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MAYFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Diana Campbell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Killian Reidy.

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

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 11, 2024. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to accept the Treasurer's report for September, 2024. Second by Bridget Boettcher. Passed 7-0.

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

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to approve the borough Non-Uniform Employee Handbook. (Contractual changed to all.) Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mary Rosler to officially appoint Jim Perry as secretary. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Jennifer Rossi to advertise to ordain the 1000 block of Delaware Street from Linden Street to the cul-de-sac. Second by Tom Hartman. Passed 7-0.

Streets and Public Works – Tom Hartman

Tom reported that the documents for the road additions for Liquid Fuels funds are being processed through Atty. Coleman and it is hoped by November, both the 1000 block of Delaware Street and the streets in Mayfield Heights that were discussed will be official so that our Liquid Fuels allotment can be adjusted.

He also said he has not heard any news on the paving of Whitmore Avenue, and will call again.

Tom reported that although he was unable to attend because of work, this morning Wendy and Tony Grizzanti had a Teams meeting with PennDOT's April Hannon about the sidewalk funding. Tony said KBA has surveyed the area and is getting the drawings prepared. April said that because this is federal money, it complicates the reporting, mostly for the engineers but also for the reimbursement for the borough. The next meeting is November 13. She emphasized that the maintenance of the sidewalks is important.

He also said that the storm drains on Hill Street will be cleaned soon. Paul Natishak is coordinating with Mike Ford to get this done.

Motion by Tom Hartman to hire Mike Ford to help Paul Natishak clean the storm drains on Hill Street.

Paul is also ready to begin the replacement of the 6 storm drain boxes on Chestnut, Walnut, and Pine Streets. The project has been approved by PennDot. Three quotes were each solicited for the materials and also three for the labor. The lowest quotes were Central Clay for the materials and Andrew Baldan for the labor.

Jeff Dubas has finished rebuilding the coal catchers above the sidewalks under the 3 railroad bridges. He wanted to also tear down the fence along the sides of the tracks but there was no way to get at them without a lift. He made a request to the railroad, but was denied.

Buildings and Parks – Jennifer Rossi

Jennifer reported that both recycling events were a success. The money that we paid for the electronic recycling will be reimbursed.

She also said that the flooring in the borough building has been settled and the electric updates have been made. The floor was found to be sagging in one area and therefore would need to be supported in the basement.

Athletic Complex and Playgrounds – Mary Rosler

Mary reported she will be updating the playground information so that if it is decided to apply for a grant, she will be ready.

Public Safety and Rental Inspections – Bridget Boettcher and Tiffany Casey

Fire Chief Joe Tomcavage reported 12 fire calls for September, 2024.

Zoning Officer Jason Smith reported 1 zoning permit issued for \$25 and 1 UCC permit for \$114.66 for September.

Planning Commission report - Mayor Chelik reported there was no official business.

Tiffany Casey reported on rental inspections. She is updating the previous form and is working on a list of current renters. She is going to meet with both Diana Campbell and Bridget Boettcher to organize and complete the information.

Flood Control – Wendy Bochnovich

Wendy reported she and Tony Grizzanti had a phone call with Corey Davenport from PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) on September 23. There was a concern that the \$2.3

million funding in Congressionally Directed Spending would be revoked if a final plan was not in place by October 1, 2024. Corey assured us that date was for awarding projects, not those that were already awarded. He said FEMA reported to him that we have no outstanding RFIs (Requests for Information), and the EHP (Environmental and Historic Preservation) is still in review.

Tony further told him that KBA was in the process of conducting a hydrologic study and it is not completed.

The final levee pipe was video inspected on September 24 by the same company that did the other 8, Utility Services Group, Inc. The cost of the video inspection will be reimbursed to us through a DEP grant.

We have not heard anything on the state LSA grant awards.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Police Chief Joe Perechinsky reported 435 calls for September.

On September 30, Mayor Chelik, Tom Hartman, and Wendy Bochnovich participated in a phone call with Kurt Bauman, Vice President, Community and Economic Development Services from the Northeast PA Alliance. Funding for the Business Route 6 sewer project was discussed and he told us the information that was needed and how to proceed.

Mayor Chelik reported on the mine reclamation grant. He said that he was told much of the problem with delays was due to a transition of staff members. He contacted Rep. Cartwright's office and also Rep. Mullins' office and gave them both a detailed history of the delays and asked if there was anything they could do to move things along.

Act 32 Report – Mayor Alexander J. Chelik

Mayor Chelik said there was no meeting.

Solicitor's Report – Atty. Owen M. Coleman

Atty. Coleman was absent due to illness.

Old Business

Motion by Mary Rosler to approve an amendment to Ordinance 24-12 Section 8A to change the setback of all of the property lines to 50 feet. Second by Wendy Bochnovich. Passed 7-0.

Mayor Chelik spoke about the progress of the O&W (Ontario and Western) trail. Much of the land has been cleared and they are starting the boat launch.

He also brought up how many residents are asking why there doesn't seem to be any work being done on the Rushbrook Bridge. Tom Hartman said that he heard some work was incorrectly done a few years ago and had to be fixed. The mayor then said that Ron Ryczak contacted them and was told measurements had been taken for some parts to be made and when they were completed they would then be back to resume the bridge work.

New Business

Motion to accept the audit for 2023 by Jennifer Rossi. Second by Tiffany Casey. Passed 7-0.

Motion by Wendy Bochnovich to purchase 2 chairs for the Emergency Services Center for not more than \$450. Second by Jennifer Rossi. Passed 7-0.

Meeting dates to work on the budget for 2025 will be held at the Emergency Services Center on:

Monday, October 21 at 5:30.

Wednesday, October 30 at 5:30.

Monday, November 4 at 5:30.

The tentative budget will be announced at the November 13 council meeting and the final budget will be voted on at the December 11 council meeting.

NOTICE OF 81/CASEY HIGHWAY RAMP CLOSURES.

Notification from Kriger Construction: closures at 81/Casey interchange, 6:30 PM to 6:30 AM.

October 14-15, traveling on the Casey Highway west, the ramp onto 81 north will be closed.

October 16-17, traveling on 81 north, the ramp onto the Casey Highway east will be closed.

October 18-19, traveling on 81 south, the ramp onto the Casey Highway east will be closed.

Public Input

None

Motion to adjourn by Mary Rosler. Second by Tiffany Casey. The meeting adjourned at 8:01.