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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 10, 2026

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, Tom Hartman, Mary Rosler, Dennis Ross, Jennifer Rossi and Tiffany Smith. (Mary Rosler was late due to her son's class night ceremony.) Also present were Mayor Alexander Chelik and Fire Chief Joseph Tomcavage.

Public Input

The mayor addressed the issue brought before Council about the eligibility of Councilman Hartman to serve as he is not living in Mayfield. The mayor explained that although Title 8 of the Borough Code does address the issue, state law and judicial court cases legally allow for exceptions. State Law and judicial court decisions have addressed this issue. The law does allow Councilman Hartman to serve because the rulings emphasized that selling a home and moving temporarily does not automatically change domicile. Courts have confirmed that domicile is not lost by temporary absence, and therefore the letter from Solicitor Coleman was accurate in informing Council that Mr. Hartman could retain his seat on the governing body.

Administration – Diana Campbell

As per the recommendation of the planning commission, Motion by Diana Campbell to approve the application of Solar Star Mayfield 1 LLC to construct a solar farm at 603 Scranton Carbondale Highway on 45.6 acres as a principle permitted use in a C-2 zone as they have met the requirements of Mayfield Borough subdivision and land development and Mayfield Borough Ordinance 2024-2 and amendments, provided they received an NPDES permit before construction begins, and meet with Harry Coleman, the Borough's temporary solicitor in crafting a Developer's Agreement and if necessary a Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement. Diana Campbell and Jason Smith informed council that if council was to deny a second vote that the motion would not be allowed to pass and the company would not have to follow anything that Mayfield Borough Council instructs them to. Second by Tiffany Smith. A roll call vote was made, Rossi-Yes, Ross-No, Bochnovich-Yes, Campbell-Yes, Hartman-No, Smith-Yes
Motion by Tom Hartman to approve the minutes of May 13, 2026. Second by Dennis Ross. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to accept the Treasurer's report for May 2026. Second by Jennifer Rossi. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to pay all bills listed. Second by Tom Hartman. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Jenniefer Rossi to close the bids for the garbage and recycling contract. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Diana Campbell to award the 2027 garbage and recycling contract to the lowest responsible bidder, pending solicitor review. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Tom Hartman to accept Kaufman Engineering's proposal dated June 3, 2026, to continue performing work on the grant. There is no change in the grant amount and is a budget revision that involves reallocating funds within the current budget. Second by Dennis Ross. All in favor, motion carried.
Diana Campbell reported that Mary Rosler, Wendy Bochnovich, and Dennis Ross will be switching positions. Dennis Ross will be assigned playgrounds, parks, and the athletic complex. Mary Rosler will be assigned public safety and grants. Wendy Bochnovich will be assigned flood control and grants. Tiffany Casey will help Dennis Ross with parks and Diana Campbell will help Wendy with flood control.
Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to accept the revised engagement letter from Murphy-Dougherty and Company for the audit for the Mayfield Abandoned Mine Land (AML) grant. Second by Jennifer Rossi. All in favor, motion carried.
Motion by Mary Rosler to appoint Jeffrey Bachak as borough auditor. Second by Tom Hartman. All in favor, motion carried.

Buildings – Jennifer Rossi

Jennifer reported that she is waiting for an entire list from the contractor of things that can be taken care of in the Emergency Services Center. She is looking into options to get a loan for work that will be done once the list is drawn up from the contractor.
Jennifer spoke with Michelle Benson from UGI that they are having the main line run to the DPW garage.
The 904 recycling is open. She will be working on that grant.

Flood Control – Dennis Ross

Dennis reported that Vegetation Manager sprayed the entire levee two weeks ago and also sprayed the playgrounds at Anna McCarthy Park and the Athletic Complex.
He also reported that on June 25th at 11 a.m. he will meet with Wayne Memorial Hospital about a potential partnership with Anna McCarthy Park.
Wendy and Dennis had a zoom call with the National Fitness Campaign about a potential partnership at the Athletic Complex.
Motion by Dennis Ross for a resolution for the Healthy Kids Initiative. (Resolution 2026-14) Second by Wendy Bochnovich. All in favor, motion carried.

Playgrounds, Parks, and Athletic Complex – Mary Rosler

Mary Rosler reported she is still working on the grants. Many have large matches.
Mary also reported that the work is continuing on the softball field. They put the fill in and started putting the fence up.

Public Safety, Grants – Wendy Bochnovich

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported that there were 19 fire calls received and acted on for the month of May, 2026.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith's report showed for May there were no zoning permits and 1 UCC permit issued for $137.50.

Wendy reported that Mayfield was awarded a Lackawanna County Community Reinvest grant for $5000 for playground mulch.
She also reported that on May 19, she, Paul Natishak, Ron Ryczak and Serge Bochnovich attended the Department of Environmental Protection Flood Protection Conference in State College. There were many presentations given including vegetation control, permitting, and pipe repair. Mayfield's Flood Mitigation grant for the levee pipe repair is for the fold and form method and there was a very good presentation on that. On the power point presentation for damaged pipes, it was Mayfield's damaged pipes that were used as examples. It was learned that the Department of Environmental Protection is planning on doing away with all sandbagging as part of any levee system. They are going to invest in helping municipalities with structures to replace the sandbags. On a list of approximately 15, Mayfield is in the 1st tier and will be one of the first to have this done. They will do work at the Hosey and Powderly Creek areas at Lackawanna Avenue. This is still in the planning stages and will take approximately three years until completion.
Wendy asked Ron Ryczak for his input. Ron mentioned that a statement made by one of the facilitators struck him and is worth repeating. He noted that when it comes to the levee system, seemingly mundane tasks such as administration, grant writing, mowing the grass, vegetation control, secretarial duties and emergency preparedness, all involve a lot of volunteers. They contribute to protecting the public and could result in saving lives if there was a high-water event. He could not emphasize enough the need to keep the levee maintained and in an acceptable condition in case the levee was damaged during a major flood event. He also reported that the sole source letter has been sent to Harrisburg for approval to allow Colliers to do an engineering study on the levee with the Congressionally Directed Funding we received.
Wendy called our contacts at the railroad and learned that they will be spraying the 6 fences they installed on the 3 railroad bridges alongside the tracks as promised last year.
There was a sidewalk meeting this morning and although all of the plans are done, it will take too long to advertise and award the project. So the sidewalks will be done in June of 2027 when school get out.
She attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs conference in Hershey from May 31 to June 3. She reported that they are working on much legislation to have passed. There was a discussion about the mechanical skill games fees. We are looking over an ordinance to possibly adopt. Junior council members were also discussed.

Planning Commission report - Mayor Chelik

Motion by Diana Campbell to begin the 45-day review period for the NorLack Zoning Ordinance, to include the maps, overlays, and text during which the planning commission will still be able to review and comment on the draft ordinance. Second by Mary Rosler. All in favor, motion carried.

Rental Inspections – Tiffany Smith

Tiffany Smith discussed with council to make the decision to appoint Jason Smith as the Residential Rental Unit Inspector.
She also reported that she updated the residential rental application and inspection checklist. Council agreed that no motion needed to be made.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom Hartman reported that the clearance signs for the railroad bridges are ordered and on the way.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 368 police calls for the month of May, 2026.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

January through April 2025 the county collected $32.3 million in EIT (Earned Income Tax).
January through April 2026 the county collected $34.4 million or a 6.30% increase.
January through April 2025 Mayfield collected $84,106.
January through April 2026 Mayfield collected $95,503 or a 13.55% increase.

Solicitor's Report

Old Business

Diana Campbell congratulated Wendy Bochnovich on receiving her Certified Borough Official award.

New Business

Motion by Diana Campbell for a resolution expressing support for Safe Streets Lackawanna. (Resolution 2026-13) Second by Tiffany Smith. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Input

Council went into executive session at 8:48 and returned at 8:53.

Motion by Diana Campbell to name Robert P. Sheils III as Mayfield Borough Solicitor. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Tiffany Smith. Second by Dennis Ross. All in favor, motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.