

White Haven Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026

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 in attendance: Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Tom Szoke, Zane Writer, and John Zugarek. Absent: Charlie Best. Also present: Mayor Janosco, Borough Manager Linda Szoke, Attorney Sean Logsdon, Police Chief Nick Ganz and Road Master Sean Reynolds.

Floor was open for public comments regarding agenda items, there were none at this time.

Engineers Report

- Library project for the second floor is underway. Lamson stated the contractors are already placing the sheet rock.

Attorneys Report

- Request an executive session about litigation after our meeting tonight.
- Reviewed a few ordinances that need to be updated that include the boroughs charges fees for services, limits on fire dept ability to who to invoice for their services and rental inspections. These will be brought up to date and be sent to council for review. Spoke about occupancy permits with the landlords complying to the ordinance at length. Discussed how this could be handled for landlords and the process.

Managers' Report

- Met with the artist that was selected to do the Mural on the building. Concepts are being submitted shortly. Looking at our history and ways to tie it into our mural.

Tax collection - \$6623.94 for property taxes, \$1053.50 for real estate transfer and \$4166.57 for delinquent taxes.

Code enforcement/zoning – reports on file

Street Committee –

- Reviewed three bids for the purchase of a new truck using costars. A motion was made to go with the lowest bid from Ford New Holland for \$74,656.00 by Tom Szoke and seconded by Bob Lamson. Roll call vote taken: Fallon – yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, T.Szoke -yes, Writer -yes and Zugarek-yes.
- A motion made by Writer and seconded by Fallon to list the 2013 Silverado for sale on Municibid based on when new trucks arrival. All in favor, motion carried.

- A motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Fallon to allow Linda Szoke to handle all the paperwork to sell older truck and purchase the new truck. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief/Mayor/Police Committee –

- Chief updated everyone on car repairs for the department
- Chief addressed concerns about speeding at the Dennison Township meeting
- Tom Szoke said we are still looking for some part-time officers. Luzerne county Community College is now live with a police academy as well for the area.

White Haven Fire Dept – report on file

White Haven Ambulance – report on file

Building and Grounds- still trying to get repairs at garage for quotes

Finance – nothing to report

Recreation -no meeting

Planning – no meeting

Water – report on file collected 1,023,000 for the month of May

Consent Agenda – nothing on agenda

Payment of Bills totaling \$61,977.09 for the month, a motion was made by Zugarek and seconded by Lamson, Roll call vote: Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Szoke-yes, Writer-yes and Zugarek-yes.

Comments for non-agenda items

- Lamson reported that the Library with the YMCA will be providing lunch meals for the summer starting 6/29 when kids pick up their food for the week, they will also get a stem project they can work on at home. Roughly 50 kids enrolled.
- Klem spoke about a possible way to speak with Aqua about letting us know about change in billing so we could obtain occupancy permit.
- Chris Roberts donated a 3-day wall hanging of the borough for display in the building for the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Borough council adjourned to an executive session at 7:48 pm by Motion made by Writer and seconded by Fallon. All in favor motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager