

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024

1. Call to Order

At 7:00pm, President Jennifer Daywalt stated that Council is currently not at quorum. Waiting on one more Council member. Until quorum met, this meeting is closed.
President Daywalt now called to order the Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council at 7:02 pm on Monday March 4, 2024, at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance were Jennifer Daywalt, Ruth Ayers, Jenny Hines, Blaise Frost who arrived at 7:02pm, Mayor Harvey, and Solicitor Koopman. Felicia Handley, Elizabeth Sinton, Treasurer Sandy, and VP Tilghman were absent.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Monthly meeting minutes from February 20, 2024, reviewed. Council member Ayers made a motion to accept the minutes, Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- Council reviewed the report. Treasurer requested to have Council's approval to transfer \$10,000.00 from Sewer to General. Council member Frost made a motion to transfer these funds, Council member Ayers second, all in favor motion passed.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- Council reviewed the report. Council member Hines made motion to accept and pay the bills. Council member Ayers second, all in favor motion passed.

7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Reviewed. Motion to accept by Council member Hines, seconded by council member Ayers, all in favor motion passed.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Reviewed. Motion to accept by Council member Ayers, seconded by council member Hines, all in favor motion passed. The air compressor failed at the pump house this past Saturday. Butch was called in and had to purchase a new, he will be submitting receipt for reimbursement. There was a main leak on Woodland Ave. fixed in place already.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Reviewed. Dave zoomed in he had nothing to add to the report. Motion to accept by Council member Ayers, seconded by council member Frost, all in favor motion passed.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- June 2-5 annual summer conference in Hershey. President asked Council who all will be attending.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Rec Committee Report

- March 30 will be the Egg Hunt. P&R needs a Bunny costume, donations of candy.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Council member Hines stated that the committee will meet on April 2 at 7 pm. No March meeting.
- The committee is getting more info on historical homes in the Borough. Council member Hines will look into an official 'old rites landowner' historical map then Council member Handley will work on an historical ordinance for the Borough.
- Brandywine Conservancy will work with Mr. John Graves on their Greenway strategic plan for the Mode House and park.
- Mr. Graves will attend the CCHP luncheon in April, then report back to the Council.

8.6 Public Works Report

- VP Tilghman absent. President Daywalt stated that the invoice from the damage on the back how was presented to South Coatesville council for discussion/approval at their March 12 meeting.

8.7 Planning, Zoning and Ordinance Report

- Per Council member Handley, tabled.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Report

- There will be a meeting on Wednesday February 21 at 6pm.

8.9 Finance Committee Report

- President requires committee to meet quarterly. Council member Frost is the chairman.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Solicitor still working on an RFP for Meredith Ct project manager
- All (3) Ordinances Residential, Commercial and Animal –tabled.
- South Coatesville Police Contract – waiting on South Coatesville Council to discuss more.
- IT Edge is completed. Back computer up and running also.

Grant Project Updates

CRP Grant – Streets

- President Daywalt stated work is being done and ahead of schedule. Guard rails should be installed the week of the 18th on Woodland Ave. asphalt plants will be opening soon, contractor will let her know. She will meet with engineers, project manager Jeff and others again on Friday March 15 to get more updates.
- There is an overage of costs on the total grant money. Changes may have to be made to take off some of the project or get a loan to pay for the full project.
- Baker St. has ‘play’ underneath – needs more base work to build up.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge: Council President is waiting on two more bids. She spoke with Abbonizio contractors to place a bid.
- Meredith Court: Solicitor Koopman has a draft ready for a Project Manager. Presenting it to PEMA Rep to make sure all verbiage is in order before advertising.

9. New Business

- Not applicable to apply for the 902 Grant per Mary Alice of DEP- grant contract does allow applications for loans.
- A Conditional Use Application was presented to Dave Wallace of LTL On February 15, 2024, for 98/100 No. Brandywine Ave. A public & council meeting/hearing needs to be before April 15, 2024. Solicitor Koopman will be present along with the Codes Inspector. She and the Borough Secretary will handle advertising in the DLN and hiring a court reporter. Dave Wallace will post public notices of the hearing date to residents around 98 N. Brandywine Ave. then advise the applicant of the date and time.

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

- Kim Sherman asked the question on who is LTL Consultants; Dave Wallace stated that stands for the three (3) owners of the company. She wanted to know who the engineers are and the amounts of the costs. President advised her.
- Buddy Rhoads of East Fallowfield Twsp. Spoke about the large property off Mortonville road. Who owns it and what percentage of acres are in Modena. Connell Limited Partnership of Boston Mass. owns all the land, 39.4 AC & IND BLDG is in East Fallowfield Township, 6.3 acres are in Modena. They maintain the property and pay the taxes.
- Mr. Rhoads also mentions that South Coatesville will have about 1500 new construction of homes. As an FYI for traffic flow into Modena.
- Mr. Rhoads noticed that at the School house apartments, the sidewalk on bridge is collapsing. President stated that an estimate was completed by FEMA. The council is waiting on 3 verbal contracts. The council will decide on who will do the work, and to start this spring.

Meeting Adjourned

At 7:47 pm Council member Frost made a motion to end the meeting, Council member Ayers second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting:

Tuesday March 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: