

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020

1. Call to order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the monthly meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7pm on Monday January 6, 2020 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, Nicole Ewing, Clayton Ayers, Blaise Frost who arrived at 7:40pm, Stephen Juhas and Mayor Johnson.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Council member Nicole Ewing motion to accept the corrections on January 6, 2020 minutes, VP Tilghman second, all agree, motion carried.
- VP Tilghman motion is accept the January 21, 202 minutes, council member Clayton Ayers second, all agree, motion carried.

5. Public Comment

- None

6. Written Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report

- Council reviewed report.
- Deb held back checks until additional funding is received in General Account. She will advise Secretary Cloud when to mail them.

6.2 Payment of Bills

- Council member Clayton Ayers motion to have all necessary bills paid, motion was second by council member Stephen Juhas, all agree, motion carried.

6.3 Police and Fire Departments

- Council reviewed report. South Coatesville OIC was present to answer questions. Issues addressed were speeding on North Brandywine Ave, suspicious activity at 6 Woodland Ave, 25 N Brandywine Ave van parked w/o tags, broken down and

obstructing the road for oncoming traffic. Mayor and President complimented for a job well done on the many issues recently happening on S Brandywine Ave.

6.4 Sewer Flow report

- Council reviewed report. Butch requested on his report for council to approve Pipe Data to come into the Union St. pump station to clean it up before any issues occur. Council member Clayton Ayers made a motion to accept this request, VP Tilghman second, all agree, motion carried.
- Butch would also like to get a service quote from Premium Power Services for annual maintenance on the back up Gen-Set at the pump station. Council member Clayton Ayers made a motion to accept this request, council member Stephen Juhas second, all agree, motion carried.

6.5 Code Enforcement Report

- Council reviewed LTL's January report. No comments.
- Hud will speak with Dave on the criminal charges that will be filed against 4 Hall Hill Rd/Christian McMichael regarding the animals on the property. Christian McMichael did retract his Notice of Appeal to the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records where he filed a complaint on January 17, 2020. Christian filed his complaint too early; the Borough was in compliance with the procedures of the RTK/OOR.

7. Council and Committee Reports

7.1 President Report

- President Daywalt reported that she is the President for the WCCCoG. The group will be addressing the need for an animal control ordinance for all municipalities to follow.
- SPCA mailed over a contract for the Borough to review; too expensive.
- President emphasized that committees need to have meetings regularly. Findings will be brought to monthly council meetings.
- 'This is your Borough; See something, say something'.

7.2 Secretary Report

- Secretary Cloud had nothing to report.

7.3 Mayor Report

- Mayor met with the Finance committee, all were in agreement that LTL charges are 'out of control'. President Daywalt has been speaking with Ramsey Reiner, Manager of South Coatesville. Ramsey is looking into other Inspection Consulting firms.
- Brandywine Conservancy Land Grant for the Mode House along with the County and State Grants are due in early spring. 'Ghost' grants are being written up for review before submitting.

7.4 Parks & Recreation

- April 4th Mode House Property Clean Up Day. Only the grounds, not inside. President Daywalt has reached out to the Boy Scouts for help, also need council to volunteer.
- Egg Hunt event will be on April 5th.
- April 25th Community Day Clean Up. President will contact Giselle to make arrangements for the items needed along with advertising this event.
- June 20th there will be a cook out at Borough Hall Park in honor of Modena's 99th year birthday.

7.5 Historical Committee Report

- Mr. Graves said there will be a meeting on Wednesday February 5th @ 7:30pm. Chester County Preservation leadership Network will be having a luncheon the Saturday February 8th if you care to attend. Mr. Graves, Giselle and Shelia attended a historic tour of Chadds Ford Township. Very informative with a lot of history.

7.6 Police and Fire Community Relations Report

- There will be mandatory meeting of this committee on February 12 @ 6:30 that the Mayor will conduct.

8. Unfinished Business

- Sewer rate Ordinance will be revised by Treasure Gillenwater, who originally suggested the changes to council. Council member Blaise Frost motion to adopt this revised Ordinance, Council member Clayton Ayers second, all in favor, motion passed. Once revised, Treasure will give to Secretary so that it can be advertised in the papers.

Bridge Project Update

- Construction is moving right along. Projected finish date will be in mid February.
- Plantings will be done in the spring.

Mode House Update

- April 4th Mode House Property Clean Up Day. Only the grounds, not inside.

9. New Business

- Per Hud the current Large Animal Ordinance is too broad based for horses. He will make revisions for council to review.
- The Ordinance committee with Hud present needs to meet soon, not only for this Ordinance, but to review/change verbiage on the 'older' Ordinances that need to be current with the Borough's needs.
- A \$185.00 invoice was presented by President Daywalt for membership dues from the WCCCoFC. Council member Clayton Ayers motion to pay this, council member Nicole Ewing second, all agree, motion passed.
- Hud stated that a RTF Officer should be appointed every year. Council member Clayton Ayers motion that Secretary Cloud should be that appointee, council member Blaise Frost second, all agree, motion passed. Proper training will be supplied to train

Secretary Cloud. Hud suggested that every time a RTK is requested; ask for the 30 days extension. RTK Official and Council will work close together to honor the request so there are no issues.

- VP Beau Tilghman passed around a rough draft newsletter for council to review. This newsletter will be given to all residents of Modena via foot, posted in the Post Office, FB and the Borough's website. VP Tilghman is hoping to create a quarterly newsletter so any topics, suggestions, postings please contact him so he can add that info in the next letter.

Meeting Adjourned

- President Daywalt requested a motion to end the council meeting at 8:20 pm, Council member Clayton Ayers motion, council member Stephen Juhas second, all agree, motion carried.

President Daywalt motion that there will be an Executive meeting at 8:25pm.
Break for 5 minutes

Next Council Meeting:

Monday March 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

President:

Secretary:

Date: