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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

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

Ms. Lisa Burns, Local Policy Specialist with DCED offered services to the borough.

Public input – Resident reported bad potholes at the intersection of 300 Whitmore Ave. and Glenwood St.

Diana Campbell requested an executive session on contracts and personnel.

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Bridget Boettcher to accept the Treasurer's report for January, 2024. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Wendy Bochnovich to pay all bills listed in packet and all others mentioned. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Jennifer Rossi to send letter of intent to DCED to provide necessary training in computer use and filing. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Tiffany Casey to approve current job descriptions.

Motion by Diana Campbell, second Tiffany Casey to resend the motion until after the executive session. Passed 7-0.

Streets and public works – Tom Hartman

Tom Hartman reported the third load of road salt was delivered.

Motion by Tom Hartman, second Diana Campbell to apply for a Community Reinvest Grant for \$5,000.00 to purchase a trailer. Passed 7-0.

Buildings and parks – Jennifer Rossi

Jennifer Rossi stated the bid package for the borough building renovations is not ready yet.

Jennifer said the recycling grant can only be applied for every two years so we are not eligible until 2025.

PPL installed electric power at the DPW garage.

Athletic complex and playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary Rosler informed council the county is forwarding a check for \$1,000.00 to cover both the 2022 and 2023 Arts & Culture grant for the Concerts in the Park. Mary submitted a copy of the \$5,000.00 cancelled check the borough paid for the mulch at the playground and is waiting for reimbursement from the state.

Public safety -Bridget Boettcher and Tiffany Casey

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage listed 19 calls in January, 2023. He said the hydrant was finally installed at Hudson St. and Chestnut St. He is concerned about the ability to have water available in case of a fire behind Wolf's house in the area of Madison St. and Second Ave. He will try to meet with the Meredith Hose Co. members to come up with a plan in an emergency call.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith listed 0 Borough and 4 UCC permits issued in January, 2024.

Planning commission report – Mayor Chelik reported the commission met February 6th but no business was conducted.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher, second Wendy Bochnovich to approve the Walker Hose Co to conduct a Potato Pancake Sale February 16 also their pizza sales Fridays during Lent, the Witmore Hose Co. Roast Beef Dinner March 10, Mayfield Hose Co. March 3 Cash Bingo. Passed 7-0.

Flood control – Wendy Bochnovich

Wendy Bochnovich gave the following reports: Engineering
Grant – Core boring has been completed by Joe Murphy Drilling. Tony Grizzanti sent the results of that along with preliminary plans for upgrading the freeboard on the levee to DEP.

Levee Grant – On Thursday, January 25, a zoom meeting was held in the Emergency Services Center about the levee grant. Jim Perry attended and set up the video equipment. Also in attendance for Mayfield were Tony Grizzanti from KBA, Mayor Chelik, Paul Natishak, Diana, Ron, Wendy and Serge. The purpose of the meeting was to try and clear up some questions DEP and FEMA are asking about the effects raising the levee will have on surrounding communities.

Bob Pierson from FEMA, along with 3 representatives from WSP (Williams Sale Partnership Ltd.), a global engineering firm, also attended. They were Erin Endicott, Jeff Smith, and William Jiang.

We got the impression from FEMA that there is potentially data out there that may address the upstream/downstream effects or at least raw data that could be used by a firm employed by KBA under the engineering grant to get that figured out. FEMA no longer has a contract with that Compass group which is why FEMA can't work on that issue. Some entity has to take the flow data and consider what effect raising the levee would have. As Tony said, there may be no effect, but that has to be decided and shown by the calculations.

We asked why on their freeboard map, they don't make mention that something has to be done at the Poplar Street bridge. FEMA may have overlooked the bridge in its report and that could be our opportunity to get additional funding.

In 2005, when the Chestnut Street closure was installed, the freeboard was one foot. Now it is four feet at any bridge.

Bob Pierson said that he will contact others from FEMA to decide whether or not they can clear up the questions. Tony will keep us updated.

Flood Mitigation Grant for the Match – We did not get the funding. **Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich, second Mary Rosler to apply for a Flood Mitigation Grant for \$258,637.00 to supplement the \$2.3 million for the levee upgrade. Passed 7-0. **(Resolution# 2024-03)**.

TASA Sidewalk funding – no word yet from the state. When we were asking for the funding, the railroad was also contacted and Lorie Ransom, who is a superintendent at the Delaware-Lackawanna RR, told me that they would be willing to fix the “coal catchers” that are above the sidewalks under the 3 bridges. Jeff Dubas put in a price, but has not heard if he or anyone else was awarded the job.

Video Pipe Inspection – Our last video inspection of the levee was in 2019. It must be done every 5 years. DEP sent us information that we can be reimbursed for the cost. Written estimates must be submitted by March 15, 2024 to DEP to determine what they will reimburse us.

So far, Biros Septic from Hazelton and Koberlein Environmental Services have made the trip here to look at the levee. Paul, Ron and I walked along with them to show them the 9 drainage structures that have to be video inspected. Koberlein has sent in their quote.

Biros Septic and Drain Cleaning Inc also sent in a quote.

Utility Services Group also responded. They did not write up a formal quote like the other 2, but said they would like to give a formal estimate once this goes out to bid.

Whoever we hire, in addition to the video inspection we want them to clean the pipes, but only the video will be reimbursed by DEP. We can pay for the cleaning with the ARP funds.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich, second Jennifer Rossi to adopt a resolution to apply to DEP for a grant for video inspection of the levee pipes for \$9,800. Passed 7 -0. **(Resolution# 2024-04)**.

Mayor's report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik
Police report listed 291 calls in January, 2024.

The Diamond Club in Old Forge was shut down and cannot reopen as an adult entertainment club. Recently someone from the Allentown area was at the borough building inquiring as to who owns the building on Route 6 . He said they are looking into having a business there which will be run properly.

The mayor explained the involvement of Chief Perechinsky in the apprehension of Gerimiah Cleveland who was involved in connection with the shooting of a Scranton police officer.

Act 42 report – Mayor Chelik

No meeting was held.

Solicitor’s report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty. Coleman did not have anything to report.

Old business - Mayor Chelik also explained that the notice of the Abandoned Mine Land and Acid Mine Drainage (AML/AMD) Grant Program stated the borough **WILL** receive a grant in the amount of \$14,974,183.00. It does not state **MAY** receive.

New business – Motion by Diana Campbell, second Mary Rosler to apply for membership in the Keystone Emergency Management Association for Jim Perry, our Emergency Management Coordinator, as required by the new Pennsylvania Management Agency certification requirements, at a cost of \$30.00. Passed 7-0.

Council entered executive session at 7:58 p.m.

Re-entered regular session of council at 8:51 pm.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi, second Tiffany Casey to approve the job description for secretary/clerk and DPW worker.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler, second Tom Hartman to adjourn. Passed 7-0.