

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023

6:30 pm there was an Executive meeting to hire Ms. Sandra Hodorovich as the Borough Treasurer.

1. Call to Order

President Jennifer Daywalt called to order the Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:00 pm on Monday October 2, 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, Council members Nicole Ewing, Felicia Handley, Ruth Ayers, Jenny Hines, Blaise Frost, Mayor Mike Harvey, Solicitor Koopman and Secretary Cloud. Absent was VP Tilghman.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

Council member Ewing made motion to accept the agenda with changes adding Mr. John Sly from Westwood Fire house and unfinished business of TNR update. Council member Ayers second, all in favor motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Monthly meeting minutes from September 18 reviewed. Council member Hines made motion to accept with one change from Solicitor on the animal Ordinance being sent to her for review. She has not made comments on that Ordinance yet for council to review. Comments will come at a later date, but ready for next meeting, Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- President Daywalt will have it ready for the next meeting. She did mention that the Borough did receive back dues S&R for \$22k+ from the sale of the Thompson properties on Sept 29, 2023. Real estate taxes money due to Borough will be in soon from this sale

7.2 Payment of Bills

- President Daywalt will have it ready for the next meeting.

7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Council reviewed report with no questions

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Start date TBD on rehabbing the pump station drywell by Abel Recon. No update.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- No report presented.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- Nothing to report

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report

8.4 Park & Rec Committee Report

- Modena Haunt – October 28, 2023 2pm to 7pm. committee is working on the details with Rob who once worked at the Bates Motel haunt, he is very informative and creative. Council member Handley will reach out to the High school drama club for them to help.
- Next meeting will be October 11 @ 6:00. Committee needs to set a day and time to clean out the garage and paint the she shed out back to be ready for the Haunt.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Council reviewed report with no questions.

8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

- The 3.7 Express Run/walk car show postponed until October 21 at the Cleveland Cliffs building, 139 Modena Rd. Still working on the last details.

8.7 Streets Report

- PW Scott Steffey requested a grease gun and a pressure washer. Under \$100 he may purchase, over \$100 council needs quotes.
- Old white truck needs inspected. VP and Scott need to co-ordinate a date.

8.8 Planning & Zoning

- Nothing at this time.

8.9 Ordinance Review

- U&O for Residential & commercial are still under review with the Borough Solicitor.

Unfinished/Old Business

- CRP Grant – Streets. LTL Engineer Mark Borthwick spoke.
- Salt Shed Project: One quote for \$10,550.00. Tabled until one more quote comes in.
- 2024 Refuse contract is out. Bids due Sept 29 at 10 am. There was only one (1) bid. AJ Blosenski @ \$32.00 per unit per month for 2024, currently at \$27.28. Council member Hines made motion to accept this bid, council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.
- TNR update: Funds are depleted for Modena.
- Animal Ordinance are in their final changes that Solicitor will review with council member Handley. In October, Ordinances will then posted for a 30-day public review, if no public comments, Ordinances will be motioned and passed by the end of November.

Grant Updates

CRP Grant – Streets

There were seven (7) bids presented. N. Abbonizio Contractors Inc. of Conshohocken were the lowest qualified bidder per the County and LTL engineer Mark Borthwick. Council member Handley made motion to accept N. Abbonizio Contractors Inc., Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.

LSA Grant:

- Reimbursement will be a direct deposit, soon.

Grant 902 Rounds 61

- Next Grant cycle opens in the fall of 2023. Borough will apply for additional funding to pay off this loan.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge: Jessica will revise then borough will advertise again.
- Meredith Court: President Daywalt and Solicitor Koopman are reviewing the FEMA contract in order to hire a Certified FEMA Project Manager to oversee this project.

9. New Business

- Mr. John Sly, Chief of the Westwood fire Company spoke about ALS and updates.
- 2024 budget: Council think of projects /office equipment/Open Space Park Comp Plan, any other items needed. November the committee will start on the budget.
- There are ARPA funds still available to use towards office equipment/computers, IT Company and an internet upgrade. Secretary needs help with researching these.
- President Daywalt stated the Borough should have a 'safety committee' between the fire dept. and office employees. This would save the borough 5% on premiums with SWIFT/WC. There would be a lot of training sessions, seminars, and meetings. The committee would have to have two (2) Council members, two (2) paid employees. President will speak with the fire dept. to have this committee up and running in January 2024, 6 months prior to renewal for discount. Council member Handley made motion to proceed with creating this committee, Council member Ayers second, all in favor motion passed.
- PECO Green Region Open Space Program 2023 Round / DCNR Round 4. The borough has been granted an extension to apply. President Daywalt will apply. Council member Ewing made motion to have President apply for this Grant, Council member Handley second, all in favor motion passed. This Grant will help towards the Mode House acquisition.

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

- Ed Hines, Modena resident asked the question of how is the borough going to enforce the animal ordinance. Council President Daywalt and Council member Handley stated; 'the Borough's code inspector and police will enforce'.

- Colleen Rasmussen, East Fallowfield resident stated to make sure the Animal Ordinance is worded correctly and not to violate the farm act. Zoning comes into effect for any larger acreage (10 or more) in this borough, which there is only one other property on Hall Hill Rd. Council President and Council member Handley answered that this borough's Ordinance will not violate the farm act. Council Solicitor Koopman is/will be reviewing the animal ordinance.
- Kim Sherman, Modena resident asked when the Ordinance would be able to be viewed by the public. Solicitor answered after she reviews, and then posted for 30 days.
- Vince Talerico, property manager for rentals in Modena was here to observe meeting. Stated that he is excited to fully read the Animal ordinance once available to the public for review.
- Carol Kulp East Fallowfield resident read from a paper she was holding, that she felt it was a violation of privacy to have a resident/tenant to have to answer all these questions, which is part of the draft animal Ordinance. She again said it is a PA constitutional violation of peoples' rights to be answering these questions. Yet she said she is an animal lover. Council member Handley, who has been working on this animal ordinance for over a year, stated that this Ordinance is for the benefit of the animal. For the animal to thrive not to just exist, that there is no abuse, over crowding/correct spacing, no neglect.

Meeting Adjourned

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm. Council member Handley made motion to end meeting, Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday October 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: