

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 24, 2025
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Norman Richie, 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, Gregory Walters, and Norman Richie.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Atty. James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O’Donnell; Deputy Borough Manager, Tracy Grover; Police Chief Michael Bogart, Blue Ridge Channel 13 cameraperson, Drew Snowberger; Times News reporter, Kelly Socha; and citizens: Bill Beattie, Beth Parker, Irvin Richie, Ruthie Sabol and Lee Baker.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025 and the Workshop Meeting of November 12, 2025, were presented to Council for approval.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 27, 2025 and the Workshop Meeting of November 12, 2025, were approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Michael Bellizia, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Treasurer’s Report for October, 2025, was presented and reflected a balance of \$287,575.80.

The Treasurer’s Report for October, 2025, was approved on a motion by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

BILLS:

The bills for November, 2025, totaling \$157,866.02 were presented to Council.

Norman Richie questioned the following bills:

- 11/13/2025 - Murphy Lumber for \$1,700 - Materials for an office for Donny Weston, Operations Manager
- 11/13/2025 - ConnectWise for \$287.09 – Monthly Fee, but will be coming down.
- 11/13/2025 - TJ’s One Stop for fuel – Our gas pumps were down and had to get fuel from there.
- Lehigh Tire -for \$1,537.00 – Tires were put on there.

Greg Walters questioned the ATC Group bill – Well Plans, DE need plans for Corrosion Control.

Michael Bellizia questioned the Button Energy Bills – 139.70 unleaded fuel to fill our tanks.

Norman Richie questioned if the 2024 audit was completed yet. Mr. Pudliner stated no. Norman said that they should not be paid. Mr. Pudliner said that they will not finish the audit until they are paid.

A motion to approve all of the bills was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller and were approved by roll call vote:

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| Michael Bellizia | Yes | Joseph Cyburt | Yes |
| Jeffery Miller | Yes | Vincent Cuddeford II | Yes |
| Theresa D'Andrea | Yes | Gregory Walters | Yes |
| | Norman Richie | Yes | |

BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on Northpoint Property(s).

Atty. James Nanovic state that they are waiting for the agreement from them. He only got a template from them with no information, which he only received late in the afternoon

2. Schwab School Update.

Mr. Pudliner stated that there have been no real updates on the status of the Schwab School other than we will be submitting an LSA Statewide application for a grant in the amount of \$500,00 toward the demolition of the Schwab School Annex. The current grant we have is in the amount of \$250,000.

3. Acceptance of the Borough Manger's Letter /Retirement Date.

Norman Richie read the letter out loud that stated that Mr. Pudliner would be retiring as of December 31, 2025.

A motion to accept Mr. Pudliner's Retirement Letter was made by Vincent Cuddeford II and seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by roll call vote:

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| Joseph Cyburt | Yes | Vincent Cuddeford II | Yes |
| Theresa D'Andrea | Yes | Michael Bellizia | Yes |
| Gregory Walters | Yes | Jeffery Miller | Yes |
| | Norman Richie | Yes | |

4. Approval for Solicitor and Borough Manager to begin paperwork for the Tax Anticipation Loan.

Mr. Pudliner stated that they will be applying for a 2026 Tax Anticipation Loan in the amount of \$125,000.00. He will need a Resolution to be approved by Council in December.

Atty Nanovic stated that they can act on the Tax Anticipation Loan at the 2026 Re-Organization meeting in January, 2026.

A motion to approve the Solicitor and Borough Manager to begin the paperwork for the Tax Anticipation Loan was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by roll call vote:

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| Theresa D'Andrea | Yes | Vincent Cuddeford II | Yes |
| Michael Bellizia | Yes | Gregory Walters | Yes |
| Jeffery Miller | Yes | Joseph Cyburt | Yes |
| | Norman Richie | Yes | |

5. Preliminary 2026 Budget Approval.

Mr. Pudliner stated that the 2026 Budget show an increase of 20% for Electric and Water services, a \$5.00 increase in the Sewer service and a Tax increase of 1.25 mills. Final vote on the budget would take place at the December Council meeting.

Michael Bellizia said that considering the unknown wages, the budget should be put on hold until the union agreement is signed, due to our financial situation.

Norman Richie stated that the Borough is financially strapped right now and a consultant is not feasible.

Atty. Nanovic stated the even if the preliminary budget is approved, adjustments can be made at the December, 2025, meeting. Michael Bellizia questioned if budget can be opened in January. Atty. Nanovic said the budget can be opened in January and have until February 15, 2026, to close the budget, but the budget must be adopted by the of 2025.

A motion to approve the Preliminary 2026 Budget was made by Joseph Cybrurt, seconded by Gregory Walters and approved by roll call vote:

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| Vincent Cuddeford II | Yes | Michael Bellizia | Yes |
| Theresa D'Andrea | Yes | Gregory Walters | Yes |
| Joseph Cyburt | Yes | Jeffery Miller | Yes |
| | Norman Richie | No | |

OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:

Beth Parker asked if the workshop meeting were open to the public and Mr. Pudliner replied yes.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller.