Moscow Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 2, 2026

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

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

Mayor Rosemarie Warner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Arthur Pencek – Council President

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Arthur Pencek – Council President

3. **ROLL CALL:** Borough Council/Mayor/Junior Council

Arthur Pencek	Earnest Church	Mayor Rosemarie Warner
Edward Gaughan	Brooks Hanna	
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Nichole Musewicz	Alia Rava (Junior Council)
Dennis Cawley		Mia Rava (Junior Council)

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**:
   A. Approval of October 5, 2026 monthly council meeting minutes & October 19, 2026 Borough Council Work Session Minutes (copy)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS REQUESTS**

6. **MOSCOW VOLUNTEER FIRE AND HOSE COMPANY: Fire Chief Colin Young**
   A. Moscow Volunteer Fire and Hose Co. Report for month of October 2026

7. **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**
   A. Holiday Gift Cards will be purchased from local business for employees. This was approved in the 2026 Budget line item 400.100 for this expense. Gift Cards total of $490.00 to be distributed to employees with paystub on Friday December 20, 2026.
   B. PSAB Senate Bill 1150 for informational purposes (copy)

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Deposit Detail and General Journal Reports available upon request)
   A. Treasurers Report October 2026
      1. Transfer Report (copy)
      2. Bank Balances (copy)
      3. Accounts Payables for the month (copy)
      4. October 2026 P & L Report (copy)
   B. On October 9, 2026 Albert Mackarey from the Department of the Auditor General , Bureau of Municipal Pension & Liquor Control Audits was on site for the annual audit s for both the Moscow Borough Police & Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. There were no findings or observations in both audits. (Full report can be obtained at the business office upon request)

10. **REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR:**
   A. Real Estate Tax Collector Report October 2026 (copy to be provided)

11. **FINANCIAL REPORT : Joseph Castrogiovanni, Finance Chair**

    A. Wells Fargo CD in the amount of $48,000.00 wa cashed in on 10/23/2026. This paid the Moscow Borough Union Mill Road Project portion which was $42,161.50. The remaining CD balance of $5,838.00 will remain in the general fund. (copy)

12. **STREETS / PLANNING COMMISSION**

13. **ZONING OFFICER AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** George Parker, PE

    A. Monthly Report October 2026 (copy)

15. **PARKS AND RECREATION / SHADE TREE COMMISSION, Nichole Musewicz, Chair**

16. **POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ivy Brenzel**

    A. Monthly Report October 2026 (copy to be provided)
    B. Resignation Letter from Part-Time Officer, James Anglin (copy)

17. **MAYORS REPORT**

    A. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Thursday December 3, 2026

18. **JUNIOR COUNCIL: Alia Rava & Mia Rava**

19. **MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Dennis Cawley, Chair**

20. **MOSCOW SEWER AUTHORITY**:

21. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**: **Attorney Bruce S. Zero**

    A. Update on setting up potential meeting for Borough Council regarding Verrastro Proposed Donation of Land Adjacent to Golden Park.

22. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Edward Gaughan, Chair**

23. **RECYCLING: Earnest Church, Chairperson**

    A. The 2027 Recycling Schedule was mailed out with the Moscow Borough 2026 fall/ winter newsletter

24. **OLD BUSINESS:**

    A. Update on Mateus DeFaria regarding interest in strip of land owned by the Moscow Borough in the vicinity of 147 Van Brunt Street.

25. **NEW BUSINESS:**

26. **BUSINESS OFFICE: Amy Carlson, Business Manager**

    A. **First Reading** of proposed 2027 Budget **(copy provided)**

    B. Non-Certified Tax Assessment Values for proposed 2027 Budget (copy)

    C. **First Reading** of Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance # 279-2026

    Note: (Based on non-certified assessment used for 2026 preliminary budget) ***Lackawanna County Certified Assessments are scheduled for 11/15/26. Certified Assessments will be provided at the December 2, 2026 Council Meeting

27. **ADJOURNMENT**