

White Haven Borough Council
Re-organization Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026

Mayor Tim Janosco opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The following elected officials are to be sworn in: Bob Lamson, John Zugarek, Thomas Szoke, and Kathy Oross. The mayor took his oath of office with Judge Webby in the morning and will now issue the oath of office to the newly elected officials. With the oath completed, the mayor asked for the roll call to be taken. The following were present: Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Tom Szoke, Zane Writer, and John Zugarek. Absent: Charlie Best. Also present: Borough Manager Linda Szoke

Mayor Janosco then opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Lamson made a motion to nominate John Klem, and seconded by Writer. With no other nominations, a vote was taken: Fallon – Klem, Klem-Klem, Lamson-Klem, T. Szoke – Klem, Writer-Klem, Zugarek-Klem. The mayor then passed the Gavel to John Klem to take over the rest of the meeting.

President Klem then opened the floor for the Vice-President position. A motion was made for Charlie Best by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek. With no other nominations, a vote was taken: Fallon- Best, Klem-Best, Lamson-Best, T. Szoke-Best, Writer – Best, Zugarek- Best.

President Klem then opened the floor for Pro-temp. A motion was made by Zugarek for Bob Lamson and seconded by Julie Fallon. Vote was taken: Fallon- Lamson, Klem-Lamson, Lamson-Lamson, T.Szoke-Lamson, Writer- Lamson, and Zugarek -Lamson

Resolutions 1 and 2 of 2026 are for adoption. #1 is to appoint Cathy Fulk to the zoning hearing board, and #2 is to place Martina Kernan on the Planning Board. A motion was made by T. Szoke and seconded by Fallon to appoint to the boards and adopt Resolutions 1 and 2, Roll call vote: Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, T.Szoke-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes. Motion carried for both resolutions.

Council meetings will be held on the 4th meeting of every month, with two changes: one week earlier for Memorial Day and a week earlier in December due to holidays. All agreed.

Consent agenda items:

- Council will appoint the Borough Engineer, requested Benesch at \$123 per hour or as quoted per job or grant when necessary.
- Council will appoint a Borough Solicitor, currently using the Law Offices of Donald Karpowich & Associates at \$150 per hour.

- Council to appoint Linda Szoke as Borough Manager, Zoning, and code enforcement officer for a two-year term.
- Council will appoint the Sewage Enforcement Officer- David Popiak
- The council will appoint an Auditor. Karen Halcisak of Moore Associates for the annual borough audit.
- Council to appoint Borough Secretary (Linda Szoke) to the Vacancy Board
- Council to appoint Building Inspector/building permits – currently using Criterium/Peters Engineering
- Council to name ESSA as our Depository for the years 2026 and 2027
- Council to appoint a Right to Know Officer – currently Linda Szoke

A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by T. Szoke to approve the consent agenda, with no questions, roll call vote: Fallon=yes, Klem=yes, Lamson=yes, T. Szoke=yes, Writer=yes, Zugarek – yes. Motion carried.

Motion made at 7:20 pm to adjourn the meeting by Zugarek and seconded by T. Szoke, all in favor.

Next meeting January 26, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager