

MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2016 MEETING

A meeting of the Moscow Borough Council was held on May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building, 123 VanBrunt Street, Moscow, PA. The following Council members were either present or absent:

Daniel F. Edwards – Mayor	Present	Marc Gaughan	Present
Arthur Pencek – President	Present	William Heim, Vice-President	Absent
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Absent	Thomas Lynch	Present
Edward Gaughan	Present	Rosemarie Warner, Secretary	Present

Also present were Constance Sanko (Secretary/Treasurer); Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief); David Lamm (Building Inspector/Zoning Officer); Steven Warner (Fire Chief); Mark and Matt Gallagher (Fire Company).

Moscow Volunteer Fire Company: Chief Warner reported that there have been 215 EMS calls and 46 fire calls to date. The Chicken BBQ will take place on June 5, 2016. Members of the fire department will be meeting with Marc Gaughan on May 3, 2016 to take a hike along the new trail behind the Sewer Authority on May 3, 2016.

Minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting: Rose Warner made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting as written. Tom Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Sanko presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April and a list of bills to be paid from the General Fund. Ed Gaughan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills as presented. Marc Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Secretary's Report: Connie Sanko reported that the Statements of Financial Interests were due May 1, 2016.

Grants: Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant - a telephone conference has been scheduled for May 4, 2016.

Correspondence:

Council members were provided with an invitation to the Lackawanna County Commissioners, Legislative meeting on May 12, 2016.

A National Night Out Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Police Report:

Chief Brenzel gave the monthly report for the month of April. There were 165 911 calls and 156 cleared calls.

Chief Brenzel reported that the wording for Special Order 1.3.4(a) has been changed from "TASERS" to "Conducted Electrical Weapons".

Chief Brenzel reported that she would like to hire two part-time school crossing guards. Rose Warner made a motion to hire Margaret Saar and Melissa Lindner as part-time school crossing guards. Marc Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

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Shade Tree Commission:

An Arbor Day celebration took place at Golden Park on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. A tree was planted in memory of Marc Gaughan's mother-in-law. Marc said the tree is beautiful. Dan said that this is the Borough's 27th year as a Tree City USA designation and the 28th Arbor Day celebration.

Building Permits: Dave Lamm reported that there were two building permits issued in the month of April.

Building/Zoning Officer's Report: Dave Lamm reported on the following:

He spoke to Wells Fargo about a house up for sale in Stephens Heights that needs some repairs.

The former Palazzi property near the Moscow Elementary Center has been purchased. The new owners will be putting up a single family dwelling and will be retaining the character of the property.

A zoning hearing was held for Marianne Sizelove (new owner of the Twiddle Bits property) 215 North Main Street, on April 27, 2016 for consideration of an application for a special exception. The Special Exception was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board.

The issue at Spectrum Collision continues to be a problem.

Planning Commission: Marc Gaughan reported that a meeting was held on April 25, 2016 and that the following issues were discussed:

There is a glitch in the current zoning ordinance in Schedule 1 that was not intended to be. The Planning Commission recommended, after a review of a draft amendment provided by Mary Liz Donato, that the amendment go to Lackawanna County for review and approval, then to Borough Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard are moving forward with their duplex project but will only be building two duplexes on the left side. Don Julian, ESC Designs, sent a letter to Borough Council on behalf of Mr. Hubbard requesting several waivers.

Bruce Zero will be asked to review a sample ordinance from Bloomsburg pertaining to indoor furniture on outdoor spaces.

Recreation: Rose Warner reported that the concrete pad for the pavilion in Golden Park will be installed soon. She also will be setting up a cleanup day soon for Golden Park.

Art said he saw some people working on the ball field at Golden Park. John Franklin would like to have the field turned into a softball field. After a brief discussion and concern with taking away from other organizations, Rose Warner said she will send out a letter addressing this issue.

Mark Mecca has been doing a lot of work at Old Mill Park.

Recycling:

Monthly Recycling Report for March: 8.39 tons paper; 7.57 tons commingled; 6.09 tons cardboard; .39 tons electronics; 6.98 brush; 17 trips to recycling center.

Council members were provided with totals for January/February/March for 2015 and 2016.

Municipal Building:

The landscaping proposals submitted by Secret Garden Designs and Northeast Prestige were reviewed by Dan Schilling and Art Pencek. Secret Garden Design was low bidder and was awarded the contract.

Art Pencek will get someone to look at the overhang and rain gutters at the rear of the building. Tom Lynch will get someone to paint the outside door to the entrance to the police department and the garage door on the easterly side of the building.

Streets: Marc Gaughan reported on the following:

A letter was received from Jeff Fuhr of PennDOT regarding the addition of an exclusive pedestrian phase to the signal at Main and Market Streets. This matter was tabled for the next meeting.

An email was received from Sallie Motter regarding the "No Parking" signs on Market Street. Marc is working on this.

An ad was placed in the paper for a temporary part-time seasonal DPW employee.

Council members were provided with a letter from GPI regarding the Market Street sidewalk and crosswalk issue.

Council members were provided with an invitation to bid for the Stephens Heights Roadway Improvements Project but Marc said no action should be taken because a cost estimate was not provided.

Specs should be prepared and bid out for the cleaning of the retention ponds.

Old Business: Art Pencek reported that he has not spoken to anyone about the safety and environmental issues with the pond at Orchard and VanBrunt Streets.

New Business: A Right-to-Know Fee schedule was sent to Bruce Zero for review.

William Lombardi, 214 Jennifer Street, sent an email stating concerns with his neighbor's dog and a sample ordinance from Moosic Borough.

Adjournment: Rose Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Constance Sanko