

**MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**JANUARY 19, 2016**

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A Public Hearing was held on January 19, 2016 at 6:30 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	Present
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Present	Thomas Lynch	Present
Edward Gaughan	Present	Rosemarie Warner, Secretary	Present

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to dumpsters and temporary signage.

Temporary Signage: Marc Gaughan stated that the Planning Commission reviewed this issue because a private citizen wanted to put up a personal sign for a sale on Borough property. Art Pencek asked if the ordinance states only for non-profit. Marc was not sure but said this is for directional signage only for businesses.

Dumpsters: Dumpsters should have caution tape, reflectors and lights (if at night) if parked on the street and should state that it is for construction material only and not for household garbage. Marc Gaughan said this is necessary because of recent concerns.

Art said there will be a no fee permit required and the permit is being issued so that the Borough can have a handle on where dumpsters are located.

Tom Lynch asked if temporary storage trailers (PODS) are included. Marc said never had permits before so this should be included.

Art said the ordinance needs to be advertised and then have to wait for appropriate time for public comment.

Bill Heim made a motion to pass the revisions on to Borough Council meeting. Tom Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ed Gaughan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Heim seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Submitted by Rosemarie Warner**

**MOSCOW BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING**

A meeting of the Moscow Borough Council was held on January 19, 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	Absent	William Heim, Vice-President	Present
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Present	Thomas Lynch	Present
Edward Gaughan	Present	Rosemarie Warner, Secretary	Present

Also present were David Lamm (Building Inspector/Zoning Officer), Steven Warner (Fire Chief), and Gerard Hetman (Lackawanna County Community Relations Representative)

**Citizen’s Comments:** Gerard Hetman, Lackawanna County Community Relations Representative, gave a report on some upcoming events. Rose Warner asked about the requirements in regard to the procedure for sending in a report on Market Street Park to the County in compliance with the lease. Gerard thinks it should be sent in letter form to Bill Davis but will double check and let Connie know.

**Moscow Volunteer Fire Company:** Steven Warner, Fire Chief, reported that the Installation Dinner was postponed due to the weather and increased call volume. Chief Warner reported that the contract with Commonwealth Ambulance to provide EMTS from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is working well. There was only one missed call out of 38 ambulance calls.

**Minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting:** Marc Gaughan made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Reorganization meeting and the January 4, 2016 meeting as corrected. Tom Lynch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The correction is that under the Mayor's Report it should state that "indoor furniture" not "outdoor furniture" is on porches.

**Junior Council Persons:** Grace Hamilton is working on a project for a program to send out an all call for Borough residents. This is a free program that is being used by the North Pocono School District. This can be an email or text. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Castrogiovanni made a motion to pay the bills from the General Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund as presented. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary’s Report:**

- Connie Sanko will be advertising for bids for Clean and Green 2016
- Bill Heim extended praise and thanks to all involved with the Russian Christmas Event held on January 7, 2016.

**Building/Zoning Officer’s Report:** Dave Lamm reported that he called Wells Fargo Bank regarding the property at 104 Stephens Street but has not heard back. The house is secure.

**Recreation:** Rose Warner reported that she met with Andrew Kaminski, Kim Bochicchio, and Connie Sanko to develop a plan to help secure grants for Market Street Park. This will include an entrance and parking area, playground and defining other areas of the park.

**Municipal Building:** Tom Lynch spoke to Art Pencek about the front doors and said that the closing components need to be replaced.

**Financial Report:** Council members were given copies of the Local Service Tax Exempt form and asked to complete and return to Beth Murray.

**Streets:** Marc Gaughan said that more salt was delivered. A brief discussion was held on the side of the building not being fenced. Dan suggested that a white privacy fence be put up. Marc will look into it to see what DPW would require to prevent people from falling into the area in question.

**Strategic/Long Range Plan:** Ed Gaughan said he will see if anything needs to be wrapped up.

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

