

White Haven Borough Council
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2025

The White Haven Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President John Klem. The following members were present: Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, John Zugarek and Mayor Tim Janosco. Also present, Borough Manager Linda Szoke, Attorney Sean Logsdon, and Road Master Sean Reynolds. Absent Zane Writer, Charlie Best and Harvey Morrision.

The minutes from October 27, 2025 were presented. A motion by John Zugarek to approve motion as presented was seconded by Julie Fallon. Motion was carried.

Council President Klem recognized State Representative Walsh for attending tonight's meeting. Members of the board thanked Walsh for his staff assistance with help re: stop sign.

Citizens to be heard:

- Blue print committee would like to place a mural on the side of the borough council and would like permission from Borough Council. A motion was made by Julie and seconded by John Zugarek to approve use of the side of the building for a mural. This would be conditional of the borough getting a chance to review and approve the final art work selected before they start painting the mural. The motion was seconded by John Zugarek, all members in favor. The motion was carried.

Reports

- Engineer – bids for the library are being tabled there are changes necessary before council can vote on them to go out to bid. The second item is to move forward with the application to Penn Dot for a flashing stop sign on 437. Estimated funds would come from liquid fuels for \$7000.00 A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to approve the engineer to make the permit application with Penn Dot. All members are in favor and the motion was carried.
- Attorney – Sean gave us an update on some changes to the sunshine law and he will continue to follow with updates for us. He also said there are some skill games changing, and he will watch for that as well. Sean then presented the Community Block grant contract for approval with Luzerne County. The funds are being used to repave Chemung Street from Cherry to Hazle and make repairs to drainage on Hazle Street. A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Fallon to approve President Klem to sign the agreement. All members were in favor, and the motion was carried.

- Managers' Report – the first reading of the 2026 budget was presented to the borough council for the general fund, liquid fuels, and garbage fund. The general fund includes a .75 mil increase and will require the advertisement and adoption of a tax ordinance at the December meeting. Budgets will be advertised for public inspection. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to approve the budget as presented.
- Tax collection – reports on file
- Code enforcement/zoning – reports on file
- Streets – mileage on file, finished up leaf collection all snow equipment is ready to go
- Police Chief/Mayor/Police committee – Tree lighting is set for November 29th at 5:30 with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Butler Chief thanked Officer Suleski with a call he assisted on during a recent car chase that ended in White Haven.
- Fire Department – report on file
- Ambulance – Report on file
- Building and Grounds – thank you to Wagmans for assisting with lighting roads for Halloween night
- Finance – nothing tonight Charlie is absent
- Planning – no meeting scheduled
- Water – report on file

Bills were presented for approval – with no questions a motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Fallon to pay the bills. All in favor, the motion carried.

State Representative Walsh spoke about some of our grant application for the Main Street Streetscape and where he could support some of our grants while others like the state LSA submissions are highly competitive over the commonwealth.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:40 pm by Zugarek and seconded by Lamson, all in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager