

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026

1. Call to Order

At 7:01 pm on Monday March 2, 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

Treasurer Fiorenza conducted roll call. In attendance were President Hines, VP Sherman, Council members Liz Sinton, Ed Hines, Michael Gallagher, Mayor Christina Puff, and Treasurer David Fiorenza. Council members Ruths Ayers Jenifer Taylor and Borough Secretary Cloud were absent.

4. Approval of this evening's Agenda

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

5. Approval of Minutes

VP Sherman had one addition to the minutes of February 17, 2026. VP Sherman wanted to add resident Shephard's comment should include the meetings were smoother in the past when other members of Council conducted the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes from February 17, 2026, was made by council member Ed Hines and a second by VP Sherman, all in favor of the motion passed.

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Peter DiMaio was in attendance and a member of the Coatesville Library Board. He attends public meetings for all the surrounding municipalities and reports back to the library.

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.
- Discussion ensued about extending the discount period for the Sewer, Refuse, and recycling bills to May 31, 2026. A motion was made by council member Ed Hines and second by council member Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Finance Committee will be reviewing the PECO invoices and analyzing the usage of Constellation to see if there is savings.

7.2 Payment of Bills

- Treasurer read some of the bills stating that most are ACH reoccurring. Totaling \$23,064. Approval is requested for transfer of funds from Historical to General for \$1,554 for Viking Masonry, Sewer to General for February payroll of \$752.52, and Highway Aid to General for snowstorm related to payroll in the amount of \$210. A motion to approve was made by VP Sherman and seconded by council member Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously.

7.3 Fire Chief Report

- Fire Chief Dowlin discussed how busy the Fire Department was with 96 fire calls Y-T-D and 286 ambulance calls Y-T-D. This includes response outside of the Borough as well. Discussed ensued about how expensive fire apparatus is becoming.
- A representative from Westwood Fire Company reported there were 1,388 calls Y-T-D which included all the municipalities they represent. One call in Modena Borough.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- The monthly sewer report was accepted by Council President Hines.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- No report

Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- Council President Hines announced an Executive Session will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 7 pm at Borough Hall.
- Council President Hines and Secretary Cloud met with the insurance company to discuss the hot water heater claim.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report. Absent.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Snow Emergency notice has been lifted as of February 26, 2026, at 12:00pm.
- Monday March 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm will be the swearing in of the Modena Fire Department Officers.
- A draft of a Borough newsletter was distributed for all to review. The goal is to have the newsletter distributed by May 1, 2026. The mayor will pay for the expense of the plastic door hangers where the newsletter will be placed.
- Email administration access has been shared with the Mayor and Council President.

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.
- Council member Sinton will be painting the sign where the train stop was. This is an effort to beautify the Borough and a "welcome to Modena." Public Works Beau added that he discovered a planter, made from recycled materials, which will add to the beautification of the Borough.
- 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.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Mr. Graves reported the next meeting will be on Thursday March 12, 2026, at 7:30p
- Discussion surrounded around a fundraiser for the Mode. House.
- Viking Masonry was able to locate more artifacts in the basement of the Mode House.

8.6 Public Works Reports

- PW employee Beau Tilghman continues to clean the Borough of debris in the ongoing effort to beautify the Borough.
- The salt spreader had some expenses. Payment will be made from the Highway Aid.
- Council President Hines discussed having a social media post(s) showing the efforts of our Public Works throughout the Borough.
- Mode house cleanup day and Modena cleanup day will need volunteers to assist in the cleanup.
- Beau recommend against buying a snow blower for the Borough.

8.7 Planning/Zoning & Ordinance Reports

- The ordinances and codes are still being reviewed.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Reports

- Soil has been donated, plantings will continue throughout the Borough. The Company Harmony Hill will be donating plants for the continued beautification of the Borough.

8.9 Finance Committee:

- Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday March 11, 2026, at 2:30 pm.

9. Old Business

Grant Project Updates

PEMA/FEMA Meredith Court Mitigation Project

- Things are moving along with the bid process.

PECO Gas Project

- Update: None

10. New Business

- Council President Hines and the Treasurer met with a representative of PLGIT. We discussed current interest rates. The Borough will move forward with Citadel Bank's High Yield savings accounts for Sewer and Highway Fund instead of PLGIT. Council President Hines and VP Sherman were able to meet with Citadel on this matter.
- A resolution is needed to open the High Yield savings accounts at Citadel.
- Live streaming meetings will be one of the items of discussion at the Executive Session on March 3, 2026.
- Council President Hines and the Treasurer met with Cedarville Engineering. The goal is to replace LTL with Cedarville Engineering, due to the experience of Cedarville with Boroughs and flood plain management.
- USDA Housing Preservation Grant. Council President Hines discussed this grant, its eligibility and application process starting in September. Also, citizens can apply for funding to assist with repair and rehabilitation. Awards of the grants are in the \$30,000 to \$110,000 range. The Borough is an economic and environmental justice zone. VP Sherman suggested the owners of the property should apply to get these grants, not landlords. The Borough could approve each grant application being made. A motion was made by VP Sherman and seconded by Council member Gallagher. Motion carried unanimously.

- The phone for Codes is \$43.46/month through Comcast. The monthly ACH for the codes phone will be deleted. A motion was made by Council member Ed Hines and seconded by VP Sherman. Motion carried unanimously.

11. For Public Comment - limit of 3 minutes

- Peter DiMaio wanted to be sure we had the spelling correct for the person who will help with the Duck Derby, Kusnierzyk.

Regular Council meeting: Ended at 8:30 pm. Council member Ed Hines made a motion to end the meeting, Council member Gallagher second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday March 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: