

**Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023**

1. Call to Order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:00 pm on Tuesday February 21, 2023, at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance were Council President Daywalt, VP Tilghman, Council members Nicole Ewing, Jenny Hines, Mayor Mike Harvey and Secretary Cloud. Absent were Felicia Handley, Ruth Ayers, Blaise Frost and Borough solicitor Koopman.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

Council member Ewing made motion to accept this evening's agenda, Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Monthly meeting from February 6, 2023. Council member Hines made motion to accept the minutes, VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- President Daywalt presented the report to Council, which was only payroll.

7.2 Payment of Bills

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7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Council reviewed no questions.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- It was brought to the attention of Council President Daywalt that the tunnels into the pumps on Union Street are starting to collapse. The borough will need quotes on this work to be done. If over \$20,000., this job would have to be bid out. President will consult more with the Boroughs engineer and Butch Garnett for additional details.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

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8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- President reported that Union St. has been sold today. Will wait and see who it is that bought. Jeff Morrison at 3 Union would like to speak with council and the codes inspector on putting in a laundry mat and upstairs apartments.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Secretary read that PSAB is offering a tem life insurance policy along with an accidental death & dismemberment policy for the cost of \$25 a year. Secretary will check on what the premiums will be, then report to council to consider signing up Borough Secretary Cloud.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Rec Committee Report

- Next meeting March 7, 2023 to prepare for the April events and to stuff eggs.
- Clean up day changed to April 22 partnering with Red Clay and the PA, make America beautiful program.
- Duck derby is May 20, 2023.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

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8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

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8.7 Streets Report

- Secretary Cloud presented a 'wish list' from PW Scott. VP Tilghman, Mayor Harvey and President Daywalt reviewed the list, agreed these items are needed, but priotized what items are really needed and for; what purpose. Fire extinguishers; have the fire Dept install and check regularly. Do not buy new if they pass.

8.8 Planning & Zoning

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8.9 Ordinance Review

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Unfinished/Old Business

- Remember to get your paperwork from the county for May's primary ballot.
- Resolution #330-2023 tabled until Fire Chief and Council President can get together to discuss.

Grant Updates

CRP Grant – Streets

- February 2023 engineering design will go out to bid, to start work in spring 2023.
- Borough will begin billing soft costs up to \$60,000. to the County in order to pay for LTL's engineering.

LSA Grant – Equipment for Borough PW and Fire Dept Equipment

- Pending, March 16 is their next proposed meeting night.

902 Grant Rounds 59 & 60

- Will apply in 2023 next 902-grant cycle.

Preservation Partnership Grant Program (Mode House)

- Not moving forward on this Grant. Cleveland Cliffs wants sub division of the property. Cost wise it would be about \$25, 000.00. Brandywine conservancy will look into other funding.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge – Project to be placed for bid. President Daywalt with consult with Borough Solicitor for a RFP.
- Meredith Court Mitigation. Some movement with FEMA.

9. New Business

- President met Michael Jamgochian, CPA in West Chester. He saw the opening for Treasurer. He would work on more municipality work not the general day-to-day work. He suggested updating Quick Books with the balances from the last audit. His firms cost would be \$1,425.00 a month, plus still would need to have/pay for a treasurer. Cannot afford this on a monthly base, but considering getting him in just to clean up book keeping items for a few months. President will get back to Council with more information.
- Chief Pierce is working on a cold case from 2010. He is asking municipalities and business to pledge funds for a reward for the arrest. Unfortunately, the Borough has not budgeted this; cannot pledge at this time. A motion was made by Council President Daywalt to give a cash donation toward this pledge, Council did not second. The vote was 1 yea, 5 nay.
- The tunnels into the pumps on Union Street are starting to collapse. The borough will need quotes, which Butch Garnet has not presented to Council yet. Tabled.
- June 4 to 7th in Hershey will be the next PSAB Conference. Council President has a free pass to attend, hotel accommodations will be on her own @ \$1,020.00 for the length of stay at the capitol lodge. She will research lower cost hotels nearby.

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

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm. VP Tilghman made motion to end meeting, Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Will be held on Monday March 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: