



Moscow Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026

Moscow Borough Municipal Building
123 Van Brunt Street
Moscow, PA 18444
570-842-1699

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

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Call Meeting to Order

Art Pencek, Council President called the August 3, 2026, regular meeting to order at 7:00PM

Pledge Of Allegiance: Art Pencek, Council President

Roll Call:

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

Also, present were Amy Carlson (Business Manager) Bruce Zero (Solicitor), Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief), Colin Young (Fire Chief, Moscow Volunteer Fire & Hose Co) George Parker (Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer) Borough residents: Mia Rava, Richard Rava & Brandi Rava, Rocco Rava, Richard Rava & Tina Rava, Joseph & Susan Bartoletti, Mark Paradise.

Oath of Office

Mayor Rosemarie Warner administered the oath of office to the newest junior council member Mia Rava who was appointed for the term of August 2026 through June 2028.

Approval of Minutes

The monthly council meeting was held on July 6, 2026. Minutes were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Joseph Castrogiovanni to accept council meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Nichole Musewicz. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Resident Mark Paradise was in attendance inquiring about the road conditions on Parkview Road and what is the long-term plan to repair. Also, streetlight repair work on Parkview Road (end of his driveway) and the concerns of it not being completed and other concerns to ensure the safety and proper restoration of the property that JMF has dug up and left a mess. Mark stated that JMF Underground has not been back in a week. He also believes the Borough owns these light poles. Art Pencek commented that they're aware of the condition of Parkview Road and it will be included in the 2027 Budget as part of road repairs plan and it will be the next road to be paved. As far as the streetlights he will consult with DPW Director, Mark Mecca to get updated information as to who is responsible or contact information for JFM.

Email 07/15/26 from Mateus DeFaria regarding interest in strip of land owned by the Moscow Borough in the vicinity of 147 Van Brunt Street. Art Pencek asked if any council members were opposed to selling it as long as there is no reason why it cannot be sold. Bruce Zero, solicitor, will check into it for council and have an answer. This has been tabled and under consideration until council hears back from Bruce Zero.

Moscow Volunteer Fire And Hose Company

Fire Chief Colin Young Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Co. gave the report for month of July 2026. There was a total of 109 calls, 99 EMS calls and 10 fire calls. Total year to date 647.

The Moscow Fire & Hose Company siren fell silent due to mechanical failure & the historic rooftop siren has remained dormant since 2008. The siren sounded for the first time in nearly 18 years, signaling the start of the Moscow Street Fair Parade. Colin thanked everyone who helped make this restoration possible.

Moscow Street Fair was a success along with YETI cooler raffle.

Business Office

On July 21, 2026, the borough received a deposit to the general fund in the amount of \$62,000.00 for LSA Grant -Moscow Borough Police Vehicle Purchase. 2026 Ford Interceptor will be paid in full with grant money after council AP approval at tonight's meeting. Vehicle was fully insured as of 7/9/2026.

A motion was made by Nichole Musewicz Resolution 320-2026 for application of 2027 Recreational Upgrade Project. Brooks Hanna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Preparation of beginning phases of 2027 Budget.

Treasurer's Report

Joseph Castrogiovanni made a motion to accept the transfer report. Motion was seconded by Brooks Hanna. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The treasurer's report was submitted and reported for the month of July 2026. Dennis Cawley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as reported and to pay the bills as presented. Earnest Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Real Estate Tax Collector's Report

Real Estate Tax Collector report was submitted for the month of July 2026 for informational purposes and review.

Financial Report

Joseph Castrogiovanni, Financial Chair stated that pre-budget preparations will be starting next month for 2027 budget. He would also like to have submissions done before the October meeting so that final adjustments can be made for preliminary budget at the November meeting. Anyone that wants to add or anything special is needed please let us know. (Healthcare insurance and assessment figures are not available until late October/early November, thus last year's figures can be used as a base)

Streets / Planning Commission

Planning Commission held regular scheduled meeting Monday July 27, 2026, in which consultant Hailstone Economic made a presentation for review of the Regional Draft Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Rosemarie Warner recapped topics of possibilities that were discussed at that meeting as zoning being the main topic of discussion. Nichole Musewicz also attended the meeting also recapped as to what are people asking for in our zoning.

Council Of Governments

Brooks Hanna (COG Moscow Borough representative) and Art Pencek attended meeting that was held on Wednesday July 15, 2026. Discussions included, EMS Regionalization Plan, electronics recycling event, financial audits, NP Planning Association consultant performance.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, George Parker

Zoning and Code Enforcement monthly report for July 2026 was submitted for review.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

George Parker, PE reported that Kenneth & Cynthia Brown, 403 Blueberry Place, Special Exception /Variance Application will be forwarded to them for completion & submission.

Police Department

Police Report submitted for July 2026. There was a total of 129 911- calls and 126 cleared calls for the month of May 2026, also several events and training.

radKIDS Safety Camp was held July 20-July 24 at the Borough Building, 9AM-10:30AM & noon -1:30PM

Annual National Night Out will take place Tuesday August 4, 2026, at the Borough Building 6PM-9PM. Last year Moscow Borough placed first in the under 5,000 population categories.

Thanked Senator Brown, received grant for multi jurisdiction for NP Police Chief's association which includes Covington Township, Moscow Borough, Roaring Brook Township, Jefferson Township and Lehigh Township each receiving \$20,000.00 of grant funds.

Mayors Report

Mayor Rosemarie Warner secured the date for annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event for Thursday December 3, 2026, at 6PM.

Moscow Sewer Authority

Some work was done by the manholes at the railroad tracks that is currently being cleaned up.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Bruce Zero announced the law firm of Powell, Zero & Mundy has moved to inside the Connell Building complex at 125 North Washington Avenue, Suite 220 , Scranton, PA in addition he invited anyone to come and visit the new office location.

Recycling

Earnest Church met with Cody Merridik of Mammoth recycling from Berwick PA regarding e-recycling. He will have formal proposal for for discussion at next council meeting.

Old Business

Joseph Castrogiovanni asked if there was any update on previous resident complaints regarding Paul Burns / RLE. Art Pencek addressed and stated that Mr. Gentile will be looking to reorganize address the early morning noise issue.Mr Gentile and the neighbors have come to an agreement.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Amy Carlson