

WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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

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

Also attending: Borough Manager Tracy Grover; Atty. James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O'Donnell; Police Chief Michael Bogart, Times News reporter, Kelly Socha; Blue Ridge Cable TV 13 cameraman, Alexander Smith, and citizens: Joseph Thomas, Ty Harris, Robert Maclachlan, Beth Parker, Ray Desrosiers, Cheryl & Steve Weichman, Paul Bray, Denise Zubick, Dawn Bellizia, Jody Hoffman, Georgeann Gerling, Harry Shellhammer, Tracy Schock, Paul Hadzick, Ruthie Sabol, Jason Strouse, Rickey Strouse, Michael Hadzick, Ray Kochin, Jennifer O'Donnell, Mary Rose Minnick and Bill Beattie.

Mayor Bellizia announced that there would be a three-minute speaking limit. Paul Hadzick asked if he could buy time from others and Mayor Bellizia replied, no.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2026 and the Special Meeting of February 10, 2026, were presented to Council for approval.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2026, and the Special Meeting of February 10, 2026, 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 January, 2026, was presented and reflected a balance of \$282,197.35.

The Treasurer's Report for January, 2026, was approved on a motion by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Gregory Walters and approved by general acclaim of Council.

BILLS:

The bills for February, 2026, totaling \$331,875.14 were presented to Council.

The bill for the AccountMate upgrade showing in each fund for \$1,293.75 was questioned. Tracy Grover explained it was an upgrade to our accounting software.

A motion to approve all of the bills was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller and were approved by general acclaim of Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

American Legion Post 360:

Harry Shellhammer from Post 360 requested permission to hold the Memorial Day parade on May 25, 2026 and also requested to annual donation from the Borough. He also requested permission to hold the County Veterans' Day parade on November 8, 2026, with a rain date of November 15, 2026. Mayor Bellizia stated that the Borough Manager would get back to him on their requests.

Mr. Shellhammer also requested permission to erect an Honor Roll sign at the legion that would list the names of local veterans. Mayor Bellizia said that he will have Donny Weston look into it and the Borough Manager will get back to him.

American Legion Auxiliary Post 360:

Georgeann Herling requested the use of the Borough building parking lot for a family day event on April 25, 2026. Mayor Bellizia stated that they will check the calendar and get back to her.

Sewer Plant Odor:

Joseph Thomas stated that the last several weeks the odor from the sewer plant was so bad it affected his health and he has to leave in his home. He wants action taken, he will not let this go, he will get a medical report and a letter will be sent from his attorney to the Borough solicitor. He reported this problem three times to the police department who said they relayed it to Council. He said this is a health crisis that needs to be addressed immediately.

Police Concerns:

Robert Maclachlan questioned whether we have 24/7 police coverage. Mayor Bellizia asked Chief Bogart to answer Mr. Maclachlan's question. Chief Bogart stated that they are not back to 24/7 coverage, but covering more than they were before.

Street & Electric Departments:

Mr. Maclachlan commended the street and electric departments for the work they do.

Butz Street One-Way:

Tracy Schock from 100 Monroe Court requested that Butz Street be changed back to 2-way street. She recently purchased the house and needs to go around the block to get to her garage. She also stated that she went down Butz Street and slid into West Main Street. Mayor Bellizia said that he would look into her request.

Paul Hadzick Comments:

- What is the \$2 million bond for? Tracy Grover responded that it is to protect every borough manager.
- Officer Eyer was in an accident with the police car; how can the Borough hire a full-time officer without taking a civil service test? Atty. Nanovic stated that he is a temporary hire.
- Mr. Hadzick suggested they get a copy of Roberts Rules of Order and follow the procedures and dress appropriately.
- Mr. Hadzick asked if Council wants the new meters that he brought up at the meeting last month. Mayor Bellizia stated that they are not lawfully obligated to answer.
- Mr. Hadzick asked if the Borough owes \$800,000 to American Municipal Power, he was told no. He then asked if the Borough was behind in payments to them. Tracy Grover replied, yes.
- Mr. Hadzick asked why there was not 24/7 coverage with 4 full-time officers and 2 part-time officers, he said Tracy Grover should do the schedule. Mr. Hadzick stated that we worked the schedule without 5 full-time officers.

Mayor Bellizia informed Mr. Hadzick that he was out of time.

Non-Response from Council:

Beth Parker asked why Council was not answering questions that were being asked. Mayor Bellizia said he was not sure what her question was and Beth Parker said why is Council not answering any questions.

BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and possible action on adopting the proposed Weatherly Subdivision and Land Development Fee Schedule.

Mayor Bellizia stated that he discussed this with Thomas Breznitsky and they found that our fees are behind in amount.

BOROUGH OF WEATHERLY

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - 03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE WEATHERLY BOROUGH ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS Chapter 80 of the Weatherly Borough Ordinance pertains to Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and

WHEREAS Section 110.1 of chapter 80 regarding payment of fees provides that the fees may be set by resolution of Weatherly Borough Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weatherly Borough Council hereby adopts the attached fee schedule, effective immediately.

Item	Fee (\$)
Lot Consolidation*	250.00
Sketch Plan with no improvements*	1000.00
All other sketch Plans*	1500.00
Three (3) lots or less with no improvements*	1500.00
Four (4) lots or more with no improvements*	2000.00
With improvements with estimated costs to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) *	8,000.00
All other subdivisions and land developments *	1500.00
Water and/or Sewer Connection Engineer Review *	250 per hour

*Any costs incurred by Weatherly Borough, which exceed the above reference fee will be billed to the applicant. All requests for refunds or unused application fees shall be submitted to the borough in writing.

*Borough Engineering Review Fees will be an additional cost to be paid by the applicant/developer, at a rate set by the Borough Engineer. No Subdivision and Land Development Plan will be released by the Borough until the Borough receives all fees due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this resolution was adopted by Weatherly Borough Council on the 23rd day of February 2026 in lawful session duly assembled.

A motion to adopt the Weatherly Subdivision and Land Development Fee Schedule was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

2. Discussion and possible action on adopting the proposed Weatherly Zoning Fee Schedule.

RESOLUTION No. 2026 - 04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE WEATHERLY BOROUGH ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS Chapter 98 of the Weatherly Borough Ordinance pertains to Zoning and

WHEREAS Article VIII Chapter 98-39 regarding payment of fees provides that the fees may be set by resolution of Weatherly Borough Council

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weatherly Borough Council hereby adopts the attached fee schedule, effective immediately.

Zoning Permits

Item	Fee (\$)
Residential New Construction (Home)	500
Commercial New Construction	750
Residential Garage / Pole Barn (≤1,000 sf)	200
Commercial Garage / Pole Barn	300
Deck / Porch	125
Accessory Structure (Shed, Carport, Coop)	150
Fence	100
Residential Addition (includes attached garages)	250
Roof	100
Driveway	150
Sidewalk / Patio	125
Pool (Above Ground)	125
Pool (In-Ground)	175
Retaining Wall	150
Accessory Solar Energy System (ASES)	300

Signs (Permanent/Replacement)	100
Home Occupation	125
Change of Use (Open Business)	200
Certificate of non- conformity	125
Demolition (Any Structure)	200
Temporary Use Permit (Tents, Sales, Events)	75
Zoning Verification / Confirmation Letter	50
Reinspection or Permit Renewal	50
Work Started Without Permit	Double fee of permit
Other / Unlisted Zoning Permits	100

Zoning Hearing Board*

Item	Fee (\$)
Application for Variance, Special Exception, Appeal	750.00
Each Subsequent Hearing	250.00
Ordinance Validity Challenge	10,000.00
*Any costs incurred by Weatherly Borough, which exceed the above reference fee will be billed to the applicant. All requests for refunds or unused application fees shall be submitted to the borough in writing.	

Hearings before the Governing Body*

Item	Fee (\$)
Conditional Use	2,000.00
Appeal Hearing	1,000.00
Other Hearing	1,000.00
Curative Amendment	10,000.00
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Copies of Zoning Documents/Publications

*Digital copies shall be free of charge, hard copies will reflect the costs below

Item	Fee(\$)
Zoning Map and Bulk Coverage Charts	5.00
Zoning Ordinance Book	50.00
Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance	50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, this resolution was adopted by Weatherly Borough Council on the 23rd day of February 2026 in lawful session duly assembled.

A motion to adopt the Weatherly Zoning Fee Schedule was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

3. Discussion to Adopt Ordinance to vacate Blakeslee Street, Walnut Alley & Seventh Street.

Atty. Nanovic stated that he was waiting to receive the description of the roads, but received them from Atty. Yurchak the day of the meeting. He recommended tabling this issue.

A motion to table the vacation of Blakeslee Street, Walnut Alley and Seventh Street was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Jeffery Miller and approved by general acclaim of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Traci Mengle.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:55 pm was made by Vincent Cuddeford II, seconded by Joseph Cyburt.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Gregory Walters.