

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2024

1. Call to Order

At 7:00 pm on Monday July 1, 2024, at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave President Daywalt called to order the Council meeting, of the Borough of Modena Council.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Roll Call

Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance were President Jennifer Daywalt, VP Tilghman, Council members, Jenny Hines, Felicia Handley, Elizabeth Sinton and Mayor Harvey. Council members Blaise Frost, Ruth Ayers, and Borough solicitor Stacey Fuller were absent.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

Monthly meeting minutes from June 17, 2024, reviewed. Council member Hines made a motion to accept the minutes, VP Tilghman second, all in favor motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- President Daywalt stated there is no report for Council to review, due to Treasurer delay.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- President Daywalt stated there are no bills for Council to review, due to Treasurer delay.

7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Sgt. Gober was present at meeting. He went over their report with Council. He stated that in order to reduce speeders on North Brandywine Ave. and Union St. lines would have to be painted. On NBW, they would start at the address of 127 to Lloyd St. and NBW all along Union St. Owner of 127 was a meeting, Sgt. advised that chief would reach out to him to chat about using his driveway to sit. Council agreed to allow SCV Police to paint lines and enforce speeders on these two roads, once Ordinance #123-06 is adopted at the July 15, 2024, meeting. Union St., Sgt. Gober will check with the state to be permitted to paint lines.
- Sgt. reported that the incident at Duck Derby with a juvenile is being handled.
- Westwood fire/ambulance had 3 calls in this Borough. Monthly report will be sent in by next meeting.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Reviewed by Council. Totals are coming down. 4" broken pipeline on Woodland Ave. belonged to Sealed Air created the water flow down onto NBW Ave. Was determined it was not due to the Boroughs Road construction project. Sealed Air is responsible for repair, Abbonizio contractors will do the work. Abbonizio will be out in the borough in a few weeks to complete work on Baker St. then complete NBW Ave. Billing will be sent to the Borough, then invoiced to Sealed Air.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Report submitted by Codes inspector Stephen. Council reviewed.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- National Night Out is on Tuesday August 6. We will be working with the Fie House to have a BBQ, information booth, just gather together with the residents.
- October 11 thru 13 there will be the Fall conference in Lancaster that Council President suggests all to attend a day or two since it is more local than Hershey was.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Rec Committee Report

- Next meeting July 9 at 6:30pm.
- August will be backpack giveaway.
- October will be the Haunt.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- No July meeting.

8.6 Public Works Report

- Applicant Edward Chilcote for PRN PW. VP will work with him. Executive meeting at later date if hired for employment.
- New salt grate is needed, or Tim DeMarco fix the old one.

8.7 Planning, Zoning and Ordinance Report

- Committee members met to discuss some issues.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Report

- Postpone planting due to heat. Plan is at the pocket park, along the residential home to have a bed of wood chips and berry bushes. At the schoolhouse/bridge area have 2-3 evergreens, cherry laurels, hydrangeas to visually not see the trash dumpsters. \$250.00 would cover costs per Council member Sinton.
- VP Tilghman stated that the creek has a lot of debris in it. Committee members will do mini clean ups. Suggested to have a ¼ clean up on the Brandywine.
- President commented to Sgt. that the juvenile from the Duck Derby incident, should be involved with community service in this borough. Arrangements will be made with him through his family and the police.

8.9 Finance Committee Report

- Quarterly meetings are to be scheduled with this committee.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Conditional Use Hearing is rescheduled for July 15 2 6:00 pm. Council meeting to follow.
- Motor vehicle Ordinance #123-06 Ch 15. Is being advertised now. Final adoption on July 15, 2024, meeting.

Grant Project Updates

CRP Grant – Streets

- Not closed out yet. Adjustments and repairs are to be made to Baker St. and NBW by Abbonizio.

Tropical Storm Ida/HMGP-Meredith Court

- **South Brandywine Bridge**
MKowal Excavating, LLC finished the job. Repairs completed; engineer signed off. A balance of \$9,430.00 due to contractors. Total project cost is \$17,500. \$12,000 from FEMA, balance borough pays. VP Tilghman made motion to finalize payment, Council member Handley second, all in favor motion passed. Council President will have check cut this evening.
- **Meredith Court:** Solicitor Stacey is still working on an RFP for a Project Manager with a lawyer/attorney from FEMA. There is a new contact at FEMA – President and Solicitor has his information.

9. New Business

- Resolution #1-2024 America 250PA was Adopted. Council member Hines made motion to accept, Council member Sinton second, all in favor motion passed.
- Council member Handley made motion to have a paranormal investigation at the Mode House, outside of the house. Set up chairs and wait. Council member Handley has a contact that will do this for free. If anything is found, only Council will know until the whole house will be owner by the Borough, then it maybe a benefit for attention for fundraising, donations or volunteers to help with reconstruction. President Daywalt said if anything is found, then Council will meet to discuss how to handle it. Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.

- Owner of 127 N BWN Stephen Matonti to discuss his annual Sewer, Refuse and Recycling invoice. Council approved him to pay \$460 for sewer, free recycling bin and for him to show evidence/proof that his commercial refuse is pickup by another company in order to be waived the annual fee. Mr. Matonti was upset about the electrical permit fee. He was advised to speak with the Codes Inspector on a Wednesday on that topic.
- Mr. Peter DiMaio of the Coatesville Public Library spoke on how he and his colleagues loved the Duck Derby and will participate next year. He told council about all the summer programs the library is holding and how great his staff are organizing community events and hands-on activities with children/parents and adults. Check out the library's website for more details. coatesvillelibrary.org

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

- None

Meeting Adjourned

Council meeting ended at 7:58pm. Council member Hines made a motion to end the meeting, VP Tilghman second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting:

Monday July 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: