

**Borough of Modena**  
**Monthly Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 2019**

**1. Call to order**

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the monthly meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7pm on Monday August 5, 2019 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave., Modena, Pa

**2. Salute to the flag**

**3. Roll Call**

Victoria Cloud, Secretary, conducted roll call. The following were present:

President Jennifer Daywalt, VP Beau Tilghman, Council Members Liz Sinton and Mayor Johnson. Clayton Ayers, Blaise Frost, Paul Wilkinson and Chris Corle were absent.

- Dated June 17<sup>th</sup>, Paul Wilkinson gave council his letter of resignation at July 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. Now that 45 days have passed, council has accepted his resignation. Miss Nicole Ewing, President Daywalt daughter, would like to be on council. Borough Solicitor Hud Voltz, who was present at this meeting, permitted that family members can be on council. Miss Ewing was asked some questions from council members, answered them confidently and appropriately. President Daywalt requested council to nominate Miss Ewing, VP Tilghman made a motion; 3 council members were in favor, 1 opposed.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- Liz made a motion to accept the July minutes. Beau 2nd, all in favor.

**5. Public Comment**

- Mary Anne Bilinski was sent a Blight letter to register her property at 3 Woodland. She would like to dispute it. Dispute application will be given to Mary Ann from secretary; once completed Mary Ann will bring it to next council meeting.
- Ronald Mc Corkle spoke regarding the property on Hall Hill Rd which has a retaining wall not allowing proper rain water flow, flooding out the street. Ronald was advised that the Codes inspector is working on this issue. He also stated that the lines painted by PECO on Union, No. Brandywine and Hephzibah Hill Rd. intersection are incorrect.
- John Milligan spoke his concerns on the condition of Baker Street. Advised once Borough hires a new PW employee that will be the first priority to work on.

**6. Written Reports**

**6.1 Treasurer's Report**

- Report submitted. No comments.

## **6.2 Payment of Bills**

- Beau made a motion to have bills paid, Liz 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

## **6.3 Police and Fire Departments**

- Council reviewed report. Chief was present so the Mayor asked about dog laws and/or violations to be filed against a dog owner when a bad situation happens. Mayor reached out to the SPCA, since Borough as no contract with SPCA nothing can be done to the dog owner.
- Speed control report will be given to council from Chief in a few weeks.
- Chief reported that the lines which were hand painted by the owner of 24A No. Brandywine does not affect the 'right of way'. The property does extend within the painted lines. To let all know, this was not a Borough approved of painting lines.
- South Brandywine and Meredith Court is where kids are playing in the street and have no respect to oncoming cars; they don't move out of the way. Just be on the lookout.

## **6.4 Sewer Flow report**

- Council reviewed report, numbers are much better.

## **6.5 Code Enforcement Report**

- Report submitted. No comments.

## **7. Council and Committee Reports**

### **7.1 President Report**

- Nothing to report.

### **7.2 Secretary Report**

- Nothing to report.

### **7.3 Mayor Report**

- Michael Little from Chester County GIS met with the Mayor to help her with the MS4 14 page report which is due September 2019. She will also consult with LTL and Louise Berger Engineers on this report.

### **7.4 CRP Grant Report**

- South Brandywine Bridge Rehabilitation Grant was approved for an additional \$248,000.00. Louis Berger is making all arrangements with Veterans Construction. A pre-construction meeting needs to be scheduled with Veterans, Modena and the DCD in West Chester. Another meeting to be with Veterans, Modena EMS/Fire Department and South Coatesville Police Department. Lastly after all those meetings, there will be a town hall meeting for residents to attend so they exactly know what will be going on.

## **7.5**

### **7.6 Streets Committee Report**

- Recycle truck needs inspection and 4 new tires
- Once a PW employee is hired he will organized the garage, have maintenance on the all the trucks, prep winter equipment and present monthly reports to council at meetings. Then start on improving streets and recycling thru the borough.

### **7.7 Health and Housing**

No report.

### **7.8 Parks & Recreation**

- 8/17: Movie night.
- 9/28: Community day will be held at 3 Union St. @ 1-5 pm. Vendors, sponsors, donations needed. That evening at dusk, the last summer movie will be held at the park. Pop corn, candy, water and chips will be available. The Mayor has spoken to the Weavers, to pick up hay bales to be used that evening.

### **7.9 Sewer Committee Report**

- Report submitted. No comments.

### **7.10 Historical Committee**

- John Graves spoke stating that there are many FB likes for 'Friends of the Mode House'.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Moose will be the Beef & Beer fundraiser for the Mode House.
- Sandy Frost will be making t-shirts with a design of the "improved version of the Mode House" along with a design of the steel mill.
- Ms. Cynthia Martin is interested in joining the Historical Committee. John will bring her up to speed on what is going on with this project.
- DCS Grant group will hold a meeting with Shelia, Drew and Jen. It's suggested to request a grant for all the land all around the Mode House as an 'open space'. Grant chances are better when a lot of open land is saved around a historical site. Arcelor Mittal owns the land; they will have to participate in these talks.

### **7.11 Planning/Zoning Committee**

- Nothing to report.

### **7.12 Civil Service Committee**

- Council President, Mayor, Beau, Clayton, Chief of Police and Manager of South Coatesville still need to meet to discuss the Police contract which expires December 2019.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

- New copier needed; still discussing on whose quote to accept.
- LTL contract due – tabled until end of the year.
- South Brandywine Bridge contract discussion.

## **9. New Business**

- Council signed contract with the county to recycle with total recycling in Birdsboro. Treasurer thought it would be a good idea also, per her comments on her report. Beau made a motion to accept this contract, Liz 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

## **Meeting Adjourned**

- Beau made a motion to end monthly council meeting at 8:45pm, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.
- Executive Session started at 8:50 pm, adjourned at 9:15 pm.

## **Next Council Meeting**

- Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00pm, due to Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> is a national holiday.

**President:**

**Secretary:**

**Date:**