

## MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 MEETING

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A meeting of the Moscow Borough Council was held on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moscow Borough Building, 123 VanBrunt Street, Moscow, PA. The following Council members were either present or absent:

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

Also present were Constance Sanko (Secretary/Treasurer), Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief), David Lamm (Building Inspector/Zoning Officer), Steven Warner (Fire Chief), Mark Paradise and Patrick McLain (Affordable II Senior Living Housing Project), Dasukerven Shah, Projesh Shah, Noah Condit, and Attorney Patrick Hughes (Moscow Beer and Deli, LLC), and Brian Chase.

**Public Hearing (Moscow Beer and Deli, LLC):** A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Council meeting for the purpose of hearing public comment on the transfer of an Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License R-928 from Ken and Joyce, LLC, 80 South Main Street, Archbald to Moscow Beer and Deli, LLC, 206 South Main Street. This will be a carry out only 6/12 pack store. The current storage area will be renovated for the portion of the store where the beer can be purchased. Dave Lamm said building and zoning permits may be required since going from one use to another. There were no objections to this transfer registered at the public hearing. Marc Gaughan made a motion to adopt Resolution #265 - 2017 approving the transfer of PLCB License No. R-928 into Moscow Borough from Archbald, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Citizen's Comments:** Brian Chase, 140 VanBrunt Street, asked why the Borough paid a contractor to cut the grass at the Borough Building and Centennial Park when the DPW employees can do the work since they already have the equipment. He also suggested that the Borough use county people or community service and volunteers to do the plantings. Art Pencek said that he and Tom Lynch met with the contractor and explained to him that the Borough was unhappy with the work he did last year and will be giving him more specific requirements for this year.

**Moscow Volunteer Fire Company:** Chief Warner reported on the following:

- There were 87 EMS calls for the month of January.
- He thanked those who attended the Installation Dinner and said that everything worked out well with having Moscow and Elmhurst/Roaring Brook Fire Companies combining their Installation dinners.
- The fire company is obtaining bids to purchase a new ambulance.

**Minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting:** Bill Heim made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting as written. Marc Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Sanko presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January and lists of bills to be paid from the General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund. Bill Heim made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills as presented. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Secretary's Report:** Connie Sanko reported on the following:

- Council members were reminded that Background Checks are required.
- Council members were provided with 2017 Borough Contact Information.
- Bids for Clean and Green 2017 will be advertised tomorrow.

**Correspondence:** Council members were provided with the following:

- Newspaper article from The Scranton Times regarding Tom Lynch running for Magistrate.

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- Letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection dated January 26, 2017 regarding Moscow Real Estate (former Plociniak Facility)
- Letter from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board regarding transfer of liquor license from Borough Beverage.
- Invitation to Senator Blake's Legislative Breakfast. If you are attending the breakfast you need to make your reservation no later than February 21, 2017.

**Police Report:**

- Chief Brenzel gave the police report for the month of January. There were 107 911 calls and 101 cleared calls.
- Council members were provided with a copy of a thank you note from Pack 126 Bear Scouts for a class on "Forensics 101".

**Civil Service Commission:** Ed Gaughan made a motion to reappoint Michael Vilello to the Civil Service Commission for a four year term. Marc Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Warner said it was nice to see the Moscow and Elmhurst/Roaring Brook Fire Companies at the Installation Dinner showing support for a common cause and brotherhood.

**Building Permits:** Dave Lamm reported on the following:

- One permit was issued for Frank Hubbard's Twin Homes Project.
- Kevin McDonough's house in Harmony Hills is now complete except for some work in the basement. He can now request to have his fire escrow funds returned.

**Building/Zoning Officer's Report:** Dave Lamm reported that improvements have been made to the Spectrum Collision property.

**Planning Commission:**

- Marc Gaughan reported that a meeting was held on January 30, 2017. Mark Paradise was at that meeting and presented updated plans for the Academy II Senior Housing Project. Harry Andes had presented a list of twenty-two items at the Planning Commission meeting which are easy to address. Marc said that Mr. Paradise is under a time frame since his closing is scheduled for March 31, 2017. The Planning Commission approved conditional recommendation that the plans be presented to Borough Council for approval. Harry Andes will review the corrected plans and make a proposal to Borough Council.
- Mark Paradise was present at this meeting and reported that after the discussions at the Planning Commission meeting about the twenty-two comments presented by Harry Andes, that they have all been addressed. All storm water issues have been addressed. The project still needs approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Everything will be finalized for the February 21, 2017 Council meeting except the DEP approval may not be in hand. Architectural and structural plans were submitted to Dave Lamm which have been approved. Electrical and mechanical drawings were submitted for approval today. Mary Liz Donato addressed the questions that Frank Goryl and his neighbors had by stating that there were some inconsistencies in the ordinance or issues not related to his land development project. Mr. Paradise has an easement agreement with Maryann Sizelove, 215 North Main Street, and Joseph Descipio, North Main Street, for storm water and sewer. All parking requirements have been exceeded.
- The Lackawanna County Planning Commission Subdivision and Land Development Evaluation regarding Academy II Senior Housing was submitted.
- The Lackawanna County Conservation District report regarding NPDES Permit for Academy II Senior Housing Project was submitted.
- The Spectrum Collision property has had some improvements.
- Mary Liz Donato is reviewing zones for horse stables.
- Harry Andes is drafting a new ordinance for pave cuts.

- Attorney Zero is preparing an ordinance for interior furniture being used outside.
- The Pennsylvania State Game Commission will be contacted to get information on target shooting.
- A question was raised regarding the retaining wall that Mr. Hubbard had installed at the front of his property on Main Street. He used some poured concrete blocks and large boulders. His plans will have to be reviewed to see if this is what was submitted.

**Recreation:**

- Marc Gaughan made a motion to reappoint Kim Bochicchio and Lindsay Croom to the Recreation Commission for four year terms. Dan Hanna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Dan Hanna reported that he met with Mark Mecca and Rose Warner to discuss the report that needs to be filed with Lackawanna County on Old Mill Park.

**Recycling:** Joe Castrogiovanni reported that the recycling issue with County Waste is ongoing. Barbara Giovagnoli from the Lackawanna County Office of Sustainability said every municipality is having the same problem.

**Municipal Building:** See discussion under Citizens Comments.

**Financial Report:**

- Bill Heim made a motion to lease a 2017 Ford F-350 SC Truck from Ford Credit in the amount of \$48,133.40. Yearly payments will be \$10,892.28 for five years at 5.95%. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.
- Bill Heim made a motion to lease a 2017 AWD Ford Police Sedan from Community Leasing in the amount of \$37,496.50. Yearly payments will be in the amount of \$10,393.28 for four years at 4.26%. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.
- A Workers Compensation audit was completed on January 19, 2017 by EMC Insurance.
- Murphy, Dougherty & Company started the Borough audit for 2016.
- The Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General submitted a Compliance Audit for the Volunteer Firemens Relief Association for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation completed an audit of the Liquid Fuels Fund for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.
- A Tax Collection Committee meeting was held last week. The current board members were reelected in its entirety. There may not be any contributions for 2017 required.

**Moscow Sewer Authority:**

- The Sewer Authority sent a letter to Theresa Fox regarding contaminated wells in the area and asked her to contact the office to set up a meeting to discuss the matter.
- A resolution designating the Moscow Sewer Authority's Chairman, Jim Kanavy, to act as a sponsor for funding the United States Army Corp of Engineers was tabled until sometime in the future.

**Streets:**

- Art Pencek said the Borough will be able to borrow a street sweeper from another local municipality.
- A letter from Northeast Prestige dated January 23, 2017 was received regarding landscaping on Main Street. Marc Gaughan said funds have been budgeted for this purchase. Art Pencek and Marc Gaughan will get together with DPW employees to discuss the matter.
- Attorney Zero will be contacted to see if a letter should be sent to adjoining property owners of the brick road notifying them that the road is not owned by the Borough.

**Solicitor's Report:**

- The Sale of New Street Park is still pending.
- Art Pencek is waiting to hear back from Dennis Cawley, Business Manager, to verify what is required for the North Pocono School District Cooperation Agreement for the Monroe County Local Share grant.

**Adjournment:** Bill Heim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marc Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes submitted by Constance Sanko**