

White Haven Borough Council meeting was called to order by President John Klem at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Charlie Best, Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, and John Zugarek. Absent: Harvey Morrison and Zane Writer. Also present: Borough Manager Linda Szoke, Attorney Sean Logsdon, Police Officer Matt Ercolino, and Road Master Sean Reynolds.

The minutes from the November 24, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Fallon to approve as presented. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

President Klem then opened the floor for public comments regarding agenda items. There were no comments for tonight's meeting.

#### **Department & Committee Reports**

**Engineer** – requesting approval to put the library bid package out for the second floor of the building and to hire Benesch for project construction administration and consultation services, being paid from the library grant. A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Lamson to approve the request. All members were in favor, and the motion carried.

**Attorney** – Attorney Logsdon said most of his items are in other places in the agenda but he does request a brief executive session after the meeting regarding personnel matters.

**Manager** – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the 2026 budget as follows:

- General Fund – Income \$1,071,441.88 and expenses \$1,067,649.13  
The budget was duly advertised and available for inspection, with no comments received. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Lamson to approve the general fund budget as presented. Roll call vote: Best – yes, Fallon – yes, Klem- yes, Zugarek – yes, motion carried.
- Liquid Fuels - Income \$92,404.94 and expenses \$51,500.00  
The budget was duly advertised and available for inspection, with no comments received. A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Best to approve the liquid fuels budget as presented. Roll Call Vote: Best-yes, Fallon – yes, Klem-yes, Lamson - yes Zugarek- yes, motion carried.
- Garbage Account – Income \$191,296.00 and expenses \$177,406.24  
The budget was duly advertised and available for inspection, with no comments received. A motion was made by Best and seconded by Zugarek to approve the garbage budget as

presented. Lamson had one question about the fixed rate from the hauler and yes that would be correct. Roll Call Vote: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson- yes, Zugarek-yes, motion was carried.

- Adopt ordinance 3 of 2025 to set tax rates for the Fiscal year of 2026. The ordinance was duly advertised with no public comment. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Fallon. Roll call vote: Best-yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Zugarek-yes, motion was carried.
- Reorganization meeting will be on January 5, 2026 as per the borough code at 7:00 pm starting with the swearing in of elected officials.
- TNR program for cats was presented for any questions and can be approved under the consent portion of the agenda.

**Street Commissioner** – ready for the next storm, working on details for new truck for next year.

**Police Committee/Mayor** - Katherine Lopez asked to comeback and pick up shifts. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to rehire Lopez as part-time police officers. All in favor, the motion carried. Interviews for new police chief will be at the beginning of the new year.

**White Haven Fire** – report is on file, new engine has been received

**White Haven Ambulance** – report is on file

**Building and Grounds** - \$135,000 was received in a grant for the Main Street, Streetscape

**Finance** – doing good to make it thru the end of the year

**Planning** – no meeting

**Water** – report on file

### **Consent Agenda**

- Resolution 18 of 2025 to apply for Penn Dot Multimodal Grant for Main Street
- Resolution 19 of 2025 to set payroll rates for the 2026
- Approve contract for TNR vouchers
- Approve Benesch Engineering to be the engineer for the CBG funds for paving Chemung

A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Fallon, with no questions a roll call vote was taken: Best -yes, Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes Zugarek-yes. Motion for all was carried.

### **Payment of the Bills**

Bills were presented for payment and with no questions a motion was made by Best and seconded by Zugarek, all in favor, the motion carried.

President Klem then opened the floor to any public comment or questions for non-agenda items. Brandon Andras was asked to speak about towing rotation with the police department. Linda Szoke explained that an agreement was sent out from the Chief without the knowledge of

the borough council, and that should be corrected. The towing rotation does expire on 12/31/2025. After discussion between Brandon Andras and council, it was decided that the rotation would continue to the end of January to give council the opportunity to review the policy options for this service.

Motion made by Lamson at 7:30 pm to adjourn and seconded by Zugarek, all in favor, motion carried. Happy Holidays, everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke  
Borough Manager