

**Borough of Modena**  
**Monthly Council Meeting Minutes**  
March 4, 2019

**1. Call to order**

VP Jennifer Daywalt called to order a regular monthly meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7pm on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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: Beau Tilghman, Blaise Frost, Liz Sinton, Jennifer Daywalt, Paul Wilkinson and Chris Corle. Mayor Antoinette Johnson and President Clayton Ayers were absent.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Paul made a motion to accept the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes. Beau 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**5. Public Comment**

William Moyer of 3 Baker St. stated that he is out of the states from May to October yearly and would like his sewer and refuse bills to be prorated. VP Daywalt explained that the Borough does not have the capability to do that, then it would have to be done for others residents. Mr. Moyer is not happy, feels that this is unfair, but there is no option for the borough to give him. He also would like the speed limit sign that is on his property moved so he can see when backing out of his driveway. Chris said that Joe will have to do it.

Donnie Dodd's of 12 Mary, who plows the snow for the borough explained how the plow hit man cover covers over the last week, breaking the lights on the green plow truck. Pipe Data was in the borough February 15th and 25th inspecting the sewer lines for cracks/breaks. But no need to have Pipe Data pay for damages on the trucks because he knows the weather is the problem making the roads and covers rise and fall. There was a flat tire on the white truck, East Fallowfield PW Dept helped him plug the tire, there is old electrical problems on the white truck that need fixed. Joe will reach out to Ideal Hydraulics & McClure's Garage have both trucks fixed, and plows switched around. Invoice with PO's will be submitted.

Steve Juhas of 1 Union St. complimented the good work Donnie has done plowing the borough's roads. All present residents agreed.

**6. Written Reports**

**6.1 Treasurer's Report**

Council read the report and trusts Deb's recommendations. Liz made a motion to do as Deb says. Beau 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

## **6.2 Payment of Bills**

Jenn made a motion to pay the specific bills Deb stated. Beau 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

## **6.3 Police and Fire Departments**

Report read by council with no comments

## **6.4 Sewer Flow report**

Pipe Data's report shows a cracked pipe on Woodland, N. Brandywine and a few illegal sub pumps. Report shows major blockage in front of the Post office area from work done at 116 NB. Once report is viewed over with Butch, Dave and Clayton, fines will be sent to 116 NB.

## **6.5 Code Enforcement Report**

The report is in your packet. Dave spoke on these issues including all the vacant cars 'all over the borough'. More discussion to follow after Council speaks to Chief of Police.

18 Union will have to be given a citation regarding their trash. They have been given many opportunities to clean up and learn how to recycle and use the monthly bulk trash service, they are not in compliance. VP Daywalt will also reach out to them to see if they need any 'services' from the county to help them.

Mr. Jeff Morrison, 1 Union St. was present to discuss the construction of a laundry mat, apartments and landscaping a buffer area along the fence line towards the creek area. He wants to discuss further with the planning committee, his ventures to create an opportunity to give back to the community of Modena also with the return of the Food Bank Vehicle to comeback on a monthly basis into his parking lot. VP Daywalt gave him her email and phone number to set up a day and time for the committee to gather and discuss more details with Mr. Morrison.

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

**7.1 President Report:** None

**7.2 Secretary Report**

Mary Ellen Steganius UC application has been denied. In October 2018 Victoria was advised by Deb and Clayton to appeal her application. Finally in February UC accepted the appeal.

**7.3 Mayor Report**

The new committees have members:

Planning & Zoning: Jenn and Liz

Civil Service: Toni, Beau, Nicole (Jenn's daughter)

Ordinance Review: Paul, Blaise

Finance Committee: Deb, Beau, Toni

Health & Housing: Liz, Beau, Jenn

Sewer: Clayton, Beau

Historical: Liz, Paul, John Graves

Employment Management: Blaise

Park & Recreation: Jenn, Paul, Blaise and Toni

Each of these committee is required to schedule meetings as per guidelines and submit a written report to the Mayor.

#### **7.4 CRP Grant Report**

Blaise reported that the County and Louis Berger really want this project done. The extension of money sounds promising. Blaise will have more info in a week from all his contacts.

#### **7.5 Streets Committee Report**

Chris reported that the green truck (oldest) is having the tire fixed, Joe will be getting the plow on the white truck and the electric fixed to maneuver the plow correctly. Chris stated that the borough maybe eligible for 2 trucks under the Grant that he is still working on. Chris will tell Joe to move the speed limit sign on Fulton for Mr. Moyer. Also the garage should be cleaned out with inventory done. Chris will consult with Joe to set up a date and time. Council was in agreeance with this and willing to help out with the cleanup.

#### **7.6 Health and Housing**

No report submitted but suggested by Beau and Jenn that borough uses the hang tags consistently.

#### **7.7 Parks & Recreation**

April 13 – Community Clean up

April 14 – Egg Hunt

May 18 – Movie night

June 1 – Community Block party and BBQ

June 15 – Movie night

July 28 - Bible Study Group; Hephzibah Church

August 17 – Movie night

September 28 – Community Day and Movie night

October 26 – Trunk & Treat

December 1 – Festival of Lights

#### **7.8 Sewer Committee Report**

Pipe Data was in the borough 2 times in February; 15<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Their report and CD's were given to Butch who then gave to Clayton for review. Clayton and Butch will decide on what the next step should be for the borough. If borough had an engineer it would be more helpful on what the decision should be.

#### **7.9 Historical Committee**

John Graves reported about the Brandywine Water Trail here in Modena and how Rob Daniels of the Conservancy stated that Modena is the most northern waterways to canoe on the Brandywine. Coatesville waterways has obstruction (the city), making Modena very

appealing to all. The start point would be down at South Brandywine Rd. at the corner where there will be a parking area, canoe drop off, trail ways to hike. A feasibility study is active now, but will take years for this project to be completed.

John stated that the owner of the Mode house property, Brandywine Conservancy along with an engineer that a survey and land appraisal must be done in order for the owner to offer a reasonable amount to sell property to the borough. A time line of roughly 6 months is good for all this to be done. Rob said that an Urban Redevelopment Grant would be a good idea to apply for in order to pay for these services.

#### **8. Unfinished Business**

-Council will hold a special meeting on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 730 in order to formally adopt the 3 Ordinances.

-Engineer RFP are due to Secretary on Monday March 11, 2019.

-Paul spoke on the water flow on Hephzibah Hill Rd. He believes that is from underground springs on Sealed Air Mill's property. If there was an engineer for the borough, confirmation of this would be made.

-\$2610.00 still owed to Fidelity

-Joe will be having all the Borough's vehicles serviced since winter is over. He and Donnie will have the broken plow removed from the green truck then installed the other newer plow on the white truck.

#### **9. New Business**

-Council is requesting a copy of Hud's contract. Clayton said that he would get it for the next meeting for all to review.

#### **10. Meeting Adjoined**

At 9:05 pm

#### **Executive Meeting**

Opened at 9:10 pm closed at 9:25pm

**Next Council Meeting** April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

**President:**

**Secretary:**

**Date:**

