

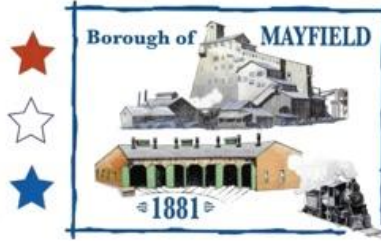
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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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The meeting was called to order once again after the public hearing at 739 Penn Avenue, Mayfield, PA at 7:00 p.m. by President Diana Campbell.

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

Public Input for agenda items only

Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County Director for Community Relations, was not able to attend, but sent Christmas greetings to all.

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to accept the Treasurer's report for November, 2025. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to pay all bills listed and all others mentioned. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom reported that he is still waiting for information on the poles missing near the Rushbrook Street ramp on the Casey Highway.

He is also working on the clearance signs for the railroad bridges. They will take a couple months. There will be signs on the side of the road before the bridge and the clearance will be painted on the bridge.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi

Jennifer reported the forced air system on the roof of the Emergency Services Center must be repaired. She received one quote and is working on getting a few more. In the meantime, a space heater or two will be needed in the building.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary had no report.

Public Safety – Bridget Boettcher

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported that there were 11 fire calls received and acted on for the month of November, 2025.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith's report showed 0 zoning permits and 3 UCC permits issued for \$1,171.61 for November.

Planning Commission report – Mayor Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported that at the Planning Commission meeting there was a request for a subdivision of a property on the corner of Poplar and Railroad Streets. The owner wants three lots created and is working on the deeds. The mayor said there should be no problem in getting this approved.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to submit the proposed Northern Lackawanna Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, at least 45 days prior to a public hearing, to the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission, Wayne County Planning Commission, Susquehanna County Planning Commission, Fell Township, Benton Township, Scott Township, Archbald Borough, Jefferson Township, Canaan Township, South Canaan Township, Clifford Township, Lenox Township, Carbondale Area School District, and Lakeland School District for review and comment, in accordance with Section 301.3 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to authorize the Borough Council to hold a public hearing in accordance with Section 302(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code on February 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM to obtain public comment on and consider adoption of the Northern Lackawanna Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan at the Borough Council's February 11, 2026, monthly meeting at 7:00 PM, immediately following the public hearing. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to authorize the Lackawanna County Department of Planning, in accordance with public notice, Section 107 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and on behalf of Mayfield Borough, to advertise in the Times-Tribune on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and Sunday, January 25, 2026, notice of Mayfield Borough's intent to hold a public hearing and meeting to consider adoption of the Northern Lackawanna Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, listing the date, time, and place of the hearing/meeting. In accordance with the Northern Lackawanna Planning Association Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement, the cost of the advertisement will be the responsibility of Lackawanna County. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Rental Inspections – Tiffany Casey

Tiffany had no report.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

Wendy reported that over \$400 has been sent in from Judge Turlip's office for fines paid for the trees damaged on the playground.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to use that money to buy flower boxes to place on the new Poplar Street bridge. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

There was no sidewalk funding meeting since the last council meeting. It will be held this Friday, December 12.

It needs to be stressed that this sidewalk funding of \$388,000, with no match, is federal money and the main requirement asked of this borough is maintenance. We do have to pay the engineering costs and Lakeland School District is sharing that cost with us, 50/50. Residents are reminded it is their responsibility to keep the sidewalks bordering their property clear from ice and snow. This is especially important along the routes that students walk to school. The purpose of the project is student safety.

She also reported that on November 25, she, Mayor Chelik, Len Jaskowiec, Jim Perry, Ron Ryczak, Dennis Ross, and Paul Natishak met with Brad Bowser of Guyer Brothers. He made a presentation on the fold and form method of pipe repair for our levee pipes. They also walked along the levee so that he could see some of the pipes. He is going to prepare an estimate to do the repairs. Mr. Bowser also said he believes their method is capable of repairing the pipe that DEP said should be replaced. He called on Tuesday, December 9, and said he would have the estimate for us sometime in January.

The levee committee will be meeting with KBA, Colliers Engineering, and representatives of DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency), and the Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday, December 16. They will not only discuss the pipe repair, but also the engineering plans for the \$2.3 million to upgrade the levee.

The Commonwealth Financing Authority met in November. They did not award the statewide LSA grants yet, should have in September, but didn't due to the state not passing a budget. They are supposed to be done in January. We submitted both a garage grant and a paving grant at the end of November, just in case we don't get any funding for the garage grant submitted last year.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 341 calls for the month of November.

Mayor Chelik reported that he applied for an "America 250" grant for \$1000 from Lackawanna County. If awarded, he will purchase picture frames for numerous historical pictures to put on display in Mayfield's municipal building.

The mayor mentioned Chief Perechinsky's persistence in dealing with a number of different people due to frequent changes of ownership of the property at 719 Poplar Street. Also, Jim Perry, the Floodplain Administrator, worked to make sure the current owner is complying with the regulations of building in the floodplain. The result will be a new house at that location.

The mayor stated that the long-standing DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, established by Chief Joe in 2004, a vital program in drug education and a chance for the young students to get to know our police chief, has been eliminated from the Lakeland Elementary School. The reason given is that due to the increased time that the staff must spend on preparing for the state testing, there is no time in their schedule for the DARE Program. Chief Joe kept the program going even when federal funding ended in 2012. The Chief did get an agreement to establish a presence in the school which included a desk made available in the foyer for his use.

He thanked Father Nathaniel Sorochka for the Veteran's Day church service and mentioned the Lakeland High School Veteran's Day assembly.

The mayor also had a photo presentation of the mine reclamation area and talked about the progress there.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik informed council that the collection agency, Berkheimer, appointed by the Lackawanna County Tax Collection Committee (TCC), not only collects Earned Income Taxes from Lackawanna

County workers, but also receives monies from the other collection agencies throughout the state. The mayor stated that the collections from January through November increased by 4.5%. The fee charged by Berkheimer for the collection of Earned Income Tax is 1.42% and for the collection of the Local Service Tax is 1.65%.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty. Coleman clarified some details about the zoning ordinance amendment regulating data centers.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to adopt the amended budget resolution for 2026 as per the email vote by council. The change was due to the reassessment. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0. **(Resolution 2025-15)**

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to adopt the 2026 tax ordinance. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0. **(Ordinance 2025-16)**

Mayor Chelik commented that the tax ordinance keeps borough tax revenue for 2026 neutral at 2.15 mills with the new reassessment. The previously proposed new category, Electric, Gas and Water is no longer needed and those utilities will be paid out of the General Fund as they previously have been. It was also pointed out that the garbage fee for this year will remain the same, but this is the last year of the contract. Sometime soon, we will be advertising for bids for another contract. Mayfield does not make any profit on the garbage contract. The cost of the contract is divided among taxable structures and the number of apartments in each.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to adopt the zoning ordinance amendment regulating data centers. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 7-0. **(Ordinance 2025-14)**

Motion by Mary Rosler to assign the address of 208 Willow Way to Nicole and Richard Atkinson. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to advertise for the 2026 council and planning commission meetings. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

Mayor Chelik reminded all that our reorganizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, at 6:00. There was a discussion about cleaning up the large amount of trash by the boat launch on the Heritage Trail. Mayor Chelik gave a presentation of the area and also had maps of who owns each area. It was decided that when the weather improves, we will get permission and recruit volunteers to go in and clean it up.

Public Input

A resident complained about the green plastic strips that fall off of the Christmas trees mounted on the telephone poles. She said she has been picking them up for years.

President Diana Campbell called for an executive session at 7:43.

Returned at 7:56.

Motion by Mary Rosler to approve the contract for Police Chief Joseph Perechinsky. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Rossi. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57.