

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 28, 2025
5:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on April 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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

Council Members attending: Michael Bellizia, Vincent Cuddeford II, Joseph Cyburt, Theresa D'Andrea, Jeffery Miller, Norman Richie, and Paul Hadzick.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O'Donnell; Deputy Borough Manager, Tracy Grover; Police Sgt. Michael Bogart; Times News reporter, Kelly Socha; Journal Newspaper reporter, Ruth Isenberg; Blue Ridge Channel 13 cameraman, Jake Kovacs and citizens: Bill Beattie, Corey Gerhart, Matt Quinn, Donny Weston, Joshua Krieger, Beth Parker, Atty Meghan Wynkoop, Donna Gorham, Anna Shigo from Carbon County Planning Commission, and Dennis DeMarra from Wildlands Conservancy.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025, were presented to Council for approval.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025, were approved on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for March, 2025, was presented and reflected a balance of \$136,201.80.

The Treasurer's Report for March, 2025, was approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by general acclaim of Council.

BILLS:

The bills for April, 2025, totaling \$254,579.46 were presented to Council.

A motion to approve all of the bills was made by Theresa D'Andrea, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Open Space Grant Program:

Anna Shigo from the Carbon County Planning Commission spoke about the Open Space Grant Program. Dennis DeMarra from Wildlands Conservancy added comments on the Open Space Grant Program regarding the preservation of farmlands.

Park Fishing Program:

Beth Parker inquired as to when the park fishing program would begin. Mr. Pudliner explained that there is no fishing yet and information will go out when the fishing program is ready.

Schwab School Project:

Beth Parker asked if the voting took place yet for the tax abatement with the School District. Mr. Pudliner stated that other factors besides the school district need to be completed. She questioned who would be purchasing the school and Mr. Pudliner stated that ABC Company will be purchasing the property.

BUSINESS:

1. Open Bids for Eurana Park Project.

The bids received were opened and reflected the following:

Kobalt Construction	\$458,755.00	Bid Bond Included
Linde Corporation	\$460,418.00	Bid Bond Included

Mr. Pudliner explained that the bids are for the basketball court and the two pickle ball courts as well as a courtyard by the courts. It also includes paving of the paths in the park and terracing of the bandshell seating area and new bench slats.

Mr. Pudliner added that the grant is only for \$232,820 and the bids can not be accepted if they are over the amount of the grant. Atty. Jim Nanovic suggested going over the specs and cut some things out. He understands that grants require engineering drawings.

Paul Hadzick said that the work on Route 81 has clean fill, which could have been obtained for free. He also added that the Borough workers could do it all cheaper. Michael Bellizia asked if the bids were itemized. Mr. Pudliner said yes, they are itemized and he can go over the bids and make cut backs. Paul Hadzick questioned why the work was not done last August. Mr. Pudliner stated that winter would have destroyed the underlayment and would have had to be fixed. Atty. Nanovic suggested that this should be prioritized to get it done because it has been in process since last year.

A motion to reject the bids received was made by Michael Bellizia, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Joseph Cyburt	Yes	Vincent Cuddeford II	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Michael Bellizia	Yes
Paul Hadzick	Yes		

A motion to redo the specs and cut-out some things and do what we can was made by Michael Bellizia, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by roll call vote:

Norman Richie	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Vincent Cuddeford II	Yes
Michael Bellizia	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Paul Hadzick	Yes		

2. Electric Reconnection Ordinance has been Published and Needs Approval.

Mr. Pudliner stated that the Atty. Nanovic had published the ordinance and now needs approval.

A motion to approve the Electric Reconnection Ordinance was made by Michael Bellizia, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

3. Discussion on Butz Street One-Way from High Street to West Main Street.

Mr. Pudliner said that Mr. Robert Maclachlan requested that Butz Street be one-way from High Street to West Main Street. He also added that if Council choses to make it a one-way year-round that the Street Department prefers that it is a one-way toward West Main Street.

Joseph Cyburt asked if Mr. Pudliner heard back from anyone up in that area regarding keeping it a one-way. He also added that it should be put on the website to put it out there as to how the area residents feel. Paul Hadzick stated that it should be discussed with Police. Sgt. Bogart stated that they get complaints of people going the wrong way, but he did not believe there were any issues lately.

A motion to table this matter was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

4. Discussion on Credit Cards.

Mr. Pudliner informed everyone that we can no longer at this time take credit card payments over the phone or do auto payments. This is because of PCI updates of the regulations on Industry Wide use of credit cards. This information will be posted and included in the next mailing of the utility bills.

The following message will be sent out to the public:

As of May 1, 2025, the borough office will no longer be processing auto-payments, nor will the office be able to take debit/credit payments by telephone. You will be able to come into the office to pay using your debit/credit card. We are researching other options of payment using your debit/credit card. We will update you on any other option of payment when it is available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter executive session for personnel reasons at 5:32 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, and seconded by Michael Bellizia.

Per Solicitor Nanovic:

Council exited the executive session at 7:00 pm

Mayor Paul Hadzick's Resignation:

Mayor Paul Hadzick announced his resignation as Mayor.

A motion to accept Paul Hadzick's resignation as Mayor was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Vincent Cuddeford II and approved by general acclaim of Council.

ADJOURN:

Per Solicitor Nanovic the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt.