

White Haven Borough Council  
Special Meeting – Minutes  
March 1, 2024

The White Haven Borough Council held a special meeting on March 1<sup>2024</sup>. President Klem called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Charlie Best, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Zane Writer, and John Zugarek. Absent: Julie Fallon and Harvey Morrison. Also present: Mayor Fred Meier, Borough Manager Linda Szoke, and Attorney Donald Karpowich.

Public Comment: none tonight

Police Committee –

- President Klem turned the meeting over to Councilman Bob Lamson, Police Committee. Lamson stated we have received a letter of resignation from Chief Jinks. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to accept the letter of resignation as of the end of her shift at 2 pm today. A roll call vote was taken: Best- yes, Fallon – absent, Klem – yes, Lamson-yes, Morrison – absent, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes. 5 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent, the motion passed.
- A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to advertise for a new Police Chief. We will accept applications from within our own department as well. A roll call vote was taken: Best- yes, Fallon – absent, Klem – yes, Lamson-yes, Morrison – absent, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes. 5 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent, the motion passed.
- The Police Committee and the Mayor will be handling receiving the applications and scheduling interviews. Linda, Borough Manager will handle payroll and benefits. The advertisement will be placed on Indeed.
- A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to appoint Seargent Mcofan as Officer in Charge in the interim and pay him an additional stipend of \$2.50 an hour for that service. This interim would be until we hire a Chief. All in favor, the motion carried.
- We do not have a qualified TAC Officer at this time. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to extend Tom Szoke’s Police Advisor tenure for another three months or until he can train another officer to become certified to do that work. Szoke is a certified TAC Officer. All in favor, the motion carried.

President Klem asked Borough Manager Linda to send a letter to Joanna Jinks thanking her for her service with the borough. At this time, Joanna Jinks walked in to join the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:05 pm by Best and seconded by Lamson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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