

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2024

1. Call to Order

At 7:00 pm on Monday December 16, 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 on zoom, Council members Blaise Frost, Elizabeth Sinton, Jenny Hines, Ruth Ayers and Mayor Harvey. Felicia Handley and Treasurer Danielle Pearson also on zoom. Solicitor Fuller was absent.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

Council member Sinton made motion to accept the agenda, Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

Monthly meeting minutes from December 2, 2024, reviewed. Council member Hines made a motion to accept the minutes, Council member Ayers second, all in favor motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

7. Written Reports

7.1 Treasurer's Report

- President read the balances.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- President read the bills. Council member Frost made a motion to accept and pay the bills to LTL and Gawthrop. Council member Sinton second, all in favor motion passed.

7.3 Police and Fire Department Reports

- Frank Dowlin spoke on the importance of having 24/7 policing in the Borough along with reporting on how many calls the fire department has received so far in the year 2024. Public safety is more important than the increase of taxes. Tax increases are happening all over.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Reviewed. Normal flows.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Reviewed. A lot of permits were issued.

8. Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- Extra meetings will be needed for the proposed 2025 budget; Borough is on a 'tight deadline' for advertising and creating a new Ordinance, which both need to be posted for 10 days no later than December 31, 2024.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

8.4 Park & Recreation Committee Reports

- Duck Derby, May 31, 2025. January 2025 there will be early duck sales \$20 for 6 ducks and early discount registration fee..
- Dine & Donate with restaurants be considered.
- Order/create t-shirts for each committee.
- Change the P&R banner, to install it on the pump house.
- **2025 Events:**
 - April 12 – Brandywine Clean up
 - April 19 – Borough Egg Hunt
 - May 31 – Duck Derby
 - October 18 – Borough Haunt
 - December 7 – Festival of Lights

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Committee will arrange a 5K fundraiser to benefit the Mode House schedule for April 26.
- Meeting will need to be set up by end of year.
- President applied for the Americana Corner Grant for the amount of \$10K for funding to secure the Mode House.

8.6 Public Works Reports

- VP Tilghman stated that they are doing a lot of cleaning out of the parks.
- Ed Chilcote will be resigning once he knows when he is accepted into the Navy. VP stated he will manage the work until a new PW is hired.
- VP Tilghman has prices for new salt grate panels: Tractor Supply \$70.00 total, Salt Dogg \$300.00. Council member Hines made motion to accept the Tractor Supply cost not to exceed \$100.00, Council member Sinton second, all in favor motion passed.

8.7 Planning/Zoning & Ordinance Reports

- Nothing to report.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Reports

- Meeting needed.

8.9 Finance Committee

- Discussion of 2025 Budget. Friday December 20 @ 5:00pm all will meet again.

9. Unfinished/Old

Business

Grant Project Updates

CRP Grant – Streets Finalizing payments.

Meredith Court Mitigation Project

Swift project Manager contract

- Contract finalized. Was sent to AR Spruce for review and signing.

Progress: 3 Union St. Parcel #10-4-41.3 and 1 Meredith Court parcel 10-4 -41.3.

- Mr. Morrison stated that he has a squatter on the property dropping off vehicles that he will have towed. Only 5-10 of the vehicles are his, others are his partners. Someday he will have a useful building built. Mr. Morrison was given a flood Certification application for the shed which is located on Meredith Ct. He is returning the appl to office so codes can review it. Mr. Morrison asked for his 2024 sewer invoice for the property on Meredith Ct. Secretary and treasurer will email it to him for payment.

98 N Brandywine Ave. Conditional Use

- JMMD requested RTK of all the transcripts from his (3) hearings. Solicitor Fuller will be managing it and filing the appeal.

10. New Business

- Constellation Energy Proposal – tabled.
- Resolution #7-2024 Act 140 EMS Tax. Council member Frost made motion, Council member Hine second, all in favor motion passed.
- Resolution #8-2024 Act 140 Fire Tax. Council member Hines made motion, Council member Frost second, all in favor motion passed.

11. For Public Comment - limit of 3 minutes

- Kim Sherman asked if Council has the Police contract yet from East Fallowfield; President Daywalt responded no. Mayor Harvey stated that he is communicating with them. Mayor will be at a meeting with them, scheduled for January 2025.

Meeting Adjourned

Regular Council meeting ended at 7:49pm. Council member Frost made a motion to end the meeting, Council member Hines second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Monday January 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall

President:

Secretary:

Date: