire calls received and acted upon for the month of July, 2025. He also said that during the concert in the park he had fire police present.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith reported 2 zoning permits for \$75.00 and 7 UCC permits for \$2,370.10 for July.

Planning Commission report – Mayor Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported the planning commission was working on the Whitmore Ave. variance to split the one lot into two.

Ron Ryczak reported he went over the updated NorLack plans and they were straightforward

Rental Inspections – Tiffany Casey was absent.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

Wendy reported Ehrlich sent an email on July 30, 2025 informing us that they will no longer be able to spray our levee because it was too dangerous for their truck to be on the levee. We have a quote from TurfPRO for \$4,600 to spray everything.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to hire TurfPRO to spray the levee. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

Wendy Bochnovich, Ron Ryczak, Len Jaskowiec, and Jim Perry met today to go over the video pipe inspection from last summer and discussed a plan to repair them involving lining the pipes, they plan to contact someone who does this work to learn the cost.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 389 calls for the month of July.

Mayor Chelik reported he performed a marriage ceremony for Jill Klassner and Jason Burke in Factoryville. No fee was collected.

Mayor Chelik also praised State Troopers Joseph Perechinsky and William Jenkins for their heroic actions during the Susquehanna County shooting in which they both received multiple gunshot wounds and were hospitalized. Both men returned home and were honored with parades. Mayor Chelik showed photos of both State Troopers and praised them for their hard work and dedication to their community.

The NEET Center barn farmer's market has been finished. Will be opening soon.

The mayor gave a photo presentation showing the boat launch and the shrubs and trees planted along the Heritage Trail, as well as the Borough Building being completed with new shrubs and the sign.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported that there was a 3.88% increase in collection of earned income taxes from last year to this year.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty Coleman reported that he is working with code enforcement officer Chief Joe Perechinsky in dealing with blighted properties to make them comply with keeping their properties neat.

Old Business

Ron reported that the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the AML (Abandoned Mine Land) contract awarded to Kriger construction was approved. On July 29, the notice to proceed was granted. The project should be completed by August 1st 2026.

New Business

The mayor gave a photo presentation on the problems of data centers. He questioned how would we benefit as locals and how would it be a setback for us as well. He quoted a news article that said "Faster isn't better if rights are trampled".

Council went into executive session at 8:09 P.M. Returned at 8:14 P.M.

Motion made by Mary Rosler to hire Mike Repecki Sr. as a part time police officer. Seconded by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

Public Input

Tom Joyce questioned why Tom Hartman is on council since he does not currently reside in Mayfield. Tom Hartman responded that he does pay Mayfield taxes. Attorney Coleman agreed that this was acceptable.

Motion to adjourn by Diana Campbell. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.