

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

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on March 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: Joseph Cyburt, Traci Mengle, Jeffery Miller, Norman Richie, Gregory Walters, Michael Bellizia and absent: Vincent Cuddeford II.

Also attending: Borough Manager Tracy Grover; Atty. James Nanovic; Borough Secretary, Lori O'Donnell; Police Officer, Michael Eyer; Times News reporter, Kelly Socha; Blue Ridge Cable TV 13 cameraman, Drew Snowberger, and citizens: Jared Soto from the Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC), Irvin Richie, Ruthie Sabol, Mark & Jody Hoffman, Mary Rose Minnick, Marty Kurtz, Jared Frye, Dawn Bellizia, Bill Beattie and Beth Parker.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026, were presented to Council for approval.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2026, were approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Jeffery Miller, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for February, 2026, was presented and reflected a balance of \$241,249.87.

The Treasurer's Report for February, 2026, was approved on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

BILLS:

The bills for March, 2026, totaling \$316,336.89 were presented to Council.

Norman Richie stated that he felt that the auditing company, Snyder & Clemente, should be not be paid because we still do not have the audit back yet and they should not be paid anything else until the audit is completed and received.

Jeffery Miller questioned the purchase of stamps again because Mr. Pudliner had purchased enough stamps for almost two years of mailing. He asked why we do not use bulk mailing. Lori O'Donnell stated that bulking mailing was not feasible for us because the utility bill mailing would need to be taken to the nearest post office that accepts bulk mailing, which used to be Hazleton. Lori said that she was not sure if they still take bulk mailing or not. She added that the six rolls of stamps that were purchased were for office use, not for utility billing.

Jeffery Miller also questioned the water corrosion control study engineer fees. Tracy Grover stated that they had to do quite a bit of research.

A motion to approve all of the bills was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Gregory Walters and were approved by a 5-yes and 1-no vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hillclimb Association:

Jared Frye, on behalf of the Hillclimb Association, requested permission to have a fireworks display on June 6, 2026, in the back corner of the Borough Building lot, due to parking. Thomas Breznitsky made the suggestion for the location.

Borough Manager:

Joseph Cyburt stated that Tracy Grover had a rough start this year and thinks that Tracy is doing a great job and good job with the employees.

BUSINESS:

1. Review Bids & Award 2026 Paving Project.

The street to be paved is North Street from Louise Street to Allen Avenue. Donny Weston calculated the cost for the project to be around \$50,787 using \$13.50/square yard).

Five bids were received from the following:

Lehigh Asphalt & Construction Co.	\$46,272.60	Bid Bond
H & K Group, Inc.	\$39,463.38	Bid Bond
Pennsy Supply	\$44,579.70	Bid Bond
Wayco, Inc.	\$59,176.26	Bid Bond
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	\$46,385.46	Bid Bond

A motion to approve the lowest bid from H & K Group, Inc. with a bid of \$39,463.38 was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Gregory Walters and approved by general acclaim of Council.

2. Economic Development Specialist from Carbon Chamber & Economic Development to Discuss Services / Resources that are Available.

Mr. Jared M. Soto, Economic Development Specialist, from Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) introduced himself and spoke about his background. He stated that they are there to provide guidance to communities. They can help with ribbon cuttings and other events, offer small business loans and help formulate business plans. He then explained and listed the services they provide such as: housing and child care. He said that it is important to them to develop relationships with the municipalities so that they know what they are working on and what is important to them. They are affiliated with NEPA Alliance, Penn's Northeast (site-selection) and Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau.

3. Motion on the Resolution for the Signatory Authority with the Commonwealth of PA Department of Transportation.

Chief Bogart had requested access to Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool (PennDOT PCIT). PCIT is a website hosted by PennDOT that allows Police Departments to login and access crash information. It allows departments to see on a map and with statistical data, where crashes happen in their jurisdiction. This requires a resolution that gives Signatory authority to a Borough Manager to sign off on.

RESOLUTION No. _____

Signatory Authority with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Department of Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED, by the authority of the Borough Council for the **Borough of Weatherly, Carbon County**, it is hereby resolved by the Municipality/Township of the same that **(Tracy Grover), (Borough Manager)** be authorized and directed to sign on its behalf the Electronic Access Agreement for Pennsylvania Crash Information Tool, entered with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation.

RESOLVED this 23rd day of March 2026.

A motion to approve the Resolution for the Signatory Authority with the Commonwealth of PA Department of Transportation was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

4. Tax Collector Request for Disposition of Records.

The tax collector has requested that Council authorize the disposition of records with a Resolution as per the Municipal Records Manual retention policies in Section TA (Tax Assessment). She stated that the records will be shredded during the customer shredding days at Mauch Chunk Trust Company during April, 2026.

RESOLUTION No. _____

RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WEATHERLY BOROUGH, CARBON COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, THAT

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 2026- , adopted March 23, 2026, the Borough of Weatherly declared its intent to follow the schedules for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Borough Council of the Borough of Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

Office of the Tax Collector: See attached list from Deborah A. Kohler, Dated March 17, 2026.

A motion to approve the Resolution for Disposition of Tax Collector Records was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Traci Mengle and approved by general acclaim of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:31 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Gregory Walters.

A motion to exit the executive session at 8:25 pm was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Norman Richie.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt.