

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2021

1. Call to order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the monthly regular Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:05 pm on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

2. Salute to the flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance at Borough Hall were Council President Jennifer Daywalt and Council Member Nicole Ewing. Via Zoom were Council members Felicia Handley, Elizabeth Sinton and Secretary Victoria Cloud. Absent were, Council members Blaise Frost, Clayton Ayers and VP Tilghman.

At 6:45 pm, Council had an Executive meeting to discuss the hiring of a new Treasurer.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Chris Patriarca, Senior Community Planner for Borough's Comp plan briefly spoke that he will be in touch often with the task force. He wants residents, business and Council to be apart of this group.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1

-There were no corrections to be made to the March 15, 2021 minutes.
Council member Handley made motion to accept the minutes, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

4.2

- There were no corrections to be made to the March 24, 2021 Emergency Council meeting minutes. This meeting discussion was about the recycling truck and the appointing of a new Mayor. Council member Ewing made motion to accept the minutes, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Written Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report

- No report to be reviewed by Council.

6.2 Payment of Bills

- April 2021 bills were read to Council by President Daywalt. The Treasurer had a discrepancy with Eagles invoicing. After her report was reviewed by Council, determined that the charges are correct for 2 recycling weeks @ \$750.00 each, and 1 trash month @ \$2750.00. Council member Sinton motioned to pay all bills, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

6.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Reviewed by Council, no comments.

6.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Reviewed by Council who noticed the numbers were high. Butch will be calling Pipe Data to check locations and manholes.

6.5 Code Enforcement Report

- Reviewed by Council, no comments.

7. Council and Committee Reports

7.1 Council President Report

- President Daywalt stated that services for Mayor Antoinette Johnson would be held April 17, 2021 @ 11:00 am at the East Brandywine Baptist Church in Downingtown on Route 322.
- The Mode House clean up will be rescheduled to Sunday April 18.

7.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

7.3 Mayor Report

- President Daywalt stated that Borough needs to fill the Mayors term until the end of December 2021. Any resident interested must submit a letter of interest to Council for review.

7.4 Park & Recreation

- There were 260 Easter bags handed out to the children.
- Borough wide clean up will be April 24, 2021; Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Brandywine Red Clay Alliance group will be in the borough cleaning up the waterways. They will have all the trash removed from the Borough.
- There was conversation on a Borough wide yard sale. Date and time TBD

7.5 Historical Committee Report

- Council read the report submitted by Mr. Graves.

7.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- Nothing to report

7.7 Streets Report

- VP Tilghman reported that he is communicating with the truck company to build the Borough's new truck. This will take about one year. A loan is needed to buy it first, then once funds are disbursed from the DEP, payoff that loan. When the contract arrives from the DEP, President Daywalt or Treasurer will speak to local banks for this loan.
- When the Borough hires a PW employee, and the old recycle truck is up and running, Borough will go back to Wednesday recycling pick up on a weekly basis then cancel Eagle.

7.8 Health & Housing

- Nothing to report

7.9 Planning & Zoning

- President Daywalt emailed Matt Krueger (Mogreena Brewery). He said that he is finishing up the lease agreement.
- Borough's solicitor and 4 Brothers attorney will be scheduling a meeting the week of April 12th to discuss if their projects will move forward or not.

7.10 Ordinance Review

- First Ordinance to be worked on/amended will be large animal. Council member Handley composed information to be 'added/amended' into the current verbiage. More discussion needed.
- Second Ordinance will be Historical. Council member Handley wanted to know if Borough could create their own. President Daywalt stated that the Historical Committee head could use other municipalities as a guideline on how Modena wants theirs stated. Either way, Council would review the verbiage, approve it, post it for 30 days so residents can read and give their opinion. If there would be no changes, motion would be made to accept, and then passed.

8. Unfinished/Old Business

VPP Grant

- Waiting on award notification.

PECO Greenway

- Waiting on award notification.

Mode House

- Clean up at the Mode house will be April 18, 2021. The house needs to be more secured also, especially the roof tarp.
- President Daywalt received an email contact at Cleveland Cliffs Corporate Real Estate group. She has emailed him the land surveys, pictures, support letters and Grant information with the hope they will donate their side of the house to the Borough. Conversation is being had.

Centennial Celebration June 21, 2021

- Meetings will take place every two weeks @ 6 pm.
- President Daywalt stated the Borough received a \$1,000.00 check from Veterans Construction as a donation for the Centennial. All of council thanks Veterans for being so supportive towards activities in the Borough. President is requesting raffle baskets for the celebration. Let her know what you will be making so there are no duplicates.
- President Daywalt, Joe Gathercole and Jeff Morrison will have a meeting to discuss the area where the car show will be held. Clean up is needed in that fenced in area.

9. New Business

- LTL March billing was reviewed by Council, some questions, tabled until April 19 meeting.
- Modena's current franchise Agreement with Verizon will be handled by Hudson Voltz.
- Support letters approved for Chester County Waterways and Brandywine Conservancy.

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

- None

Meeting Adjourned

President Daywalt requested a motion to end the regular monthly meeting at 7:47 pm. Council member Ewing made motion to end meeting, Council Member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Monday April 19, 2021 @ 7:00pm via zoom.

President:

Secretary:

Date: