

**Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022**

1. Call to order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the monthly regular Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:00 pm on Monday March 21, 2021 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

2. Salute to the flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance were Council President Jennifer Daywalt, VP Tilghman, Council Members Nicole Ewing, Felicia Handley, Mayor Harvey, Treasurer Joseph Schulcz and Secretary Victoria Cloud. Absent were Council members Blaise Frost and Clayton Ayers. There still is one Council seat open.

4. Approval of this Evening's Agenda.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Council member Ewing motion to accept the minutes of March 7, 2022. Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda items

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- Review by Council. Reconciliation reports are being worked on per Treasurer. South Coatesville Police services for January 2022 to be mailed out. February & March pending until more funds in general account. Invoices have never been sent from SCV.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- Per Treasurer and President Daywalt, all bills will be paid upon due date. VP Tilghman made motion to pay all bills, Council member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed. \$16,671.00 total bills. After bills paid, balance in general \$2,434.89. Funds from sewer can be transferred to general for payrolls, and then replenished back later.

7.3 Police and Fire Reports

- February reports were reviewed.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Nothing to report.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Nothing to report.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- President stated that the Borough's solicitor Hudson Voltz is joining another firm. That firm knows the rates being charged to the borough. Good thing, this new firm deals with Municipality issues.
- President Daywalt attended a legislative meeting brunch at St. Joseph's school. Biggest topic was Brandywine hospital closing. Changes in state legislation on Micro-hospitals; 10 beds in an emergency dep't situation. VA is on a list of potential closure; maybe 5 years out. Chrissy Houlahan is a vet; she is very active to keep this hospital open.
- Engineers from LTL will be in the borough tomorrow checking on MS4 storm waters.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Recreation

- Donations are needed for the Easter egg hunt.
- Next meeting will be April 5 at 6:00pm to stuff the eggs.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- All historical meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month.

8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- There will be a firehouse Centennial meeting on Thursday March 24 at 6pm at the Fire Dept. that Council President and the Mayor will attend.

8.7 Streets Report

- VP Tilghman reported that he reached out to the camera company. Company is very busy, will make contact soon.
- Recycling truck chassis will be built date will be in August 2022. New surcharges will occur, Bill Beck is trying to keep those down; he will have to re-quote in a few months. There is money in the Refuse account to use for any price increase.

8.9 Planning & Zoning

- There are issues with new owners on Union St. regarding Flood plain zoning.
- There is a specific flood plane permit needed for all in this Borough.

8.10 Ordinance Review

- Historical and Animal Ordinances are being worked on by Council members Handley and Ewing.
- A 5G/cell tower/pole Ordinance is being worked on. Committee members have Ordinances from other municipalities that will be used as reference to create Modena's. The State passed a general 5G Ordinance, that says they could put on a pole anywhere; 150 ft. in height. They are short waved so there needs to be many in the borough. Having many, could create short waved burn to residents.

9. Unfinished/Old Business

- There were no LOI presented for the open Council position. Position will stay open. Council and President are considering lowering the amount of members to five. Set number of petitions needs to be signed by the residents, and then petitions will go to a WC judge.
- Only needing 10 signatures or so based on the size of Modena. Council needs to decide to go this route or not. More discussion to follow.

Mode House

- President meet with Everett and Justin from Cleveland Cliffs – they will do a full clean up, fix fence, taking out trees around the house, remove metal, tires. Everett will speak with Jose’ to get permission to place a crane on his property in order to remove that tree laying on the side of the Mode House. All this to be done by April 23, which is the Mode House, clean up day.

Grant Update

Brandywine Conservancy Mini Grant

- William Penn 20K Grant.

CRP Grant – Streets

- The County Granted Modena \$600K. Waiting for the County to say ‘go’ then Borough will have a meeting with the engineers.

LSA Grants – Equipment for Borough PW and Fire Department Equipment

- President Daywalt has filled out the applications and. There are thousands of applicants for this grant. Notification of award will be in the fall of 2022.

Comprehensive Plan

- April 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm there will be an open house/public review at the Fire House for a few hours for residents, businesses and Council members to discuss the scope of the work to be done in the Borough.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP/Meredith Court

- PEMA wants to hold a meeting about Meredith Court. President Daywalt will attend.

10. New Business

- PW job duties description will expand to issuing NOV for grass cutting, and weed whacking, property maintenance. Dave from LTL will send information to President on proper training classes for PW handling residents property maintenance. Residents who receive a NOV, does not act on it, will be invoiced for the work that the PW employee did.
- Premium Power contact was reviewed. VP Tilghman made motion to accept the contract with the slight increase, Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.
- The new auditing team bbd proposal was reviewed and accepted. Council member Handley made motion to sign and accept, Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.

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

- No one

Meeting Adjourned

President Daywalt requested a motion to end the regular monthly meeting at 7:58 pm, and then start an executive meeting at 8:05 pm.

Council member Ewing made motion to end regular monthly meeting, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

Executive meeting started at 8:05pm, ended at 8:10pm. Council member Ewing made motion to end executive meeting, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Monday April 4, 2022 @ 7:00pm at Borough Hall and zoom.

President:

Secretary:

Date: