

**Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020**

1. Call to order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the monthly regular Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

2. Salute to the flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. Via Zoom, Council President Jennifer Daywalt , Vice President Beau Tilghman, Council Members Nicole Ewing, Elizabeth Sinton, Blaise Frost , Mayor Antoinette Johnson and Secretary Victoria Cloud. Absent was Clayton Ayers.

Scheduled Speakers

- None

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1** There were no corrections to be made to the November 16, 2020 minutes. VP Tilghman motion to accept the minutes, Council member Frost second, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Public Comment on Agenda items

- None

6. Written Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report

- Report and notations were reviewed by Council. Council member Ewing made motion to accept report, Council member Frost second, all in favor, motion passed.

6.2 Payment of Bills

- Council member Ewing motioned to accept payment of the bills, Council member Frost second, all in favor, motion passed.

6.5 Code Enforcement Report

- One correction to be made. Woodland Ave. properties should be number 10 & 12.

7. Council and Committee Reports

7.1 Council President Report

- President Daywalt stated that all should be abiding by the CDC guidelines for COVID19.
- Council member Josh Mellinger of Parkesburg Borough knows the new owner of Arcelor Mittal. He will give Mayor Johnson their name so she can compose a letter asking them to 'donate' their half of the Mode house to the Borough.

7.3 Mayor Report

- Mayor Johnson reported that the Mini grant was approved for \$9,988.00. She and Meredith are finishing some details.
- Mayor had a conversation with the Executrix of 10 & 12 Woodland Ave. Executrix is requesting that the Borough not enforce Blight on these two homes. Borough solicitor Hud Voltz and Executrix lawyer are discussing time lines on when these properties will be up for sale in order to consider waving fees.
- The Mayor is having another meeting with Rob Daniels to discuss when their Grant funds will be arriving for the Mode House. Suspected in January 2021.

7.4 Park & Recreation

- 3rd annual Festival of Lights has been cancelled due to rise in COVID numbers. Council members will light the tree and Menorah on a scheduled evening. Volunteers needed to help with the decorations.
- President confirmed the polar bear plunge would be here in the Brandywine. People would pledge a donation to enter into the water. Commissioner Josh Maxwell and support of others said that they would do the plunge, along with Borough President Daywalt and Council. President has water safety/fire department personnel to be on hand that day. Event will be in February or March of 2021.

7.7 Streets Report

- VP Tilghman attending the CCCRA meeting where it was discussed to possibly shut down the compost site due to the high insurance costs. There is equipment there that are currently not being used, considering selling them. Second option is to keep site open yet charge fees to those who arrive. More discussion to follow at the January 2021 meeting.
- VP spoke to PW employee Greg. Greg said the white truck is up and running with the plow and salt spreader attached.

7.8 Health & Housing

- President would like to get a list of resources put together to help residents along with educating that dialing 211 is a free service to call for many needs that one may have.
- Council member Ewing will now head this committee. She will have a meeting with Council member Sinton to discuss resources.

7.9 Planning & Zoning

- Council member Sinton spoke about a businessman who would like to rent property in the Mogreena area to build a 100-seat restaurant & brewery. His name is Matt Kruger, former joint owner of Victory brewery. Mr. Kruger would like to meet with Council and the codes inspector to show his engineering plans and to have the feeling of being welcome into the Borough. Committee and codes will reach out to set up a date and time to meet.

8. Unfinished Business

- Waiting on Treasurer for comparative auditor rates.
- Waiting on South Coatesville Council to approve.

VPP Grant

- The next round of VPP funding is anticipated to open in early January 2021, with a mid/late February deadline. Borough will apply for their Comprehensive Plan.

Mode House

- President questioned the time line on when funds would be available. Mayor said possibly next year, first quarter.

Centennial Celebration June 21, 2021

- Vendor fees will be \$40.00 each and food trucks \$75.00 each. President would like 30 vendors and 3-4 food vendors. Applications will be on the Borough's website soon. Jeff Morrison approved use of his lot, which is there on Union St. Car show will be in that area. Next meeting December 10 @ 6 pm.

9. New Business

- Modena's application for the 902 Recycling Grant was approved for \$113,848.00. These are 'out of pocket' funds first, and then full reimbursement. President stated that the refuse funds would be used, no loan needed. The borough has one year to act on the acceptance of funds. Must accept all items that were applied for or this would disqualify the Grant. VP Tilghman will follow up on all the 2020 quotes of items, to see if they will be honored in 2021.

* With the resignation of Council member Stephen Juhas, two residents sent in their letter of intent and resume for the open position. Council reviewed and spoke to one resident via on-line zoom. The second resident was not available to speak. This is a 1-year open seat; would have to rerun in 2021. President Daywalt tabled this until December 17th meeting, Council was in favor.

10. General Public Comments – limit of 3 minutes per person

- None.

Meeting Adjourned

President Daywalt requested a motion to end the meeting at 8:31 pm. VP Tilghman made motion, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Monday December 21, 2020 @ 7 pm.

President:

Secretary:

Date: