

Borough of Modena
Second Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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 17, 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) Treasurer Joseph Schulcz . Via Zoom were Council members Felicia Handley, Elizabeth Sinton, 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. Officer Shumate from South Coatesville Police Dept arrived at 8:00 pm.

Executive Session was held at 6:45 pm, voted to hire Mr. Al Smiley for the PW position. VP Tilghman will text Mr. Smiley to hear if he accepts the position; Mr. Smiley text back accepting the position.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1

-There were two small corrections to be made to the May 3, 2021 minutes. Council member Ewing made motion to accept the minutes with the corrections to be made, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Public Comment on Agenda items

None

6. Written Reports

6.1 Treasurer's Report

- Summaries were presented to Council President by Treasurer Schulcz to review to Council.
- Discussion from President about having a debit card for the borough thru the general account for purchases under \$100.00, over would require a purchase order to be presented to Council for approval. When Treasurer and President go to Citadel to update the accounts, they will speak to the bank manager on how to get the card. This card will stay with the Treasurer in the Secretaries office. Motion made by to obtain the debit card, second, all in favor.

6.2 Payment of Bills

- April 30 to May 17, 2021 bills were read to Council by President Daywalt. There were questions on Eagle Disposal invoices. Once more reviewed, payment will then be made. Council member Ewing made motion to pay PECO, PR, LTL, Police and Modena's 2020 Fire Department donation. VP Tilghman made motion, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

6.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Nothing to report.

6.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Nothing to report.

6.5 Code Enforcement Report

- Nothing to report.

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 requested that the Treasurer look into a credit card machine; Square, to be use for residents payments and use at the Centennial Celebration. Treasurer reported that there is monthly fee involved amounts of mega bits to be used for this machine. Mayor currently uses a system at his work, he will present it at the next Council meeting for all to compare to the "Square".

7.2 Secretary Report

- There will be three new gas cards issued. 7-10 days until delivery. Beau will distribute two leaving one in Secretaries drawer.

7.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

7.4 Park & Recreation

- At the pocket park on South Brandywine Ave., the large down tree was removed free.

7.5 Historical Committee Report

- Next Friends of the Mode House meeting on Wednesday May 18, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.
- Mr Graves and Council member Handley will be Borough Hall on Friday May 21, 2021 to work on a Historical Ordinance.

7.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- Nothing to report.

7.7 Streets Report

- PW employee was hire this evening; Mr. Al Smiley. VP Tilghman will show Al around Borough on where to cut grass and weed whack. Both mowers are at Hensel's, will be back shortly. Beau and Al will concentrate on how to patch up Baker St. until a Grant opens to apply for funds.
- President Daywalt said that a West Chester Rd. resident has a two seat, with a utility box on back, gas powered golf cart for sale \$600.00. Is Council interested in this for PW and P&R to get around for working on small projects instead of using the Borough's trucks? VP & Mayor will go out to assess the cart. If all good, the funds could come from P&R, streets and General, pending Treasurer's approval.

A pending motion made by Council member Ewing to buy the cart if the cost can come down lower, funds available in the 3 accounts and meets the inspection of the Mayor, second by Council member Handley, all in favor, motion passed.

- Should there be 'No Truck' signs on Woodland Ave. and North Brandywine Ave.? Ordinance needs to be checked.

7.8 Health & Housing

- Nothing to report

7.9 Planning & Zoning

- Council President stated that there is holding pattern on 4 Brothers, Jeff Morrison, Mogreena and the timber harvest. It was determined that the applicant for timber is not a forester. LTL/Codes Inspector is handling this matter.

7.10 Ordinance Review

- Next meeting will be May 18, 2021 @ 5:00 pm.
- First Ordinance regarding large animal is being worked on with current verbiage. When all revisions are complete, 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 Ordinance. 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

- Verizon/Cohen Law Group: Fees will be only \$2,000.00 per Hud. Motion made by VP Tilghman to accept Cohen Law Group, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

Mode House

- Next meeting Wednesday May 19, 2021 @ 6:00pm.
- Still 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.
- Serv Pro quoting costs to tarp and secure building.

Centennial Celebration June 21, 2021

- President Daywalt stated the Borough is making progress. Still requesting donations, and raffle baskets. So far, \$2500.00 cash in hand.
- Still selling ducks for \$5 each. Mayor purchasing, selling then donating an order.
- Signs will be ordered to place throughout the Borough, 20 double sided with yard stakes at the cost of \$150.00.
- Meetings will take place every two weeks @ 6 pm. Next meeting Thursday May 27, 2021.
- Rita's truck will be here for an hour or so. Need another 'sweet treat' truck. Mayor looking into this.
- Officer Shumate from South Coatesville Police Dept. volunteered to be in the dunk tank.

Comprehensive Plan

- Need community involvement. Long-term 'road map' project; 18 months. Need people to interview.
- Review the vision statement, needs updated.
- Secretary will email out the *overview* minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting.
- Meetings will be held monthly.

9. New Business

- Resolution #290-2021. ***Recommending that the PA General Assembly adopt legislation to permit the use of virtual meeting platforms for public meeting held by municipalities.***
Motion made by VP Tilghman second Council member Ewing all in favor motion passed.
Council President signed Resolution, Secretary will scan and email to Ernie Holling - Executive Director, Chester County Association of Township Officials.

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 8:19 pm. Council member Ewing made motion to end meeting, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

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

President:

Secretary:

Date: