

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 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 October 3, 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, Council Members Nicole Ewing, Felicia Handley, Secretary Victoria Cloud, SCV Police Jeff Shumate and Mayor Harvey. Absent were VP Beau Tilghman, Blaise Frost, Treasurer Megan Cadreau and Borough's solicitor Ellen Koopman. 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, Council member Handley second, all in favor motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Council member Ewing made motion to accept September 19, 2022 meeting minutes, Council President second, all in favor motion passed. Council member Handley had to abstain due to her not being present at that meeting.

6. Public Comment on Agenda items - None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- Review by Council.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- Per Treasurer Cadreau, total costs of bills to be paid is \$32,896.00. This large amount also includes engineering costs on the CRP Grant, which the Borough will be reimbursed back, Gawthrop Solicitor and the annual MS4 reporting. Council member Ewing made motion to accept report and to pay these bills, Council member Handley second, all in favor motion passed.

7.3 Police and Fire Department

- Officer Jeff Shumate of SCV Police Dept. spoke about how he wants to be more involved within the Borough of Modena, not only for the safety of residents, but to gain a friendship with the children and their families to help keep the children out of trouble. He is now full time with the Police Dept., able to travel around and observe Modena in detail.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Reviewed by Council.

7.5 Code Enforcement office Report

- Reviewed by Council.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- President Daywalt attend an event in WC. It was called WC out fest 2022 about gender identity, religious beliefs, discrimination in the workplace. In PA, some municipalities have an Ordinance that states one cannot be rejected for housing if they fall under one of these Categories. Council President feels that Borough should have an Ordinance in place.
- WCCoFC annual dinner on Wednesday October 12, President will be attending.
- October 14, President will be attending the PSAB conference in Gettysburg.
- COG meeting had Sarah Rice speak from the group 'everybody Plays' who's group donated 2M in an exclusive playground for Parkesburg. President would like to bring here to Modena. Her group is looking into expanding into more municipal areas.
- President Daywalt also brought up again at the COG meeting that this county does not have a PSAB group. All agree to move forward to create this group.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Presence Bank will need 3 months of statements to go over. Mayor Harvey and Treasurer Cadreau will work on this.

8.4 Park & Recreation

- President Daywalt will be sending out letter to all companies in the area for 2023 sponsorship to cover the year events. The goal is to have 10K.

Truck or Treat event:

- Next meeting Tuesday October 11 @ 6pm
- Saturday October 29, 2022. 2pm to 5pm. be here around noon to set up.
- Trying to get residents to take ownership and have a candy stop at their house, borough will give them the candy.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Council read Mr. Graves report. President will reach out to Mr. Graves to make contact with Jenny Hines (resident on Ray's Way) to work together on Modena's historical committee.

8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- President helping the Fire Dept with the "Modena 3.7 run/walk/bike" and a car show. Date will be in April 2023.

8.6 Streets Report

- New PW employee Scott Steffey started work on September 27, 2022.

8.7 Planning & Zoning

- Four Brothers is planning on apartments at the old bar, it is not zoned for residential. Codes inspector will talk with them on this project.

8.9 Ordinance Review

- There will be a meeting on October to discuss the animal Ordinance.

9. Unfinished/Old Business

Mode House

- President Daywalt read a letter from Ellen on having Brandywine conservancy help with details regarding the needs that Cleveland Cliffs are asking for. Lawyers for CC and Borough's Solicitor are working together to get things finalized.

Ordinance #161-2022 Emergency Service Tax Draft:

- Upon approval, it will go out for the 30-day review to the public. This tax will be in resident's property tax, County handles this billing/collecting. VP Tilghman made motion to accept the draft, Council member Frost second, all in favor motion passed.

The county approved the petition to lower the council members from 7 to 5.

- This will be on the ballot in November. Solicitor will handle these details with voter Services.

Comprehensive Plan

- Chris Patriarca will handle sending out the draft of the Comp Plan to all municipalities for their review. 45 days later, there will be a public meeting on November 7 to consider comments on the Comp Plan. Then on November 21, there will be a public hearing on the adoption. Secretary has this published in the DLN to run 3 times. These meetings and hearings are being held in accordance with the PA Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended.

Grant Update

Brandywine Conservancy Mini Grant

- Waiting on disbursement of funds. The Grant amount is \$6K.

CRP Grant – Streets

- The County Granted Modena \$600K. Grant funds are good until December 2023. Borough needs more funding to have completed engineered work on N Brandywine Ave done. Jessica is almost done in order for this to go to Council for review, once approved, out to bid.

LSA Grants – Equipment for Borough PW and Fire Department Equipment

- LSA Committee held a meeting, but it was not on their September agenda, so it will be discussed at November meeting.

902 Grant Round 59 & 60

- Modena has been awarded \$18, 000.00 for 250 new recycling bins. Reimbursement will be made to Borough, which takes 8-12 weeks
- Bins will be delivered to residents once the new recycling truck arrives along with education material and a revised Recycling Ordinance for 2023.

*****Back taxes and L&I issues have be on going. Treasurer is working on cleaning this up in order for all reimbursements from all resources can be deposited in the bank account*****

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge repair: Waiting on PEMA to close out the Grant application. distribute funds to Borough.
- Meredith Court: President Daywalt has ongoing meetings with FEMA. Waiting on notification on the Swift water Grant approval.
To have apartments built to current code, the cost is 3M, PEMA and FEMA want only to give 2M. President will research for more funding; roughly 1.9M more is needed. Borough still needs more funding.
- The lawyer for Meredith Court owner sent in a letter to this borough asking for tax forgiveness for the year 2022 and 2023. He is also reaching out to the school district tax Office and the County tax office. This is up to each to decide.

10. New Business

- Council member Ewing made motion to pay \$25 for the Council President to attend zoom classes on PMPEI: The zoning officer & zoning hearing board. Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.
- EST Ordinance draft was reviewed, motion and approved at the September 6, 2022 meeting. Completed ordinance will be given to Council from solicitor.

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 7:46 pm.
Council member Ewing made motion to end regular monthly meeting, Council member Handley second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Monday October 17, 2022 @ 7:00pm at Borough Hall and zoom.

President:

Secretary:

Date: