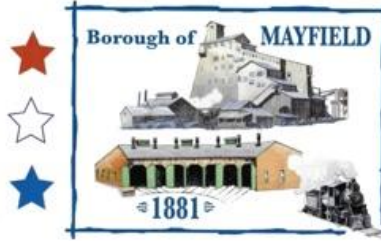


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### MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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An Executive Session was held from 6:30 until 6:58 on personnel and procedures to take care of blighted properties.

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

#### Public Input

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

Jack Clark, Whitmore Avenue, thanked council for taking care of some of the blighted areas around his neighborhood. He mentioned a program he heard about that helps homeowners obtain funds to repair their homes. The name is Beautiful Blocks. President Diana Campbell also mentioned Heart and Soul Community and said she would look into more information. Jack also mentioned that PPL will pick up certain appliances at a person's home and will pay \$50 for a refrigerator and \$25 for a dehumidifier or air conditioner.

#### Administration – Diana Campbell

**Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich to approve the minutes of June 11, 2025. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Jennifer Rossi to accept the Treasurer's report for June, 2025. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Tom Hartman to pay all bills listed and all others mentioned. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell to close police savings bank account and put the funds into the general checking account. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Jennifer Rossi to accept the resignation of Monique Bednash as administrative assistant. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 5-0.

**Motion** by Diana Campbell to hire Seanna Koerner as a part time administrative assistant for 15 hours a week, plus attend the monthly meeting at a rate of \$15 per hour, and \$20 an hour to clean for 1 hour

every week plus an additional hour once a month to clean upstairs. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 5-0.

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik (Special Exception for this meeting only)**

Mayor Chelik gave his report as a presentation on the new television using his laptop. He used many pictures to clarify his explanations and encouraged the council members to use this method in the future.

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 383 calls for the month of June.

Our police department was awarded a grant of \$50,000 for a new vehicle. Two of the high mileage vehicles will be put out of service and sold.

The mayor also reported that he and Tom Hartman attended a luncheon with Senator Rosemary Brown in Carbondale. Among the topics discussed were funding for fire companies. Consolidation was offered as a possible solution.

In 2027, Mayfield is scheduled for a complete restoration of Main Street, Poplar Street, and Lackawanna Avenue.

The repairing of the Poplar Street bridge, along with redesigned railings, should begin soon.

**Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman**

With the help of pictures on Mayor Chelik's presentation, Tom reported on the 2 foot by 2 foot opening that was reported by a resident at the corner of Poplar Street and Hill Street last month. Rock Bottom was able to be on the scene to do the repairs within a couple days. The hole ended up being about 10 feet deep and 20 feet wide. It contained cracked and corroded pipes and all were repaired. Only the paving remains to be completed.

Tom said the damaged pole on the Rushbrook Street ramp on the Casey Highway is on back order and the estimated cost to replace it is \$8546. He is researching if PennDOT will help pay for it.

**Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi**

Jennifer reported that the final payment has been made to Sean Byrne Construction. The grant money has been reimbursed.

She also reported that the certificate has arrived for the elevator from the Department of Labor and Interior.

The power washing of the Emergency Services Center will be done next week, weather permitting. The receptacles were installed in the garage. The cost was a little more than anticipated because the conduit was more. Diana thanked Tom Joyce for all of the electrical he completed as a volunteer. Jennifer also reported that she is in the process of comparing prices for an electric provider and will have more results for the next meeting.

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 for the front of the building is not ready yet from Cerra signs.

**Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler**

Diana reported that there is possibly CDBG financing available for non-entitlement communities to update the Anna McCarthy playground to make it ADA accessible. She will get more information.

The youths caught damaging the playground by Chief Perechinsky will be having their hearing on July 21. It was suggested that in addition to a possible fine, an apology to council and the public at a council meeting would be appropriate along with some community service such as helping clean the building grounds.

**Public Safety – Bridget Boettcher**

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported 14 fire calls received and acted upon for the month of June, 2025. He also reported there was a power outage for the 700, 800, and 900 blocks of Hudson Street, along with Linden Street and parts of Delaware Street. The mayor credited Joe's insistent phone calls with the quick response by the power company.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith reported 4 zoning permits for \$100 and 2 UCC permits for \$321.98 for June. Also, there was a correction to the May zoning report. It was updated to show 2 UCC permits for \$4116.94.

**Planning Commission report – Mayor Chelik**

Mayor Chelik reported that the NorLack report is lengthy and will take months to go over. He pointed out that one improvement would be uniform zones throughout the five communities.

**Rental Inspections – Tiffany Casey**

Tiffany reported that she is having a difficult time obtaining a list of rental properties. She is working with tax collector Diane Bachak.

**Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich**

Wendy reported Tony Grizzanti said he is now going to try to see if some of the \$2.3 million in the levee funding can be redirected for further study into a design for upgrading of the levee. He has not heard anything from any of our contacts at FEMA or PEMA about the meeting we had in April and neither have we.

She also informed all that the levee inspection will be Thursday, July 31 at 9:30 AM from 739 Penn Avenue. In the near future, we will have to ask KBA to examine the levee pipes that failed the video inspection and come up with a plan to repair them along with how much that will cost so that we can then apply for grant money.

**Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik**

Mayor Chelik displayed tax collection committee (TCC) information on the television screen that clearly showed trends in tax collection amounts.

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

Attorney Coleman reported that Mayfield and Kriger have signed the necessary documents for the mine reclamation project. They are now waiting for the permits, then will obtain a notice to proceed. Kriger will then have 365 plus 10 days to complete the job.

He reminded council that he sent to all 3 sample ordinances about data centers. All should read so that it can be discussed at the next meeting on how we want to proceed.

**Old Business**

President Diana Campbell reported on a data center webinar she attended. She was able to review other municipality's ordinances to get an idea on what we would possibly include in one for Mayfield.

**New Business**

None

**Public Input**

Tom Joyce suggested that a possible way to obtain a list of properties with renters might be obtained from the Boy Scout leaders who distributed the recycling cans because they would know which needed more than one.

He also asked about smoke detectors in the borough building. They were overlooked in the building plans. Jennifer is going to look into it.

Jim Perry suggested asking Jermyn Borough for information on how they bill rental properties. He also said there is an app called HuntStand that gives owner information. It costs about \$30 for a year.

Jim also mentioned some large, dead trees across from 1003 Maple Street. There is a danger they could fall into the street and should be removed.

Joe Tomcavage expressed concern over 719 Poplar Street. He said the front door is open and anyone can enter the building. Emergency tape will be place there as a warning. Atty Coleman said that this is one of the properties being dealt with as blighted.

**Motion** to adjourn by Wendy Bochnovich. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.