

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
February 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Michael Bellizia called the meeting to order.

Council Members attending: Vincent Cuddeford II, Joseph Cyburt (via phone), Traci Mengle, Jeffery Miller, Norman Richie, Gregory Walters and Michael Bellizia.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Tracy Grover; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O'Donnell; Police Chief, Michael Bogart; and citizens: Georgeanne Herling, Ruthie Sabol, Irvin Richie, Michael Hadzick, Stephen Weichman, Ray Kochin and Paul John Hadzick.

The pledge of allegiance and invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Water Notice Received

Georgeanne Herling questioned the water emergency. She stated that a paper was slid under her door that the water would be shut off at 8:00 am and asked how long the water would be off and would the water need to be boiled. She was informed that the water was not being shut off by the Borough and was asked who slid the paper under her door? She said their maintenance man. She was then informed that the maintenance person must need to turn their water supply off to do work to their system.

Support for Police Department

Georgeanne Herling stated that she attended the meeting in support of the police department. She stated that the police department arrives prior to the ambulance service. They have had a number of incidents at the Evergreen apartments, where she resides, where the police department has been there for them. They rely on the police department for their safety.

Comments from Paul John Hadzick

- Mayor Resignation: Mr. Hadzick received an email stating that when the mayor resigns in the state of Pennsylvania it must be in writing and signed. He asked if the Borough had on file his written resignation? Borough Manager, Tracy, no. Mr. Hadzick is being told that he is still the mayor.

- Removal from Police Site: Mr. Hadzick stated that he spoke to the Police Chief about getting him off of their site as a “poster child”. Then he said the Police Chief told him that he was going down the trail to see who the Borough Manager was talking to. Mr. Hadzick stated that he has never been down the trail, nor will he go down the trail.

- Civil Service Commission: Mr. Hadzick said that he watched the meeting about the Civil Service Commission. He said that Michael Bellizia should have resigned and publicly advertised for a new member, but an audience member was appointed. Mr. Hadzick stated that

Mr. Bellizia said he was pro-police and asked Mr. Bellizia if he was speaking on behalf of Council or himself. Mayor Bellizia said he was speaking on his own behalf. Mr. Hadzick said that he is pro-police. He said that Councilman Miller would always who are the part-time police officers, because they never knew. Mr. Hadzick said that he now knows why because Sgt. Bogart was hiring part-time police from on-line and he knows it because he saw it and they should notify him (Sgt. Bogart). He then asked who does the hiring and firing for this town and Mayor Bellizia said the Borough Manager. Mr. Hadzick then asked why the Borough Manager is not advertising for part-time police officers. Mr. Hadzick said that it was his understanding that Jermone Grega has the Civil Service members phone numbers.

- Wage Freeze: Mr. Hadzick said he saw where they are looking to a pay increase to the police officers and then asked Council if the wage freeze was because of the employees forming a union? Mr. Bellizia said that topic could not be discussed.
- Hadzick Investigation Cost: Mr. Hadzick asked who paid the law firm to investigate him. Tracy Grover stated that the Borough paid the law firm. He then asked how much the investigation cost the Borough and Tracy said she did not know off hand.
- Approval of Bills: Mr. Hadzick addressed Councilman Richie and asked if he was still approving bills that were already paid and, did he do anything to correct it. He added that bills should be approved without seeing them and it was discussed for 5 years. Councilman Richie stated that most of the bills have been paid prior to approving them, but not all of them.
- Hillclimb: Mr. Hadzick stated that the Hillclimb gets help from the electric & street department employees as well as the Weatherly Festival, do they pay for the electric. Council replied no, it is for the good of the community. He then asked about a private residence with the electric department did a drop down, did they pay for it. Mayor Bellizia said yes.
- Fire Company Demand Meter: Mr. Hadzick stated that the demand meter at the fire house should be replaced with a residential meter because it would reduce their costs. He said we need the fire company. Mayor Bellizia said he will not vote on anything without seeing the numbers and what the impact would be if the change was made. Mr. Hadzick asked why the Borough does just pull the electric meter at the fire company and let them have free electricity because we need that fire company. They are volunteers.
- Operations Manager: Mr. Hadzick asked why not make that person the code enforcement officer and emergency management coordinator also, he was a former fire chief. There are no job descriptions for any of the Borough positions. He then asked what his duties are in this position. He sees it as meeting with the employees in the morning and then at the end of the day and then reports to the Borough Manager, but what does he do the rest of the day. Mayor Bellizia said he backs up the electric department, runs for parts, going to pick up materials and doing the paperwork involved and the paperwork for the PennDOT and Hudsonale Street project. He is doing these things to help take some of the work load off of the Borough Manager to help ease her work load. Mr. Hadzick said that he understands that much of it comes from the many grants that we wanted to get the work done. He does appreciate everything she does.
- Radio Read Meters: Mr. Hadzick asked if the Borough is still interested in the radio read meters and fixing the substation because he has been in contact with Congressman MacKenzie and Senator McCormick regarding funds for these projects. He added that he will still do what he can for the town, he has lived here for 70 years. He explained the benefits of the meters as

to the meter readers not having to go out and read the meters and the readings would not have to be manually entered into the computer. It also allows for shut off from the office and it can also limit the amount of electric they have to use. Mr. Hendricks installed 90% of the meters we have now and they came from Lehighton and he said they came from Lehighton because they were bad for Lehighton. A lot of them did not work and that was why we got them for free.

- Government Surplus: Mr. Hadzick said that the Borough should stop buying so much from federal surplus. He said the police department did not need the large loader that is in the street department. Government surplus to for the police.
- Impound Yard: Mr. Hadzick asked if the Borough was selling the vehicles in the impound yard. Mayor Bellizia said as the Borough is able.

BUSINESS:

1. Motion to Adopt the Amended 2026 Budget.

A motion to adopt the amended 2026 budget was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by roll call vote:

Jeffery Miller	Yes	Gregory Walters	Yes
Joseph Cyburt	Yes	Vincent Cuddeford II	Yes
Traci Mengle	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Michael Bellizia	Yes		

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Police Hiring and Civil Service Commission / List.

A motion to hire Michael Eyer as a full-time officer and continue with the Civil Service Commission was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Gregory Walters and approved by roll call vote:

Gregory Walters	Yes	Jeffery Miller	Yes
Traci Mengle	Yes	Vincent Cuddeford II	Yes
Norman Richie	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Michael Bellizia	Yes		

3. Discussion and Motion to Increase Part-Time Police Officer Hourly Wage.

A motion to increase the Part-Time Officer wage by \$1.00 per hour was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL:

A motion to enter into the executive session at 7:32 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Vincent Cuddeford II.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:27 pm was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Jeffery Miller.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, and seconded by Norman Richie.