

Borough of Modena
Second Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
May 3, 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, May 3, 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, VP Tilghman and Council Members Nicole Ewing, Blaise Frost (who arrived at 7:15 pm). Via Zoom were Council members Felicia Handley, Elizabeth Sinton, Treasurer Joseph Schulcz, Secretary Victoria Cloud, John Graves and Roberta Cosentino. Absent was Council member Clayton Ayers. Guests at Borough hall were Chief Pierce, Mayor Mike Harvey and Marie Harvey.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1

-There were no corrections to be made to the April 19, 2021 minutes.

Council member Ewing made motion to accept the minutes, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Public Comment on Agenda items

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. Council member Sinton made motion to pay all bills, VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

6.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Report reviewed by Council. Chief Pierce spoke on the speeding on N. Brandywine Ave.
- There is a shortage of volunteer fire fighters for Modena Fire Dept.

6.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Report reviewed by Council. Numbers are high. Butch will call Pipe Data later for them to video certain areas of the Borough.

6.5 Code Enforcement Report

- Report reviewed by Council.

7. Council and Committee Reports

7.1 Council President Report

- Primary polling place will be moved from Borough Hall to Hephzibah Hill Church. If there are volunteers for the General election, polling will be moved back here to Borough Hall.
- President Daywalt and VP Tilghman had a meeting with Mike Hartman, Chief of Staff of Senator Comitta's office to discuss the needs of the Borough.
- President stated that Modena has the lowest cases of COVID in the county. Keep up the good work with social distancing and try to get the vaccine to protect yourselves, family and friends.

7.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

7.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

7.4 Park & Recreation

- Thanks to VP Tilghman and Butch Garnett for weed whacking and cutting grass at the parks and Mode House.

7.5 Historical Committee Report

- Mr Graves report was reviewed by Council.

7.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- South Coatesville Police Dept. had two officers resign, lowering their force. He will suggest to his Council to hire one (1) full time officer. Chief will let Modena's Council know when/if this is approved. President Daywalt will attend S. Coatesville's next Council meeting to enforce the need for hiring a FT Officer.
- Fire Dept is in need of volunteers. Suggest to your friends and family to apply.

7.7 Streets Report

- PW employee is still needed. Experience needed at \$18.00/hour, 20 hours a week.
- President Daywalt reported that 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.
- VP Tilghman attended the CCCRA meeting where they discussed cutting costs. Equipment will be given or sold to local municipalities so they can cover the insurance coverage. Last resort, would be to close the site. More talk needed.

7.8 Health & Housing

- Nothing to report

7.9 Planning & Zoning

- Borough's solicitor, Council President and 4 Brothers attorney had a meeting to discuss if all their projects will move forward or not. Appropriate information will be presented to Council from 4 Brothers attorney soon, for approval /denial.

7.10 Ordinance Review

- First Ordinance regarding large animal is being worked on with current verbiage. Definitions of what 'non household 'animals needs more clarification, and what 'type' of those pets need license/permits to live on a resident's property: pigs, goats, ducks, chickens. Property size could be a concern; waste drainage is a factor, number of animals. President and Council would like the community to express their comments and concerns. When all revised Ordinances are completed, 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 concerns, motion would be made to accept, and then passed.
- 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.

8. Unfinished/Old Business

VPP Grant

- Waiting on award notification of \$9,900.00 for the first half for clearing up the Mode Park.

Mode House

- Working on the land clean up. If Cleveland Cliffs wants to keep their side of the house, then they would be responsible to clean up trash, debris, trees and to have it properly secured.

Centennial Celebration June 21, 2021

- Unfortunately two Council members will be out of town on this day, so volunteers, residents are needed to be apart of this day.
- President Daywalt stated the Borough is making progress. Still requesting donations, and raffle baskets.
- Meetings will take place every two weeks @ 6 pm. Next meeting Thursday May 13, 2021.
- There will not be car show but a dunk tank. DJ Dre Money, Shrimpy's BBQ, Triple fresh, Rita's will be present so far. Vendor space fee has been reduced to \$25.
- President suggested a 'spirits vendor' - Pennsylvania Distilling Company located in Malvern. They are licensed and insured, or wait to see if Mogreena Brewery will be up and running. More discussion to follow.

9. New Business

- LTL in voice will be review at the next council meeting.
- Resolution #287-2021 was present for Council review. This Resolution is to remove Deb Gillenwater and add Joseph Schulcz as Treasurer for Citadel FCU bank accounts. Council member Ewing made motion, VP Tilghman second, all in favor motion passed.

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

- Ms. Roberta Cosentino spoke about a vaccine clinic at Jublee in Coatesville located on Lincoln Hwy between 8 & 9 Aves. She is a worker there and wanted all residents of Modena to know that this is available to them at no cost and if they need transportation that can be arranged. At that same location, the Chester County Food Bank will be handing out boxes to all. Reach out to her, Council, Modena's face book page if you are interested.

Position for Borough Mayor

- Last month there were three letters of interest presented for the open Mayor's position. Council will vote tonight for:
 - Mr. Devante' Tuggle - not on zoom
 - Mr. Mike Harvey - present in Borough Hall
 - Ms. Giselle Cosentino -on Zoom

Council members in Hall placed their vote in a basket, members on zoom text. There was a tie between Mr. Harvey and Ms. Cosentino; three votes each. Council President called Clayton Ayers, Council member at home for him to cast the final vote. Mr. Ayers asked one question to both, they answered, Mr. Ayers voted for Mr. Harvey. Position for appointed Mayor is Mr. Mike Harvey. President Daywalt will make arrangements for a judge to swear in Mr. Harvey; Resolution #288-2021 will be created for the Borough's new Mayor.

Meeting Adjourned

President Daywalt requested a motion to end the regular monthly meeting at 8:56 pm. Council member Ewing made motion to end meeting, VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Monday May 17, 2021 @ 7:00pm via Borough's, face book zoom.

President:

Secretary:

Date: