



Moscow Borough Municipal Building
Meeting Minutes
Monday February 2, 2026

Arthur Pencek - President
Edward Gaughan - Vice President
Joseph Castrogiovanni
Dennis Cawley
Earnest Church
Marc Gaughan
Nichole Musewicz

Mayor Rosemarie Warner

Call Meeting to Order

Art Pencek, Council President called the February 2, 2026, regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge Of Allegiance: Art Pencek, Council President

Roll Call:

Arthur Pencek (President)	Present	Dennis Cawley	Present
Edward Gaughan (Vice-President)	Present	Marc Gaughan	Present
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Present	Earnest Church	Present
Nichole Musewicz	Present	Rosemarie Warner (Mayor)	Absent
Luis Arias (Junior Council)	Present	Alia Rava (Junior Council)	Present

Also, present were Amy Carlson (Business Manager) Bruce Zero, Esquire (Solicitor) Ivy Brenzel (Moscow Police Chief), George Parker (Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer) Shawn Young (Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose Co.), Mark Cordelli (Lackawanna County Director for Community Relations)

Approval of Minutes

The monthly council meeting was held on January 5, 2026. Minutes were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Ed Gaughan to accept council meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Marc Gaughan. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments And/or Follow-Up on Previous Citizen's Requests

Marc Cordelli, Lackawanna County Director for Community Relations submitted and reviewed upcoming Lackawanna County events for the remaining winter months and information regarding property fraud protection.

Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose Co.

Shawn Young of the Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Co. gave the call report for the month of January 6, 2026. There were 125 total calls. The breakdown was 107 EMS and 18 fire calls.

Annual Installation Dinner was held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the High Bridge House. Art Pencek commented that it was a genuinely nice event as usual.

Marc Gaughan made a motion to approve Senate Bill 94 the required annual approval for members of the Moscow Fire and Hose Company who are not directly related to firefighting to participate in the following activities. Maintenance of the company property or vehicles, administrative duties, community events, parades and fundraising events. The motion was seconded by Nichole Musewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

General Information

Laurel Lines, Vol 53, Issue 1 – January 2026 , Publication Of The Lackawanna And Wyoming Valley Railway Historical Society, Inc can be downloaded and viewed at <https://lwvrhs.org/monthly-laurel-lines-newsletter/>

Business Office:

Amy Carlson received email confirmation 01/21/26 from Kelsey Dunkle, Economic Development

Analyst, PA Department of Community & Economic Development on behalf of Mandy L. Book, CFA Executive Director on the status of the Moscow Borough Multimodal Academy Street, Stormwater, Paving and Upgrade Project Grant Application for \$1,830,812.00. The grant was approved for \$300,000.00. A meeting will be held to discuss process going forward with those involved with the grant.

Waiting for contract to sign and begin process for approved 2025 LSA Grant for the Moscow Borough Police Vehicle Purchase in the amount of \$62,000.00. Also, the new vehicle will be an incurred expense and not leased.

Moscow Borough Alternate Solicitor is needed going forward to replace Atty. Joseph McDonald who was appointed as Moscow Borough Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at the January 6, 2026 meeting. Art Pencek stated he is looking into a nominee for replacement.

Treasurer's Report

No transfers reported for the month of January 2026.

The treasurer's report was submitted and reported for the month of January 2026. Joseph Castrogiovanni made a motion to accept the treasurer's 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 Collector, report submitted for the month of December 2025 & January 2026.

Financial Report

Joseph Castrogiovanni, Finance Chair recommended to renew Certificate of Deposit with mature date of February 12, 2026 in the amount of \$11,000.00. Advised to renew at current interest rate of 3.75 % APY with Edward Jones for a 9-month period. Should other rates increase closer to maturity date, Joe would be contacted for a decision.

Streets/Planning Commission and Council of Governments:

Monthly Planning Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday January 27, 2026. Topics of conversation included presentation by Patrick Perih of Perih Group, LLC, and Donald Julian preliminary land development plans (nothing formal) for review of a 30-lot development off Hideaway Drive referred to as Harmony Woods.

Also covered in the planning commission meeting was MarKoz Realty 120-Day extension for Harmony Hills Phase 3. The planning commission unanimously voted and advised to recommend to Borough Council that an additional 120-day extension should be denied based on no response to date to the previous requested information.

Bruce Zero, Esquire advised council to have special meeting for borough council to discuss and take action on the Subdivision/Land Development Application for Harmony Hills Phase 3 submitted by Markoz Realty Inc. Borough Council will then have three options that day (Atty. Zero did make

note that MarKoz still has a brief period of time to come in with the plans and address the concerns as deadline is not until February 17, 2026. Attorney Zero advised the three options to consider would be as follows, to approve the development as submitted; applicant may come in and request another extension and give reasons why then grant or deny the additional extension; or reject the application. An advertisement for a special meeting and a letter should be sent to applicant to make them aware of the meeting and that council will be taking action on it.

Art Pencek suggested meeting should be held on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Moscow Borough Municipal Building, 123 Van Brunt St. Moscow Pa. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and take action and any other business that may come before Borough Council.

Art asked to table the MarKoz line item on the agenda until February 16, 2026 special meeting.

Marc Gaughan stated that the DPW Department has been extremely busy due to the recent inclement weather conditions and are already on their next shipment salt.

Voted on a bill for catch basins at Golden Park they are part of the drainage systems crossing Maple Street at Golden Park DPW will be doing the project saving the Borough approximately \$60,000 before the paving takes place on Maple St. Also taking care of the drainage issue on the North side of Golden Park.

Marc was contacted by Marshall Pierce of Covington Twp. They will be paving Union Mill Road which Moscow Borough shared approximately 300 feet of that road down to Church Street past the NP Library property. Talking to GPI and will be doing the project with scratch coat and overlay of the 300 feet.

Zoning and Code Enforcement

Zoning and Code Enforcement monthly report for January 2026 was submitted for review. Also, Harmony Woods "very early preliminary plans" are available upon request for review if anyone is interested in comments or input. It was noted that a formal submission for Harmony Woods has not yet been submitted.

Marc Gaughan also stated that at the planning commission meeting that Perih Group is also interested in resident input. Joseph and Judy Castrogiovanni have already suggested that walking trails around that area to possibly be included in the project.

Police Report

Police Report submitted for January 2026. There was a total of 116 911- calls and 113 cleared calls for the month, also several events and training.

Assisted NP Cultural Society with Russian Christmas event.

New Business:

Art Pencek stated that he attended the North Pocono Trojans Varsity Football Team Dinner on Sunday February 1, 2026, in recognition of their 2025 Championship Season. A thank you card was given to Art for the Moscow Borough for kindness and support of the football team this past season.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Amy Carlson