

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026

1. **Call to Order**
At 7:03 pm on Tuesday February 17, 2026 at Borough Hall, 5 Woodland Ave President Hines called to order the meeting of the Borough of Modena Council.
2. **Salute to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**
Secretary Cloud conducted roll call. In attendance were President Hines, VP Sherman, Council members Jennifer (Daywalt) Taylor, Ed Hines, Michael Gallagher, Mayor Christina Puff, and Treasurer David Fiorenza. Council member Liz Sinton was absent; Ruth Ayers was on zoom.
4. **Approval of this evening's Agenda**
Council member Taylor made motion to accept the agenda, VP Sherman second, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
VP Sherman made motion to accept the minutes from February 2, 2026. Council member Hines second, all in favor motion passed.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
None
7. **Written Reports**
 - 7.1 **Treasurer's Report**
 - Stated that we have more money than this time last year in general.
 - Council reviewed the report as Treasurer read it.
 - Still waiting on South Coatesville manager to mail their portion of the workers comp. Treasurer emailed him to state that a \$9,000.00 payment will be made for Modena's portion of the sewer plant. Manager responded back 'stating Modena owes for Polices services too.' Communication ended. Council member Taylor stated that the police service payments are in South Coatesville hands. Once they send an audit for years passed debt, then Modena will review it thoroughly. Modena paid for police services rendered to a point, then cancelled the new contract that was proposed; due to an extreme increase.
 - 7.2 **Payment of Bills**
 - Treasurer read some of the bills stating that most are ACH reoccurring. Totaling \$44,057.00. He needs approval to transfer funds from sewer to general/ highway aid to general. Council member Taylor asked why we are paying Servpro \$1,774.00 when it was an insurance claim. Treasurer stated it was a miscommunication and the funds will be returned. VP Sherman asked if Servpro check was ever approved by Council, treasurer stated Servpro would not come back to do the work unless they have been paid.

Secretary spoke saying that the agent she is in contact with, he will be paying Servpro and all the borough owes is the deductible. Council member Taylor made motion to pay the bills and transfer funds needed. Council member Hines second all in favor motion passed. Other invoices/checks will be on the next meetings vendor list.

7.3 Police & Fire Department Reports

- No reports.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- No reports.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Mr. Lee, 12 Union St. received his signed permits per council President

Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- Gawthrop sent in their invoice for January. Council, Mayor, and President need to refrain from reaching out to Solicitor Stacey on their own, due to her fees are \$220.00 an hour, which she is billing the borough. Council and Mayor should direct questions to President, then she will reach out to solicitor.
- VP Sherman suggested using a PO system for purchasing items for the Borough. Any items under \$100.00 would not need a PO, yet email President on what the purchases/receipts would be for.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Snow Emergency notice has been lifted as of February 4, 2026 at 6:00pm.
- Monday March 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm will be the swearing in of the Modena Fire Department Officers.
- A brief template for Borough newsletter was passed around for all to review.

8.4 Park & Recreation Committee Reports

- Meeting at 6pm next Tuesday March 10 to clean and stuff eggs for the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday April 4. Purchase/donation of candy are much needed.
- Environmental meeting will follow.
- Duck Derby on May 30 will need to incorporate the theme "America250". There will be DJ music, entertainment, FISH, rock wall, moon bounce. Possibly historical reenactments/actors, face painting, petting zoo. – More details later to confirm.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Committee will follow up with the Mode descendants on the progress of the Mode House project.

8.6 Public Works Reports

- PW employee Beau Tilghman will report at the next meeting on a new snow blower.

8.7 Planning/Zoning & Ordinance Reports

- No report. Council members Taylor & Gallagher will get together to go over zoning issues that are already in place.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Reports

- Members gathered together to plants winter seeds. Some are sprouting already.

8.9 Finance Committee:

- Spoke about combining Borough's loans in order to get a lower interest rate and shorter term. Treasurer and President spoke to Paul Robinson of PLGIT. Paul suggested consulting with Citadel to negotiate better rates.

9. Old Business

Grant Project Updates

PEMA/FEMA Meredith Court Mitigation Project

- Council member Taylor (Daywalt) met with Geotech and AR Spruce last Wednesday. They will have meetings every two weeks. 811 will be called to mark utilities. Geotech will be at Meredith Ct on February 18. The week of February 23 surveyor and zoning will be marking out the area. Demo is expected in April 2026, RFP's/bids do have to go out for that. This will be a big event for Modena – Jennifer will contact the press, Federal, state, and local representatives to be present once a date is determined.
- Solicitor Stacey, Jennifer Taylor, and owner Marcello had a meeting about the design of his units.
- Security cameras quotes- tabled.

PECO Gas Project

- Update: None

10. New Business

- Resolution #3-2026 CCEMA. Council member Taylor made a motion to accept, Council member Hines second, all in favor, motion passed.
- Council member Taylor made motion to accept Devante Tuggle's LOI for one (1) of the Zoning hearing available seats; 2 years expiring 2027. VP Sherman second, all in favor motion passed. Borough still needs one (1) more seat filled and an alternate seat.
- Discussion on having the PW employee arrange pick up from residents, for a fee of \$30.00 for any metal items. A fee structure needs to be set before advertising.
- Resolution #4-2026. Council member Taylor made a motion to accept, council member Gallagher second.
- Consideration of transitioning Borough Council meeting broadcasting from Zoom to YouTube Live, which is a free platform while zoom costs \$16 a month. Council member Taylor stated that zoom is interactive and used for other meetings and council members who are unable to physically attend. their comments matter even if they are unable to vote. Zoom is a secure method and was used during COVID, maybe implemented again. Council member Hines suggests that we set up YouTube to walk us through it to see it compared to Zoom.

Council member Gallagher mention that he likes the idea that YouTube is archived where meetings can be viewed at another time and for public access. VP Sherman asked if You Tube does have the ability to hide out any derogatory comments; yes. Council member Taylor state that there is a Resolution stating the recorded meeting minutes are not saved once Council has approved them at the next meeting. Question brough up using personal phones to communicate while on YouTube, yet they are not secured when hearing comments or questions. This is a liability, not for best practices for the phone owner. We can use the borough's cell phone though. President Hines decided that Zoom and YouTube to be run side by side for the next meeting so all can decide on a preference and hash out the pros and cons of each. Council member Hines made motion, Council member Gallagher second, all in favor motion passed.

- Establishment of a Borough-controlled master admin email for digital communication platforms. Mayor Puff and Council member Gallagher stated that they would want to get into a general log-in. Council member Taylor stated that info@ can be forwarded to others. Secretary currently has the only access to it; she would have to ask IT Edge if this is available for others to have a password to this set up, knowing that there will be an additional cost of \$5.00 a month.
- Having basic audio visual equipment – Council member Gallagher will work on it to present at a later date.

11. For Public Comment - limit of 3 minutes

- Residents Donald & Debbie Shephard were present. They stated years ago public comment was at the beginning of the meeting. VP Sherman stated it was changed so that the public can sit and hear the discussion/topics going on, then voice your concerns at the end of the meeting. Debbie commented that years ago past Council's were more organized than what she is witnessing now. Donald commented on how the children of the borough are running around while on foot or on their bikes disrespecting oncoming cars. Unfortunately, there are no parks in the borough to play in; Culbertson park is snow filled now. Residents/parents need to get more involved with their children to keep them busy.

Regular Council meeting: Ended at 8:22 pm. Council member Ed Hines made a motion to end the meeting, Council member Gallagher second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Monday March 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: