

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
July 18, 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 July 18, 2022 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, Secretary Victoria Cloud, and Mayor Harvey. Absent were Council members Blaise Frost and Treasurer Megan Cadreau. There is one Council seat open for a four-year term and another seat with a one-year term expiring 2023.

4. Approval of this Evening's Agenda.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Council member Ewing motion to accept the minutes of July 5, 2022. VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda items

None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- Review by Council.
- ARPA funds to be in the week of July 18, 2022
- Treasurer is working with auditors to finalize the 2021 audit.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- Per Treasurer Cadreau and President Daywalt, all bills will be paid upon due date. Bills total \$14,396.00. VP Tilghman made motion to pay bills, Council Member Ewing second, all in favor, motion passed.

7.3 Police and Fire Reports

- Junes report was review by Council.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

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7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

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8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- President Daywalt mentioned that there are still no LOI presented for the two open Council positions. Positions will stay open.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Recreation

- August 'back to School' event will be on Tuesday August 16, 6-8pm. Residents children only. Mahoney Environmental will be the sponsor for this event.
- Modena Fire House is requesting a donation for their event. Asking Treasurer if there are funds available to determine an amount to give.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

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8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

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8.7 Streets Report

- VP Tilghman stated that Keystone Fabrication came out to look at the salt shed. This is work they do not do, but will refer another company to the Borough.
- PW is getting compliments on the work that is being done throughout the Borough. Baker St. potholes have been filled in with gravel.
- Recycling stickers are in and will be used next pick up on residents bins who are not in compliance with the 'do's and don'ts of proper recycling.

8.8 Planning & Zoning

- There are still ongoing issues with the new owners on Union St. regarding Flood plain zoning. Engineers on both sides have Lawyers involved.
- Still reviewing the permits for 10 Union.

8.9 Ordinance Review

- 5G Cell phone towers and Chester County Streets being reviewed by Ellen at LTL. The Tax Ordinance will need to be compose and reviewed by Ellen in order to get the budget started for 2023.

9. Unfinished/Old Business

- Council and President are considering lowering the amount of members to five. A petition of this action needs to be signed by the residents. Then petitions will go to a WC judge. This request can only be done every 5 years. Sign up sheet is available at borough hall. Hopefully this petition will be on the ballot in November. There are 253 residents in the Borough. Need only 5% to sign petition, which is a total 13 people, let's try for 20.

Mode House

- Grants have been approved for all work done there. Waiting on disbursement of funds.
- Shelly from Cleveland Cliffs stated that her legal team is moving forward on the donation of their land to this Borough. Both sides legal team will create a MOU.

Grant Update

Brandywine Conservancy Mini Grant

- Work is done at Mode house; Secretary has submitted invoices to Shelia for re-imburement.

CRP Grant – Streets

- The County Granted Modena \$600K. Grant funds are good until December 2023.

LSA Grants – Equipment for Borough PW and Fire Department Equipment

- There are thousands of applicants for this grant. Notification of award will be July or August.

902 Grant Round 60

- Modena has been awarded \$18,000.00 for 250 new recycling bins. Reimbursement will be made to Borough, which takes 6-8 weeks, after Borough makes payment to TM Fitzgerald.

Comprehensive Plan

- Public meeting will be at the Duck Derby Event Sept. 10 to present the Comp Plan to the Community for comments, then a final meeting following for Council adoption.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge repair: FEMA quoted cost would be a little over \$12k. Borough now has to wait on PEMA on what the next steps are. FEMA suggests that even though it is under \$20k, Borough should bid this project out, being very specific with details.
- Meredith Court: PEMA/Swift Water Grant will be used for this. Padula Engineering has agreed to handle the project at the cost of \$2.3M, FEMA's cost is \$3.4M. Padula needs to reduce cost somehow or find some other additional funding. Designs are underway, 10 units, 5 apts. prefabricated stacked on top of each. Goal is to have everything in, engineering and design on August 1, 2022. Goal for FEMA review by December 2022, the start the process for lead, asbestos, environmental. Tear down can be in the winter. Completion of project could be up to 3 years.

10. New Business

- New fireworks State Law was reviewed by Council. A new Ordinance will have to be created stating that the Borough will be adopting the State Ordinance. Ellen at LTL will have to create this with the help of Council.
- Storm water Ordinance will be handled by Ellen also.
- Many new Ordinance has to be created in August. Storm water / Fireworks / 5G / Historical / Animal / ALS / Emergency Service Tax for 2023.

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

- None

Meeting Adjourned

President Daywalt requested a motion to end the regular monthly meeting at 7:51 pm.

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

Next Council Meeting

Monday August 1, 2022 @ 7:00pm at Borough Hall and zoom.

President:

Secretary:

Date: