

White Haven Borough Council
Reorganization Meeting
January 2, 2024

District Magisterial Judge Ferris Webby administered the oath of office in a swearing-in ceremony to the following elected officials: John Klem, Charlie Best, Julie Fallon, and Zane Writer for Borough Council. Absent was Harvey Morrison.

Mayor Meier then opened the meeting at 5:50 pm and requested a roll call. The following were present: Charlie Best, Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Zane Writer, and John Zugarek. Also, present Mayor Meier, Borough Manager Linda Szoke, and Assistant Borough Secretary Holly Potance.

The Mayor asked for nominations for Council President. A nomination was made by Best for John Klem to serve as President. With no further nominations, a name vote was taken and John Klem was appointed President with all in favor.

The Mayor turned the meeting over to President John Klem. John then opened the nominations for council Vice President. A nomination for Charlie Best was made by Lamson. With no further nominations, a name vote was taken and Charlie Best was appointed Vice President with all in favor.

President Klem then opened the nominations for Council Pro Temp. A nomination for Bob Lamson was made by Zugarek. With no further nominations, a name vote was taken and Bob Lamson was appointed Pro Temp with all in favor.

President Klem then presented Resolution 1 of 2024 to place Rob Gower on the Zoning Board with a term ending December 31, 2028. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Lamson to adopt resolution 1 of 2024. Roll call vote was taken: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes, motion carried.

The next Resolution is number 2 of 2024 to place Gordon Ackers on the Zoning Board with a term ending December 31, 2028. A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Best. Roll call vote was taken: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes, motion carried.

The next Resolution is number 3 of 2024 to place Tim Janosco, term ending December 31, 2025 and Rose Diel, term ending December 31, 2027 on the Civil Service Board. There will be one open seat to fill on this board. A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Lamson. Roll call vote was taken: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes, motion carried.

The next agenda items were to appoint services for the borough. President Klem stated he would run through them all at once and do one motion. A motion was made by Writer and seconded by Zugarek to approve all the following appointments as well as to set all White Haven Borough Council meetings will be held at 7 pm on the fourth Monday of the month with the exception of a holiday.

- Borough Engineer, Benesch at a rate of \$123 per hour
- Borough Solicitor, Law Offices of Donald Karpowich & Associates at a rate of \$125 per hour
- Linda Szoke as Borough Manager, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Officer for a two-year term.

- Sewage Enforcement Officer – David Popiak
- Borough Auditor, Karen Halcisak of Moore Associates for annual borough audit
- Vacancy Board -Borough Secretary Linda Szoke
- Building inspector – Criterium / Peters Engineering
- ESSA Bank as borough depository for the years 2024 and 2025
- Right to Know Officer Linda Szoke

A roll call vote was taken: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Writer-yes Zugarek-yes, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:06 pm by Zugarek and seconded by Lamson, all in favor, motion carried.

Sincerely,

Holly Potance

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Assistant Borough Secretary