Moscow Borough Council Work
Session Meeting Minutes
Monday October 19, 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

****This meeting was recorded and is transcribed for more accurate meeting minutes*

Call Meeting to Order

Art Pencek, Council President called the October 19, 2026, work session meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Attendees at the meeting were as follows: Borough Councilmembers, Arthur Pencek (President) Edward Gaughan (Vice-President), Joseph Castrogiovanni (Finance Chairman), Dennis Cawley, Nichole Musewicz, Mayor Rosemarie Warner, Amy Carlson (Business Manager), Mark Mecca (DPW Director) Ivy Brenzel (Police Chief) & Robert J. Bochicchio, P.E., DBIA, (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.)

Budget Comments

Joe Castrogiovanni, Finance Chairman began the meeting stating that the projected assessment for 2027 vs the assessment for 2026 was down approximately $2,500.00 in potential revenue. The total millage of 2.015 gets the borough a little over $500,000.00 in revenue. Amy Carlson, Business Manager, stated that the revenue and expenses presented are what preliminary budget will be using except for the medical benefits & general insurance as to which she does not have until the beginning of November. She did add on 25.7% expense to medical benefits as the pattern of that percentage was consistent over the past two years. Next year's plans are to look at other avenues to condense costs of those medical benefits.

Streets & Roads

Joe Castrogiovanni mentioned the expenses for roads as to what we can do to tackle the issues of funding. Suggestion to continue to apply for as many grants as possible to continue to avoid any tax increase to the borough residents.

Robert J. Bochicchio, P.E., DBIA, (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.) presented a very lengthy informative and detailed Moscow Borough Pavement Program. The program was prepared based on data such as road conditions, traffic flow, and costs. The reporting is designed to scale down and rank to determine which roads are projected to be addressed and repaired (overlayed/curbing/ in a numerical order. (Report can be requested by any borough resident to view)

Part Time Police

Joe Castrogiovanni stated next topic would be the subject discussed at last council meeting for proposed part-time police officer hourly rate. Mayor Rosemarie Warner said that Chief Ivy Brenzel submitted a proposal to be considered. Joe Castrogiovanni stated the existing budget has an increase of 3% to the rate which does not get the borough part-time within the average rate in the area. The question would be what the rate needs to be to attract potential part-time officers. Mayor Warner and the council members present agreed the proposal set forward cannot be considered as we cannot match the higher rates. Both Mayor and Joe asked what the ideal coverage projection would be to cover other than 24-hour coverage. After discussion Joe figured out the approximate total hours would be on average for part-time coverage is 1,750 hours. Again, Art Pencek & Mayor Warner asked Chief Brenzel what a reasonable solution would be to be a more functional police department going forward. Nichole Musewicz suggested a part-time officer from 6am to noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the scheduled full-time officer arrives for shift from noon to midnight. Mayor Warner asked again what you see that would help the department best. Joe stated that he would calculate based on the projected preliminary budget to see what could be offered for a part-time officer starting rate.

LSA Statewide Grant Resolution
A motion was made by Joe Castrogiovanni to pass Resolution 324-2026 LSA Statewide Local Share Grant for the 2027 Paving Project. Motion was seconded by Dennis Cawley. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments
Amy Carlson states that everything will remain the same as what is currently on the budget that was distributed to council for the work session this evening. Any changes will be made in the next two weeks under the direction of Joe Castrogiovanni or if additional confirmed expense information is received before the first preliminary budget reading on November 2, 2026, at the regular council meeting.

Adjournment

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

Minutes submitted by Amy Carlson