

**Borough of Modena**  
**Monthly Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 4, 2020**

**1. Call to order**

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the second monthly regular Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7pm on Monday, May 4, 2020 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

**2. Salute to the flag**

**3. Roll Call**

President Daywalt conducted roll call. The following were present during the FB live meeting: Council President Jennifer Daywalt, Council Vice President Beau Tilghman, Council Member Nicole Ewing and Council Member Stephen Juhas. On the conference call were Mayor Antoinette Johnson, Treasurer Deb Gillenwater, Mr. John Graves and Secretary Victoria Cloud. Absent were Council Members Clayton Ayers, Elizabeth Sinton and Blaise Frost.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

1. April 20, 2020 minutes approved with one correction. Council Vice President Tilghman motioned to accept with changes, Council Member Juhas second. All were in favor.

**5. Public Comment on Agenda items**

None

**6. Written Reports**

1. Treasurer reviewed report to Council. Portnoff letters to residents were approved. Council member Ewing made motion, Vice President Tilghman second, all in favor. MS4 report needs to be reviewed due to errors with LTL not in compliance with county. Invoice will be paid with exception of MS4 charges.
2. Council Member Juhas motioned to approve the payment of bills. Vice President Tilghman second. All were in favor.
3. Police have been seen patrolling more in Borough – all is good.
4. Council needs a quarterly report from Butch – numbers look good even with the rain.
5. Codes Inspector Dave Wallace will be back in Borough Thursday May 7; 9 am to 12. Weekly on Thursdays only during that time.

**7. Council and Committee Reports**

1. President Daywalt thanked all for self-quarantining themselves during this time. Census still needs to be done; they are not delivered to PO Boxes. Once the County reopens, Census volunteers will go door to door.

President stated that committees must hold a meeting by end of June of what is being planned. Borough Centennial planning committee needs to be formed – you sign up, you are then a volunteer.

2. Nothing to report.

3. Mayor Johnson stated:

- Residents are not happy with the loan that was needed for the purchase of the Mode House the current condition the house is in. She stated that a budget needs to be formed along with a Historic Grant in order to have the architect come back in. She plans to continue to work closely with Brandywine Conservancy and Historical to create a plan of action and development.
- Complaints about residents who walk their dog are not cleaning up after them.
- Complaints that the parks are over grown and need cleaned up.
- Mayor Johnson was notified that 102 N Brandywine is unoccupied yet a realtor was 'showing' it to a possible tenant.
- Mayor created a Proclamation for the States Emergency Declaration. Resolution 2020-#279 is an extension of the emergency declaration approved and executed by Council at last meeting. This will be posted on website.

\*\* Council member Frost arrived.

4. June 20, 2020 will be the Borough's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Scheduled will be a picnic, BBQ, games. This is all pending on the COVID-19 status. If a go, volunteers will be needed for an afternoon of games, food and fun. There will be a Borough wide clean up day; TBD.
5. Mr. Graves reported that he has not meet with the group lately. He mentioned that there is a Webinar he will watch then send a summary for council for next years round of Grants; this is a 'match' funds Grant.
6. South Coatesville Police still negotiating with Union on contract. Fire Department siren is broken. Council reaching out to them to see if Borough can help with some funds. Siren is needed for curfew.
7. Streets – So far no-good applicants for the PW position. There will be one interview this week. VP Tilghman is cleaning out the garage. He reported that the lawn mover has issues. Temporally he will cut grass in the parks. VP mentioned that maybe the two old trucks could be traded in for one new one. Council & Treasurer will have to discuss this to see if funds available and what the trade in value would be. Cannot trade in the recycle truck, it is needed for the Grant.

## 8. Unfinished Business

Still advertising for the PW Position.

**Bridge Project Update**

- Veterans starting back up any day with guard rails and restorations.

**Mode House Update**

- Amazing Grazing, LLC in Cochranville quoted \$4500.00 for 20 goats, electric fencing, shelter, food and water for 3 weeks. Large brush and trees will be taken down and away. The goats will do the rest. Fundraising is the only way to go to pay for this. President will set up a 'Go Fund Me' account for donations. This quote is good until June; it can be postponed if not all funds are available. VP Tilghman made motion to accept quote knowing that it can be postponed if funds are not available, Council member Ewing second, all in favor.

**9. New Business**

None

**Meeting Adjourned**

- President Daywalt requested a motion to adjourn this monthly Council meeting at 8:19 pm pm, then to start an Executive meeting. Vice President Tilghman made both motions, Council member Ewing second, all in favor.

**Executive Meeting:**

- Started at 8:26 pm, ended at 8:27pm

**Next Council Meeting:**

Monday, June 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

**President:**

**Secretary:**

**Date:**