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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Diana Campbell followed by the 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 were also present.

President Diana Campbell announced there would be an executive session on personnel at the end of the meeting before adjournment.

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 Ave., thanked Mayor Chelik, Chief Joe Perechinsky and the entire council for being so diligent with his and other complaints about blighted properties.

Community Bank of Jermyn employees, Branch Manager Bobbiann Davis, Treasury Management Solutions Officer Jacky Mizele, Assistant Treasury Sales Consultant Lynn Mercatile, and Mary Ann Mauro made a presentation on what their bank has to offer. They stressed they are fully dedicated to municipal banking and focus on fraud protection, safety, and their rates. They have a department that takes care of municipalities only.

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to approve the minutes of May 8, 2024. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Mary Rosler pointed out a spelling error to be corrected. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Diana Campbell to approve the purchase of a minutes binder. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to accept the Treasurer's report for May, 2024. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to pay all bills listed in the packet and all others mentioned. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Bridget Boettcher to close out general fund money market account. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Diana Campbell and Wendy Bochnovich reported the highlights of their attendance to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs conference held in Hershey, June 2-5.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom reported that he spoke with ARM representative Tom Selemba and was told they do not directly bill the utilities.

He said the Park and Maple repair was completed.

Tom also informed us that there were 16 pave cuts on Whitmore by the gas company and he called the representative Clint Utegg about paving it.

He will be meeting with PennDOT representative Jeff Roback on June 21 in order to find out what needs to be done to have some new roads added to the list that determines how much our Liquid Fuels allotment is.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to formally approve payment of bill to KBA for engineering for the borough building project. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to approve renting a 16-foot pod to securely store all files while construction takes place. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to have the façade at the Emergency Services Center repaired. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. She explained there is a piece of an unknown material hanging off the edge of the roof. Passed 7-0.

Jennifer reported that Adams Cable said with the new fiber optics, we would increase from 50 mb to 100 mb for no extra cost. She made arrangements for the cable company to go into the municipal building on Wednesday, June 19 to complete the job.

She discussed possibly having key fobs for the renovated building instead of keys. With fobs, everyone who entered the building will be on record.

The relocation of the computer and copier were discussed. It was decided it would be best if William Walker would allow the borough to set them up there. Jim Perry said it would not be a problem.

Jennifer also recommended that a note be placed on the borough building door notifying residents that if they have glasses to donate, they should take them directly to the Lions Club Building. She actually found more glasses in the borough mailbox before the meeting.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary reported that Paul said he would take care of the backflow water test for the concession stand. He is waiting for other tests to have to be done and do them together. The Emergency Services Center test has already been completed.

She also reported that she is in contact with Sandy Opshinski about meeting to discuss possible funding sources for playground funding at the Penn Ave. playground.

Little League baseball All-Stars will begin soon. Mary said congratulations were in order to the Lakeland Junior High baseball team who were league champions.

Public Safety and Rental Inspections – Bridget Boettcher and Tiffany Casey

Fire Chief Report - Fire Chief Joseph Tomcavage listed 12 fire calls for May, 2024. He reported that Racqueteers had a call in for an odor. It was found that they have no warning system, and no fire alarms. There was a lawn mower with gas stored in the building. It was not determined from where the odor came. He said they need a fire action plan and smoke detectors. Tiffany reported no permits were obtained by them. Diana said she would arrange a meeting with them along with zoning officer, Jason Smith, police chief, Joe Perechinsky, and fire chief, Joe Tomcavage.

Diana asked Bridget and Tiffany to meet together with her and start working on enforcing the Landlord Ordinance.

Zoning Officer Report - Zoning Officer Jason Smith listed \$75 collected in zoning fees for 2 permits and \$1,769.21 in UCC fees for 8 permits for May, 2024.

Planning Commission report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik discussed the letter of agreement that developer Shawn Langan sent to Mayfield. The letter was not specifically for Mayfield and contained language that did not belong in the agreement. Owen called Ryan Durkin, the solicitor, and was informed that Riley engineers will work on a new document.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

Engineering Grant – Tony said from his last conversation with DEP and FEMA they were satisfied with what they looked at but once we add in the walls and bridges the final design will have to take that into consideration and avoid any issues with up or down stream. This study will be covered by the last of our engineering grant money.

Levee Grant - Tony is also finding out about the notification on the articles of agreement for this grant that a plan must be approved by October 1, 2024 or we lose the money. We are waiting for KBA to come up with these plans.

Levee inspection by the Army Corps of Engineers is Wednesday, June 26, at 8:30 AM. Unfortunately, the slope mower broke down and had to be taken to Bloomsburg for repairs. Hopefully, it will be fixed in time to at least start mowing the levee. Paul and Serge have been trying to get it started using the regular mower and the weed wacker.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to hire Utility Services Group, Inc. of Camp Hill, PA to do the video inspection and cleaning of the levee pipes for an approximate cost of \$12,500. Depending on the time it takes, it could be more. Remember, we have the money for the video part of it through a DEP grant.

Update on Poplar Street bridge work. All of the utilities met with PennDOT, Paul Natishak, Mayor Chelik, and Ron Ryczak to discuss the plans for fixing the bridge. The sides were to be replaced, the

sidewalk redone, a complete overhaul. Then it was discovered how expensive it would be to move the gas line and it was back to the drawing board. A large expense on the engineering was wasted. Hard to believe no one knew about or expected the gas line was there.

TASA sidewalk funding – April Hannon from Penn DOT emailed and wants to arrange a meeting. Tom Hartman and Wendy are planning on meeting with her soon. A date has not yet been set.

Railroad Bridge Request – Wendy once again emailed our contacts at the railroad about fixing the coal catchers but no answer. She emphasized that the sidewalks were being fixed, but the students will be walking under those dangerous boards.

Motion to approve payment of budgeted \$500 to Shade Tree to help pay for the new picnic table at the corner on Chestnut Street. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

Mayor's report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

The police report lists 442 calls in May, 2024.

Motion to accept the resignation of Jacob Piazza as a police officer by Jennifer Rossi. Second by Bridget Boettcher. He got another job. Passed 7-0.

Mayor Chelik reported that the lowest bid for starting the new section of the Heritage Trail in Mayfield was \$140,000 higher than funds that were available. Unfortunately, the project is now on hold.

Act 32 report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported there was no meeting.

Solicitor's report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty. Coleman reported that in talking with the Langen developer, he was not concerned with an agreement being reached. The contract would be adjusted for Mayfield.

Old Business

NorLack - Wendy reported the NorLack fee of \$2,865.88 was paid from the general fund when it should have been paid from the Planning Commission Account since it was budgeted there. A check will be written from the Planning Commission Account and deposited in the general fund. The next meeting will be the end of July at Carbondale City Hall at 6:00. It is open to the public.

Century logistics

Langen economic development

There will be a storm water meeting July 3 at Scranton City Hall to discuss a county wide plan. Mayor Chelik and Tom Hartman will attend.

New Business

None

Public Input

Bill Filbert asked about the condition of the 700 and 800 blocks of Hill Street where the water company did work. He said they went down the whole 2 blocks, but did not do the laterals. The 2 blocks are scheduled to be paved curb to curb. Tome Hartman said he will find out what is going on.

New Business

None

Council entered into executive session at 8:17.

Council resumed regular session at 8:42.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Rossi. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.