

White Haven Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2026

The White Haven Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Julie Fallon, John Klem, Bob Lamson, Thomas Szoke, Zane Writer and John Zugarek. Absent: Charlie Best and Mayor Tim Janosco. Also, present Attorney Logsdon, Borough Manager Linda Szoke and Police Chief Nick Ganz.

Note: Borough council had an executive session from 6:00pm to 6:30 pm to discuss a contract and personnel matters. At 6:30 pm council had a work session to discuss with our trash hauler Cassella what the current issues are and possibly changing our day of services.

Minutes were then presented from the June 22, 2026 meeting. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Zugarek to accept minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda items:

- Dave Chernago – resides in Valley Gorge Mobile Home Park and would like to know what is going on with the garbage. Linda explained that the normal day is Mondays until September 2 when it will move to Wednesday from that point forward. John Klem apologizes for any inconvenience.

Engineers Report

- Chemung street is going out to bid and will be awarded in August.

Attorney

- Continue working on changes to ordinances. This includes the fire and ambulance services for pursuing their lawful charges, rental inspection changes due to new case law, and chart of fees. A motion by Fallon and seconded by Writer to advertise these changes and have hearing Public Hearing in September. Roll Call vote: Fallon-yes, Lamson-yes, Klem-yes, Szoke-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek -yes. Motion passed.
- Discussion about updating our zoning ordinance as it has not provision for Data Centers. By law we are required to allow the activity somewhere in the borough. After discussion it was decided to be proactive and have something in zoning so we are not caught unprepared if something were to come before zoning. Lamson quoted the amount of money that has been paid for land in Salem township and stated this is life changing for people. Szoke said for what has been spent they could buy White Haven. Fallon stated I agree this life changing for a small handful of people and the rest of the

residents are stuck with the problem and we need to protect all our residents as a whole. Lamson asked the attorney to explain an overlay district in zoning. After some additional discuss it was decided to first look at an ordinance that Butler Township recently adopted and from there work on a draft.

Managers' Report

- Do we want to move trash pick up to Wednesday? A motion was made by Zugarek to move the trash pick up day to Wednesday, when there is a holiday in that week it will move to Thursday, Casella will pay attorney to change ordinance, pay for signs on Northumberland Street, put an advertisement in the Journal Herald, and mail a letter to all residents. Also, a large dumpster for the Jam below the dam This includes amending the contract with Casella and the parking ordinance on Northumberland Street. A second was made by Fallon. Roll Call vote: Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Szoke-yes, Writer-yes, Zugarek-yes. Motion passed.

Tax Collection – report on file

Code enforcement/zoning – report on file

Street Committee

- Thank you to the staff of the borough for working so hard this past weekend for the Jam Below the Dam, thanks to the Sheriffs dept for coming to help. Thanks to Wagmans to opening up the ramp and to the Chamber of commerce it was really a very nice weekend.

Police Chief/Mayor/Police Committee

- No incidents at the Jam everything worked well and flowed together. Has some ideas for next year as well. Report is on file
- Francis E Walter Dam contract for police protection for 12 hours – 2 hour per day and a 1 hour per day on the weekends for \$47,925.00 with a 3% increase that we decide to continue to contract. Tom Szoke made a motion to enter into the agreement with John Klem signing the contract and Linda to handle all paperwork and invoicing. A second was made by Lamson. Roll call vote: Fallon-yes, Klem-yes, Lamson-yes, Szoke-yes, Writer-yes Zugarek-yes. Motion passed.

White Haven Fire Department – report on file

White Haven Ambulance – report on file

Buildings and Grounds – still looking for contractors for work at the building.

Finance – nothing to report

Recreation – no report needs to schedule a meeting

Water – 948,600 gallons sold in the month of June

Consent agenda:

- Adopt resolution 10 of 2026 to apply for multi model grant for Main Street
- Motion to approve Bench Engineering to design and bid paving for Power house road at the cost of \$16,650.00

A motion was made by Writer to approve and seconded by Zugarek. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of monthly bills General fund \$43,238.18, Liquid Fuels \$1364.78 and Garbage account \$14,713.02. A motion was made by Lamson and seconded by Fallon. All in favor, motion carried.

Comments on non-agenda items.

- Chris Roberts spoke about Mini-Data centers and that should be considered as we are looking at our ordinance. Council will research that as we look at this ordinance.
- Mr. Alex Alonzo, boy scout from pack 25. In audience working on his badge and he thanked council for the time tonight. Ms. Alonzo than spoke to see if there were any opportunities for the boy scouts to be at any events to recruit for cub scouts. It was suggested that they speak with police chief about national night out.
- Nick Ganz also added about National night out on August 15th that will include a small parade that ends at Lehigh Park with food and activities at the park. He will also send the info to the Boy Scouts to see if they would like to set up something at the park for recruitment. President Klem reminded them they need to give permission for the parade and park usage. A motion was made by Szoke and seconded by Zugarek, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion at 7:45 pm was made for adjournment by Writer and seconded by Fallon all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager