

White Haven Borough Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Charlie Best. Roll call was taken, and the following members were present: Charlie Best, Julie Falon, Bob Lamson, Tom Szoke, and Zane Writer. Absent: John Klem and John Zugarek. Also present: Attorney Logson, Sean Reynolds, Public Works, Mayor Tim Janosco, and Borough Manager Linda Szoke

Public Comment regarding agenda items: None

The attorney made an announcement that there was an executive session at 6 pm for personnel matters this evening.

Minutes from the January 26th meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Writer; all in favor, the motion passed.

Engineer Report – the library project is out for bid. Bob Lamson spoke about the pre-bid meeting and felt they would receive some nice bids for the project.

Attorney Report – working on an amendment for the fee schedules in borough ordinances. Possible work session for the next meeting or to put on a future agenda. Linda Szoke said we also want to change the ordinance for the landlords to require inspections every other year. (odd years only) Except for a new property coming online, the attorney will work on them for us. The attorney then spoke on Zoom usage by using the zoom and it goes down; it prohibits public participation. It should not be used for public participation, but the council could look into a streaming service that would allow the public to view, but it's not part of the meeting for public comments. We have passed the COVID era, and we do not want to run the risk of technology going down and not allowing the public to participate. A motion was made by Tom Szoke and Fallon to end the Zoom meeting participation and explore some options for live streaming instead, as soon as we are able, for press and any other residents who would want to view for transparency. Motion was then seconded by Fallon; all in favor, the motion passed.

Managers' Report –

- Working Walk works grant for submission. Also working on DCNR grant for Lehigh Park for a 25,000 match, 5,000 in-kind service, and then we would receive 60,000 in grant funds.

- Blueprint impact study, Linda shared some statistics she received from the D&L corridor, and where visitors are going in town, how many, and how long they stay. Most visitors are only staying 30 minutes. This led to some discussion from the council on what improvements can be made to the Main Street Business district. Possibly consider an incentive to property owners to develop the empty lots.
- Some properties that are tax-exempt do not pay garbage billing, and how would that be handled? The attorney will research what was allowed.

Tax collector – reports on file

Code enforcement/zoning – report on file

Streets – hoping for it to stop snowing, mileage report is on file

Mayor/Police Chief/Police Committee – police report is on file, nothing further

Fire Department – Report is on file, Fire dept will be having a fish fry this year

Ambulance – report is on file

Building and grounds - they will be working on getting quotes to fix the section of the garage

Finance – all good no further transfers occurred

Recreation – East Egg hunt planning meeting February 24, 2026 at 6pm more details to follow

We appreciate the ambulance and Chrissy Gower who has been chairing the event for her efforts.

Planning – no meetings schedule

Water – report is on file

Consent agenda

- Adopt resolution 5 of 2026 to apply for DNCR grant for Lehigh Park for \$90,000.00
- Permission to make Maple Street one way for Lions Spaghetti Dinner.

A motion was made by Tom Szoke and seconded by Fallon to approve the dinner and pass resolution number 5 of 2026. All members in favor, the motion passed.

Bills were presented for payment a motion was made by Writer and seconded by Lamson to pay the bills as presented, all in favor, the motion passed.

Public Comment for non-agenda items:

- Chrissy Gower from the White Haven Ambulance thanked the borough for its assistance with repairing the ambulance. Chrissy then spoke about the financial condition of the ambulance. Tom Szoke asked the attorney whether the person who was paid directly by insurance and did not send the ambulance the bill could be charged with theft of service. The attorney will research this further for the council.

A motion was made by to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Lamson and seconded by Fallon, all in favor motion carried. Next meeting will be on March 23, 2026

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager