Moscow Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday October 5, 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

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Call Meeting to Order

Art Pencek, Council President called the October 5, 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)	Present		
Joseph Castrogiovanni	Present		
Dennis Cawley	Present	Alia Rava (Junior Council)	Present
Earnest Church	Present	Mia Rava (Junior Council)	Present
Brooks Hanna	Present		
Nichole Musewicz	Present		

Also, present were Atty. Bruce S. Zero, (Solicitor) Amy Carlson (Business Manager), Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief), George Parker (Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer) Paul & Lorna Maurer, Adle Mederrick, Theressa Mederrick, Mary Jo Burch, Bernard Skala, Stephanie Reese, Josh & Laura Corgatelli, Gordon Podhyski, Brian Nagy, Helane Saylock, Bob Kelinowsky? (can't read handwritten last name on sign in sheet) Bill Lance, Mary Lance. Paul Murphy, Gene Hart, Donna Tanfield, Elizabeth Murray (Moscow Borough Residents)

Approval of Minutes

The monthly council meeting was held on October 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 Brooks Hanna. The motion carried unanimously

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

Paul and Lorna Maurer, property owners at residential dwelling located at 205 Academy St. were in attendance for a follow up from an onsite review of conditions in basement of dwelling. Borough Council President, Art Pencek offered to see if George Parker, Mocow Borough Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer could suggest any additional options that the property owners could pursue. George had determined that it was not the responsibility of the Moscow Borough. George stated a zoning permit needed to be filled out by the property owners if they plan to direct stormwater toward the roadway. He also stated that if they were to contact a consultant/ civil engineer , he would meet with them to discuss the issue that is occurring on the property.

Bernie Scalla of 111 Gardner Street addressed Borough Council in reference to the deplorable conditions of the roads on Beech Street and Gardner Street. Art Pencek, President of Moscow Borough Council said that this was the first he was hearing about this and would have it looked into. Also, he told him due to lack of funds the Moscow Borough is looking at a long-range plan with the Moscow Borough DPW Department and Moscow Borough engineer, Greenman-Pedersen to repave roads within the Borough through grants and/or tax increases.

Gordon Podheiski, 212 Gardner Street addressed Borough Council in reference to the deteriorating conditions of the roads on Beech and Gardner Streets and also the stormwater that needs to be addressed first before paving. Art Pencek replied with the same information that he had given the previous resident Also, he told him due to lack of funds the Moscow Borough is looking at a long-range plan with the Moscow Borough DPW Department and Moscow Borough engineer, Greenman-Pedersen to repave roads within the Borough through grants and/or tax increases. Also, the drain is sunk in on corner of Church St. and Gardner Street. (across from the NP School tennis courts). Art told Gordon that DPW Director will look into this.

Brian Nagy , 210 Gardner Street addressed Borough Council in reference to the road conditions with water running down and when the snow plows in the winter plow the road asphalt/gravel ends up and is pushed back into property owners yard. Art Pencek stated he would take this up with the DPW Department to see if it can be repaired.

Stephanie Reese 100 Gardner Street , inquired if we are looking into grants. Rosemarie Warner & Joseph Castrogiovanni stated that Louis LaFratte, P.E. & Amy Carlson, Business Manager are constantly working together looking into and applying for any grant opportunities.

Theressa Mederrick 202 Gardner Street (directly in front of Beech Street) in attendance addressed Borough Council in reference to the end of her driveway that she and her husband personally hired someone to fix and then the DPW Department came and just dumped pavement on top and left it there. Water and debris constantly flowing into her driveway. Art Pencek replied that he would discuss it with DPW Director.

Moscow Volunteer Fire And Hose Company

Fire Chief Colin Young was not in attendance to release the report for the month of September 2026.

General Correspondence

A thank you letter from the NP Public Library for the 2026 donation made by the Moscow Borough.

Letter from the North Pocono Community Senior Center requesting to consider financial support in 2027. Joseph Castrogiovanni stated that after preliminary budget is complete he will review and advise Borough Council if there is any funding remaining to give any financial support.

Business Office

2027 preliminary budget will be presented at the next borough council meeting, November 2, 2026. Anyone submitting any specific revenues or expenses must have them to Amy Carlson, Business Manager no later than Thursday October 15, 2026.

Treasurer’s Report

Nichole Musewicz made a motion to accept the transfer report. Motion was seconded by Ed Gaughan. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The treasurer’s report was submitted and reported for the month of September 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 was submitted for the month of September 2026 for informational purposes and review.

Financial Report- Joseph Castrogiovanni – Chair

Preparation of Preliminary Budget - We are still waiting on larger expenses and Annual Tax Assessment from Lackawanna County.

Certificate of Deposits maturing 10/23/26 for $48,000.00 and the remainder of the CD’s with maturity dates of 2026. Joseph advised council members that rollovers should be carried out due to the fact interest rates should be increasing in the next few months. He directed Treasurer, Elizabeth Murray closer to maturity dates to contact him with rates to determine which financial institution to invest with.

Streets / Planning Commission - Art Pencek

Request to apply for 2026 LSA Statewide Grant for the sole purpose of Moscow Borough Street Paving. This was agreed upon by council to apply.

Request for approval of Resolution 324- 2026 Moscow Borough Street Paving as council approved applying for the LSA Statewide Grant. After discussion the request was tabled until the next meeting due to the fact that the streets planned for repairs may change. Dennis Cawley recommended that the borough contact Robert J. Bochicchio, P.E., DBIA of Greenman-Pedersen Inc. for review of the areas of Gardner Street and Beech Street. Due to the fact that property owners from those areas that attended the meeting earlier have raised concerns of the condition of those roads. Art Pencek stated he would contact Robert J. Bochicchio to discuss and gather information to bring to Borough Council.

Art Pencek stated that the Orchard Street Bridge needs to be replaced at the approximate cost of 2.5 million dollars.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer, George Parker, PE

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

Property owner at 800 Clover Lane (Batzel) filed a complaint with the borough of trash on the property located at 406 Marion Street (Schmidt). George stated that he drove past 800 Clover Lane a few weeks ago and it appeared the debris that was at the property of 406 Marion Street was there several months ago has been removed. George looked through the trees from 800 Clover Lave garage doors but did not specifically see the items shown in the most recent photos submitted. George did see some partial rolls of silver wire fabric near the beginning of the 800 Clover Lane driveway. George notified Ms. Batzel at 800 Clover Lane of his findings, but she stated as of 10/02/26 the garbage was still there. George will arrange to meet onsite and will contact her next week to arrange a day and time to meet.

Art Pencek, President Moscow Borough Council, had a question on the zoning report referring to 260903 outdoor signs for school district properties and dealing with non-permitted advertisement sign placed on a property along N Main St. George responded that this was a real estate sign placed on property then removed but then another smaller sign was replaced and needed to be removed as well.

Zoning Hearing Board:

George Parker, PE reported on progress of Kenneth & Cynthia Brown, 403 Blueberry Place**.** A new Zoning Application is needed to be completed by Cynthia Brown, 403 Blueberry Place, to replace the one George Parker had to deny prior to her getting approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. Submitted Findings of Fact from the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Joseph McDonald were mailed out to all participants from the hearing that took place on August 26, 2026. There was a set of plans the builder dropped off. George has to call him to request that he also sent them to him via email for him to forward to the UCC Inspector for review.

Parks & Recreation – Nichole Musewicz , Chair

Nothing to report for the month of September 2026

Police Department – Ivy Brenzel, Chief

Police Report submitted for September 2026. There was a total of 104 911- calls and102 cleared calls for the month of September 2026, also several events and training.

Part Time Officer James Anglin's MPOACT expired. James was verbally contacted by Chief Ivy Brenzel via telephone in which she stated he said he was not going to renew MPOACT and would be resigning from the Moscow Police Department as a Part Time Officer. Chief Brenzel stated that she has tried to contact him multiple times via phone/email for a written confirmation with no response . Moscow Borough Solicitor Bruce Zero and Mayor Rose Warner advised the chief to keep pursuing until the Moscow Borough gets something in writing to accept the resignation.

Mayors Report

Mayor Rosemarie Warner announced dee[est condolences to the Kanavy family of the loss of James Kanavy. Jim was a pillar of the community of Moscow and also served as President of the Moscow Sewer Authority.

Alia & Mia Rava Moscow Borough Junior Councilmembers were not able to be in attendance for the council meeting but the mayor added that they worked diligently to submit a scarecrow on behalf of the The North Pocono Library and the North Pocono Food Pantry first ever Scarecrow Showdown. The competition is with other local municipalities in which is calculated by votes accumulated. Ticket to vote are purchased by dontating a food itemn which will benefit the NP Food Pantry.

Municipal Building – Dennis Cawley

Thanked Louis LaFratte, P.E. & Amy Carlson, Business Manager for thier work in applying for and receiving confirmation that the borough was approved for 2026 LSA Statewide Grant in the amount of $57,054.00 for improvements to the Moscow Borough Municipal Building. The next steps are to wait for the contract from the state to be signed before moving forward with process which will include a list of the use of the funds for Borough Council to review.

Old Business

Letter dated September 4, 2026 from Raymond C. Rinaldi, II, Esquire of Rinaldi & Poveromo regarding Verrastro Proposed Donation of Land Adjacent to Golden Park. Art Pencek asked & council agreed to have Solicitor Bruce Zero to contact Rinaldi & Poveromo to schedule a presentation to Moscow Borough Council.

Sandra Opshinsky Hailstone, Grants Manager Lackawanna County and Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development requested a letter of support from the Moscow Borough. Sandra was in the process of writing and submitting an LSA *Monroe Co*. Grant application on behalf of the residents of Scanlon Lane, Moscow, PA. That deadline was September 30, 2026. Sandra had visited Scanlon Lane , Moscow PA after hearing from several of the neighbors living on the road and the issues that they're having with flooding. Sandra and the Conservation District met with a contractor on site and received an estimate of the costs of opening up the inlet and replacing it along with the necessary piping. Art Pencek directed Amy Carlson, Moscow Borough Business Manager to contact Sandra and see if her intent is to now write and apply for the LSA *Statewide* Grant with a deadline of November 30, 2026. A motion was made by Nichole Musewicz to grant a letter of support should they apply for the LSA *Statewide* Grant on behalf of the residents of Scanlon Lane, Moscow PA. Brooks Hanna seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on Mateus DeFaria regarding his interest in strip of land owned by the Moscow Borough at 147 Van Brunt Street. Borough Council agreed to sell the land. Solicitor Bruce Zero gave borough council advice and insight that council may suggest for him to get a real estate appraisal for the value of the land. Once the appraisal is submitted Borough Council can then determine if and how to proceed going forward and if it is over / under the threshold of $6,000.00.

New Business

Councilmember Nichole Musewicz stated that she had an inquiry from a resident regarding the signage that is posted on McAndrew Road. The sign reads "*McAndrews*" and it is actually "*McAndrew*". Art Pencek will discuss with DPW Director Mark Mecca.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Amy Carlson