

**WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 30, 2023**  
**4:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on November 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Hadzick called the meeting to order, followed by the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Council Members attending: Vincent Cuddeford II, Joseph Cyburt, Theresa D’Andrea, Jeffery Miller, Norman Richie, Joseph Thomas, and Paul J. Hadzick.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O’Donnell; Deputy Borough Manager, Tracy Grover; Journal Newspapers reporter, Seth Isenberg; Blue Ridge Cable Channel 13 Cameraman Robert Fella, and citizens: Irvin Richie, Ruthie Sabol, Dan Dargay, Bill Beattie, and Heather Graham.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023, were approved on a motion by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The Treasurer’s Report for October, 2023, was presented and reflected a balance of \$237,630.59.

The Treasurer’s Report for October, 2023, was approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**BILLS:**

The bills for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and those to be paid on November 30, 2023, totaling \$261,684.81 were presented to Council.

A motion to approve all of the bills was made by Theresa D’Andrea, seconded by Vincent Cuddeford II and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve Sub-Division for Feaster.**

The Feasters are taking a piece of the property and cutting it out to be part of the business to construct a new garage area. It as reviewed by the Carbon County Planning Commission as well as our Planning Commission and now needs approval by Borough Council, Mr. Pudliner explained.

A motion to approve the sub-division plans for the Feasters was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**2. Tax Anticipation Loan.**

Mr. Pudliner explained to Council that this tax anticipation loan has been done almost every year except during the pandemic. So, for 2024, he will apply for \$90,000.00. Mr. Nanovic and Mr. Pudliner will handle the necessary paperwork and the resolution will be on the December Meeting Agenda. The Tax Anticipation Loan is paid off for this year. Mr. Pudliner stated that he needed a vote to proceed with the loan.

A motion to proceed with the Tax Anticipation Loan was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**3. Tax Abatement - Schwab School Project.**

Mr. Pudliner explained to Council that a ten (10) year tax abatement will help get this project the financing and approvals it will need to make the project work. We have not seen any taxes since we took it over and we will be receiving revenue from the utilities. The County and School District were also asked to abate their taxes. Mr. Pudliner added that there has been a huge amount of work put into this project from us and the people working to make it happen. If it does not get funding this first go round, it will be another year until the funding is available again.

A motion to approve the Tax Abatement was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and was approved by a vote of 6-yes and 1-no vote (Joseph Thomas).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Legal):**

Council entered into executive session at 4:13 pm on a motion by Joseph Cyburt and seconded by Theresa D’Andrea.

Council exited the executive session at 5:05 pm on a motion by Joseph Cyburt and seconded by Theresa D’Andrea.

**4. Review of Packer Township Fire Coverage Proposal.**

A motion to remain with our original 10-year proposal and reject the proposed Packer Township Fire Protection Agreement presented by the Packer Township Supervisors was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Joseph Thomas and approved by general acclaim of Council.

Atty. Nanovic wanted to make it clear that the motion stated to keep with the 10-year proposal for fire protection which means we will provide fire protection under the 10-year proposal and reject their 3-year proposal. Atty. Nanovic wanted to make it clear that we did not say no to them.

**5. Approval of Museum Lease.**

A motion to approve the Museum lease was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**6. Vote on 2024 Preliminary Budget.**

A motion was made to reject the 2024 preliminary budget by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and the motion was rejected by roll call vote:

Joseph Thomas	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Vincent Cuddeford	No	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Theresa D’Andrea	No	Norman Richie	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	No	

Joseph Thomas stated that he was not in favor of the 4-mil tax increase and he is not satisfied with the salary increases. Mr. Pudliner asked for a target millage to go with to adjust the budget. Joseph Thomas feels there should be no tax increase. Norman Richie stated that there should be a tax increase, but only 3 mils.

A motion to tentatively approve the 2024 preliminary budget with a 3-mil tax increase was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Joseph Thomas	No	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Vincent Cuddeford II	No	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
	Paul Hadzick	Yes	

**OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:**

Theresa D'Andrea, as a member of Borough Council, commended the Weatherly Boys' Basketball members and coaches: Luke Medico and Robert Bryan for teaching the members of the boys' basketball team responsible citizenship and community helpfulness. On November 21, 2023, after practice despite the cold, rainy, windy weather, they stood outside across from the old Borough building handing out free apple and pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving to the members of our community. It was a great thing that the players and coaches did and they should be commended for this generous act.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt.

**Comment from Theresa D'Andrea after meeting adjourned:**

She thanked Joseph Thomas for his last 4 years of dedication to Weatherly Borough, it is appreciated and he has always been very kind and considerate and wishes him luck.