

Borough of Modena
Second Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022

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 December 19, 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 Daywalt, VP Tilghman, Council members Nicole Ewing, and Secretary Cloud. Absent were Council members Blaise Frost, Felicia Handley, Mayor Harvey, 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 this evening's agenda. VP Tilghman second, all in favor motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Monthly meeting from December 5, 2022

VP Tilghman made motion to accept the minutes. 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 presented the report to Council. Total of bills tot be paid is \$13,256.00.

7.2 Payment of Bills

Council member Ewing made motion to pay the Borough bills. VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

Nothing to report.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

Nothing to report.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

Nothing to report.

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

- Will have a meeting January 10, 2023 to go over next year's events; Duck derby.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

Nothing to report

8.6 Police & Fire Community Relations Report

Nothing to report

8.7 Streets Report

- VP Tilghman reported that the walk behind lawn mower was sold on Municibid for \$535.30. He will plan to meet with the buyer.

8.8 Planning & Zoning

- There will be a Zoning & Hearing Board that will meet as needed, consisting of a minimum of three people who are residents of this Borough and a registered voter. So far Ms. Gisselle Cosentino agreed to be on the board. Borough Solicitor Koopman will compose a Resolution for a Zoning & Hearing Board for Council to adopt.

8.9 Ordinance Review

- Solicitor Koopman working on three for the New Year.

9. Unfinished/Old Business

Mode House

Brandywine Conservancy has funding that Solicitor Koopman will apply for. She also needs the letters of reciprocity from 2019. Secretary Cloud will email them to her.

Recycling Truck

Delivery due to the Borough in March 2023. Will apply at the next 902 grant round in 2023 for additional funding to cover price increase.

Grant Updates

CRP Grant – Streets

- January 2023 engineering design will go out to bid, to start work in spring 2023.
- Council President spoke with Commissioner Marion M. The Borough found out that they were denied additional ARPA funds for the streets. There were many municipalities applying for MS4 / Storm water projects, who were approved, and many not.

LSA Grant – Equipment for Borough PW and Fire Dept Equipment

- Waiting on word from their committee. Thursday January 12, 2023, will be their next meeting.

902 Grant Rounds 59 & 60

- Waiting on totor's reimbursement, end of this year.
- Will apply in 2023 next 902 grant cycle for additional funding for recycling truck charge increase.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- South Brandywine Bridge – quote from one company was \$25,000. Since bids are over \$20,000. This will have to go out to bid. Then Borough can use liquid fuels funds since FEMA/PEMA only gave \$12,000.00. Liquid fuel funds were deposited into the general account last month, more to come in 2023.
- Nothing new on Meredith Court. Still in hands of PEMA/FEMA/Swift water and owner.

10. New Business

- **Ordinance #165-2022 No Tax Rate Increase for 2023.** Motion was made by VP Tilghman to accept, second by Council member Ewing, all in favor, motion passed. Pending on the economy and since the Borough has not raises taxes in over 10 years. Council will entertain the idea of raising them for 2024. More discussion to follow in 2023.
- Secretary presented the **PSAB Web Host/Design Price Change** to Council. VP Tilghman made motion to accept, Council member Ewing second, all in favor motion passed.
- **2023 Budget.** Committee will have a work session on Monday December 26, 2022.
- **2023 Fee Schedule.** There will be a 5% increase across the board, with the exemption of refuse, that cost will be \$340.00 per unit and \$10.00 for recycling per unit. The sewer fees will be \$500.00 per unit, or quarterly sewer payments of \$125.00. VP Tilghman made motion to accept this increase, Council member Ewing seconded, all in favor motion passed.

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

Ms. Ruth Ayers and her daughter Kim Sherman spoke about their neighbor at 12 Baker St. Council advised there is nothing the Borough can do about the situation there. Call 911 when you see anyone on the property; the South Coatesville Police is aware of the situation there.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm. Council member Ewing made motion to end meeting, VP Tilghman second, all in favor motion passed.

Next Council Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday January 3, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: