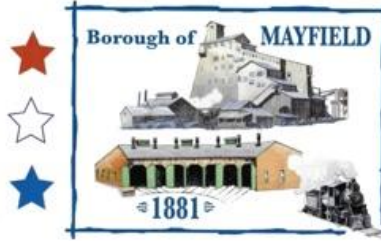


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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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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, 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

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

Administration – Diana Campbell

Motion by Tom Hartman to approve the minutes of September 10, 2025. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to accept the Treasurer's report for September, 2025. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

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

Motion by Tom Hartman for a resolution to apply for the \$1000 grant offered by Lackawanna County to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

(Resolution #2025-13)

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom reported that the storm drain cleaning on Hill Street by Mike Ford is completed.

The TASA (Transportation Alternative Set Aside) sidewalk meeting was canceled because the Public Utility Commission (PUC) held a meeting today at the Chestnut Street Railroad bridge with all of the utility representatives about the sidewalk funding. Everything is on schedule. Serge Bochnovich asked Charlene Doyle from the railroad to spray the weeds around the new fences that they placed next to the tracks. She said they would take care of it.

Tom also reported that we were told low clearance warnings must be posted at approaches to the 3 bridges and also on the bridges. He said he would look into this.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi

Jennifer reported that the electronic recycling event on Saturday, September 27th from 9 to 11 at the DPW yard on May Street was successful.

Motion by Tom Hartman to approve a tire recycling event on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 3:00 to 6:00 at the Department of Public Works yard on May Street. Second by Mary Rosler. Passed 7-0.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary had no report.

Public Safety – Bridget Boettcher

Bridget had no report.

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported that there were 15 fire calls received and acted on for the month of September, 2025.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith's report showed 2 zoning permits for \$150 and 4 UCC permits issued for \$3603.

Planning Commission report – Mayor Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported there was no updated NorLack information.

He said that Bob Mikulak requested permission for a curb cut at his new home on Linden Street to have access to his driveway. **Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich to amend the agenda to add the curb cut request. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0. **Motion** by Wendy Bochnovich to allow Bob Mikulak to cut the curb in front of his new home to have access to his driveway. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0.

Rental Inspections – Tiffany Casey

Tiffany had no report.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

Wendy reported that she and Ron Ryczak attended a mine reclamation grant training seminar in Wilkes Barre on September 11. Details on reimbursement filing and indirect expenses were discussed.

We are allowed to claim 10% on the first \$50,000 of the grant funds for administrative fees.

The grant reimbursements are coming in regularly and in reasonable time. We are successful in paying Century Development and Kaufman Engineering by the Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments. Everyone else is ok with getting paid by check.

Len Jaskowiec contacted Rep. Bresnahan's office and they sent Justine Armanini, a Department of Environmental Protection Aquatic Biologist, to meet with us on September 23. The purpose of this visit was to discuss a possible remedy to how the river is eroding the Baggetta property near the Trichilo property downstream from the Chestnut Street bridge. She gave some hope for a solution telling us that we might be able to get an emergency permit that would allow us to disregard some restrictions to working in the river, but she said the erosion was the homeowner's responsibility. In her email that she

sent a few days later after discussing with her office, she once again stressed the erosion was the responsibility of the homeowner. She also said that if we wanted to remove the gravel bar to redirect the flow of the river, we should contact flood protection and DEP for permitting options and requirements.

On September 30, Bob Graves from the Department of Environmental Protection emailed us our levee inspection report. The levee overall was found to be unacceptable and it was because of the levee pipes and the report from the video pipe inspection from last year. In the past few years, our levee has been "Minimally Acceptable" and 2 years ago they even gave us an award for the "Most Improved Levee". Wendy emailed him along with our contacts at PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency), FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and the Army Corps and told them how disappointed we were in the report and have been looking at a solution. She told them about the InfraHorse solution of lining the pipes. She scanned the entire brochure and sent it to them asking if this method was approved and if we repaired our pipes by this, would they then be given an acceptable rating. Bob Graves responded with a lengthy email, explaining the pros and cons and when this method would be acceptable and where it would not work. He offered his help, along with others, in guiding us with a plan to get the pipes in an acceptable condition. We are going to take him up on this offer. We are waiting for a quote from InfraHorse, but will have to pick and choose which pipes will be done by this method because of Bob's response.

We were awarded \$2.3 million in Congressionally Directed Spending money in September of 2023. Our responsibility is \$258,000 as a match. We were able to get \$129,000 of that in a grant. We have not yet been able to get any permits approved to do any work and the deadline to use this funding is September 30, 2026. Wendy sends in a report every quarter saying permits are not yet approved and nothing has started.

In the spring of this year, our flood committee, Wendy, Ron Ryczak, Jim Perry and Len Jaskowiec had an online meeting with PEMA and FEMA, explained the problem and they said they would review it. They asked for a written summary and how we would like to proceed. We sent that and they never got back to us.

Wendy wrote an email in September to several contacts in PEMA and FEMA, reminded them about that meeting, and asked for help and a response. Robert Pierson, FEMA, responded on September 18 and referred us to a part of the federal levee regulations that only require 2 feet of freeboard in some areas. Wendy responded that would not help because it is the Poplar Street bridge that restricts the flow and less freeboard will not help. This bridge was not included in FEMA's report that told us where our levee was defective. She included a map on which was marked where we thought we might update the freeboard. That plan was discussed on September 18 when the flood committee met with Tony Grizzanti at the KBA Engineering office.

On September 25, we were contacted to participate in a zoom meeting with about a dozen people from PEMA and FEMA. They decided it would be best for Mayfield to change this funding from a construction project to a scoping project to study the best way to use the money. We have to submit a request on letterhead to make this change along with requesting an extension to April 20, 2028. They said that is the absolute last extension. We also have to provide a new written scope of work, a timeline, a budget, background information supporting why the extension is needed and the current status of activity. This has to be submitted by October 21. Tony Grizzanti will help.

On October 1, Ron emailed Brian Langan from Rep. Bresnahan's office about the levee funding. Ron sent him a few maps and a narrative of the levee project. Brian responded that he would review it with his team and get back to us.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 364 calls for the month of September.

Mayor Chelik reported that he performed a wedding on September 20 for Mike Baruki and Patricia Jordan. There was no fee.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik reported that from January through September, 2025, we are \$8,870 ahead of the same time last year. This is a 4.46% increase.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty. Coleman had no report.

Old Business

Mayor Chelik reported that an ordinance concerning data centers is being worked on and hopefully will be ready by November for a vote.

New Business

It was decided that if a resident takes an animal to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, they will be responsible for paying the fee, not Mayfield.

Public Input

No public input.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Rosler. Second by Diana Campbell. Passed 7-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.