



Moscow Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024

Moscow Borough Municipal Building
123 Van Brunt Street
Moscow, PA 18444

Moscow Borough Council

Arthur Pencek - President
Edward Gaughan - Vice President
William Hiem
Marc Gaughan
Joseph Castrogiovanni
Dennis Cawley
Paula Bechaver

Mayor Rosemarie Warner

Call Meeting to Order

President Art Pencek called the November 4, 2024 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following Council members were either present or absent:

Rosemarie Warner (Mayor)	Present	Joseph Castrogiovanni	Present
Arthur Pencek (President)	Present	Dennis Cawley	Present
Edward Gaughan (Vice-President)	Present	Marc Gaughan	Absent
Paula Bechaver	Present	William Heim	Absent

Also present were: Amy Carlson (Business Manager) Atty. Bruce S. Zero (solicitor), Katherine Barker (Junior Council) Luis Arias (Junior Council) Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief) Shawn Young (Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose Co) Mark J. Paradise (PPS Management, LLC, Scandale Associated Builders, and SADGE Real Estate

Development) Kevin Strausser (resident), Sonja Strausser (resident), Mike Vilello (resident), Gary Willsch (resident), Jim Pinto (resident), Carol Yanko (resident), , Alia Rava (student), Rocco Rava (student)

Approval of Minutes

The monthly Council meeting was held on October 7, 2024. Minutes were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Joe Castrogiovanni to accept council meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ed Gaughan The motion carried unanimously

Citizens Comments

Follow -Up Resident Gary Willsch, 402 Autumn Drive inquired of any updated from his requests from the October 7, 2024 Council Meeting regarding issues about water running from Greenfield Drive onto his driveway and property and regarding the apron on his property. Also, the seven inch drop off through driveway and property due to amount of water running downhill. Art Pencek stated the boroughs engineer Greenman-Pedersen Inc. is continuing to compile plans to curb it and borough is hoping to resolve issue when the plans are received when it will be sent out for bid. No specific date for completion has been set.

Follow -Up from the October 7, 2024 Council Meeting. A request from Moscow Development Association LSA Grant, Resolution 307-2024 was submitted for approval regarding Moscow Development Association Water Storage Pressure Tank Replacement Project submitted under the Moscow Borough. Art Pencek stated that spoke to Doug Miller of Senator Rosemary Brown's Office and is satisfied with his response. Art recommended a motion to be made to approve the resolution which was read aloud. Ed Gaughan made the motion to approve Resolution 307-2024. Joseph Castrogiovanni seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously with a role call vote.

HNB Bank 203 N Main Street , Moscow PA Land Development Mark J. Paradise

Mark J. Paradise of PPS Management, LLC, Scandale Associated Builders, and SADGE Real Estate Development requesting final approval and signatures on Land Development Plans. (copies of plans and backup information were provided) Also a letter dated November 1, 2024 from Matthew Chorba, P.E., P.L.S., LEED AP, Greenman Pedersen, Inc. to the Moscow Borough regarding the outstanding items for the HNB Bank Project. All Items were discussed, Mark Paradise will need to have notarized and sign as owner. Art Pencek, President, Moscow Borough Council and Joseph Castrogiovanni, Secretary Moscow

Borough Council will need to sign but notarization is not necessary. A motion was made by Paula Bechaver to approve the final plans as presented. Motion was seconded by Dennis Cawley.

Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose Company

Shawn Young of the Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Co. reported for the month of October 2024 there were 118 EMS calls and 21 Fire Related Incidents.

Paula Bechaver made a motion to hire Jennifer L. Brezovic application for driver at the rate of \$15.00 per hour as a part-time driver at the rate of \$15.00 per hour (all clearances have been submitted) Motion was seconded by Ed Gaughan. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

General Correspondence

Laurel Lines Vol 51, Issue 10 – October 2024 was submitted for informational piece and review.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Ed Gaughan to accept the transfer report for the month of October 2024. Dennis Cawley seconded the motion the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report was submitted and reported for the month of October 2024. A motion was made by Paula Bechaver to accept the treasurers report as reported and to pay the bills as presented. Ed Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Real Estate Tax Collector's Report

Real Estate Tax Reports were submitted for October 2024 for informational piece and review.

Financial Report

Edward Jones, Certificate of Deposit maturity date of October 11, 2024 was renewed at \$47,000.00 and submitted for informational purposes.

Streets/Planning Commission and Council of Governments:

Planning Commission Meeting on Monday October 28, 2024 was cancelled due to lack of topic content.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer George Parker, PE

Monthly Report for October 2024 was submitted for review. There were no questions or comments

Parks and Recreation : Paula Bechaver

There were no questions or comments

Mayors Report

Mayor Rosemarie Warner stated that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event will take place Thursday December 5, 2024 at 6PM on Main Street at the gazebo. The Moscow girl scout/brownie troop will be receiving hat, mitten and scarf donations to be collected at the event for local senior center.

Decorations are in the process of being ordered and working with Mark Mecca Director of DPW for lights on the trees on Main Street.

Police Report

Chief Brenzel gave the police report for the month of October 2024. There were at total of 209 911-calls and 208 cleared calls for the month, also several events and training.

Junior Council

Katherine Barker stated that theme for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 5, 2024 will be Ugly Christmas Sweater Theme.

Recycling

There were no questions or comments

Municipal Building

There were no questions or comments

Moscow Sewer Authority:

Art Pencek stated that the Moscow Sewer Authority is hoping to start the project sometime this month but is currently in a delayed state due to the Core of Engineers grant paperwork being delayed. Going forward it will depend on weather conditions to the start date of the project.

Solicitor's Report

Borough Solicitor Bruce S. Zero to review with George Parker to file a magistrate complaint to recoup TTI Environmental monies due to the Moscow Borough regarding UST Removal Inspection Services Fee (Post Office)

Personnel Committee

There were no questions or comments

New Business

A motion was made by Ed Gaughan to approve Resolution 308-2024 regarding Lackawanna County Re-Invest Certification and Acceptance of Application. Applied for grant to be used for additional fencing for Golden Park Sports Fields. Paula Bechaver seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Office

Art Pencek, President Moscow Borough Council read aloud each line item and complete first reading of proposed 2025 Budget as required.

Art Pencek, President Moscow Borough Council read aloud the Tax Assessment Values for proposed 2025 Budget as required

Art Pencek, President Moscow Borough Council read aloud the first reading of the Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance #275-2024 as required

Adjournment

Motion was made by Dennis Cawley to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ed Gaughan. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Amy Carlson