

Borough of Modena
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026

1. **Call to Order**
At 7:00 pm on Monday April 20, 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 Taylor, Ed Hines, Michael Gallagher, Treasurer David Fiorenza, and Mayor Christina Puff. Council member Liz Sinton was on zoom.
4. **Approval of this evening's Agenda**
Council member Taylor made motion to accept the agenda, Council member Gallagher second, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of March 17, 2026 were approved by Council members Gallagher and Hines. The minutes of April 6, 2026. VP Sherman made a motion to accept, council member Taylor second, all in favor motion passed.
6. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
None
7. **Written Reports**
 - 7.1 **Treasurer's Report**
 - Council reviewed the report as Treasurer read it. Treasurer would like to start the process to open the high yield savings account at Citadel for the Highway Aid, he needs the signers to be with him, which are President & VP. A Resolution will be needed for this, upon completion at Citadel.
 - Treasurer would like to pay Westwood and Modena Fire Departments their portion. Invoice need from John Sly of Westwood. Council agrees if the funds are available now, pay them.
 - Still waiting on additional EST, EIT funds to come in from the County.
 - Portnoff has some properties that have been placed on Sherriff sale. One sold.
 - 7.2 **Payment of Bills**
 - Treasurer read the bills stating most are ACH reoccurring.
 - Viking Masonry will be paid with what little funds are left in the account.
 - A motion was made by Council member Hines to accept the bills to be paid. Second, by council member Gallagher. All in favor, motion passed.
 - 7.3 **Police and Fire Chief Reports**
 - Report will be present at the first council meeting of each month.

7.4 Sewer Flow Report

- Report will be present at the first council meeting of each month.

7.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report

- Report will be present at the first council meeting of each month.

Council and Committee Reports

8.1 Council President Report

- President stated that there will be increased police patrolling in the borough due to an incident that happened on N. Brandywine Ave. Legal action will take place going forward on incidents. Modena's crime has gone up per PA State Police.
- President stated that Brian Winslow of Red Clay will accept to 15 abandon tires per trip. He has a way to dispose of them for free at SECCRA Community Landfill in West Grove. Definition of *per trip* is needed.

8.2 Secretary Report

- Nothing to report.

8.3 Mayor Report

- Acknowledged the March report.
- Working a bit on the next newsletter. Anna a volunteer, will help Mayor.

8.4 Park & Recreation Committee Reports

- Duck Derby is 40 days away. Committee chair Taylor asked council who will be volunteering; all of Council stated they will be there.
- April 18 was a successful clean-up day. 19th Clean-up day was cancelled due to rain.
- April 22 the two new cameras will be installed out back.
- Next meeting will be May 12, 6 PM. Additional meetings to follow as the event date gets closer.

8.5 Historical Committee Report

- Mr. Graves knows of three historical characters to attend the Duck Derby as part of the America 250. They will have literature to talk about the Lenape culture and the relatives of the Mode/Pemberton family.
- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 12 @ 7:30pm.

8.6 Public Works Reports

- Beau stated that the F350 is acting up again. The bed lift is not working properly.
- Council needs to research/consider a new zero turn lawn mower since this one is old and currently in the shop again. Price range for a new, \$800-\$900.
- Beau also stated that the residents on S. Brandywine Ave. do not clean up after their dogs waste properly. Some may use a bag, then throw the bag along the road or into the woods. A note will be posted on the borough's Facebook by the Mayor, stating that bags are available at the office and to '*curb your dog.*'
- PW Committee head Gallagher stated that he and council member Hines will start working on the back steps and the wood ramp at the borough office, along with checking the borough streetlights in the evening for any that may be faulty.

8.7 Planning/Zoning & Ordinance Reports

- Nothing.

8.8 Environmental & Conservation Reports

- Scheduled clean ups were done.
- Meetings will always follow the Park & Recreation meeting

8.9 Finance Committee:

- Will meet Thursday May 7 at 2:30pm

9. Old Business

Grant Project Updates

PEMA/FEMA Meredith Court Mitigation Project

- There have been weekly meetings with Council member Taylor. The application for demo is in Cedarville's hands for review. Taylor reported that the RFP for demo is in progress. Awarding will hopefully be on May 18, 2026. Getting cost analysis on the actual building, due to costs going up since the first years ago. The million dollars set for demo may not all be needed. A line item will be set to move the difference into the cost of the building. Total grant was 3.2 million. Any cost over and beyond the Grant will be the responsibility of the property owner to pay; which he is aware of.
- There will be a big press release, notice to all the county representatives, all involved, once we know of the demolition date and time.

PECO Gas Project

- Union St. and Hephzibah Hill Rds. have sinking issues again. The bridge only will be usable by May 30. The yellow bracing will be removed. No official date of whole repaving, only touch ups at this point.

10. New Business

- **Group Term Life Insurance and accident death benefits from PSAB:** there will be a \$25.00 fee to apply. Secretary checking into the MetLife monthly premium for the elected officials before commitment. More discussion on this. If Council approves, a Resolution needs to be created to accept the monthly premium costs.
- **Open Council seat:** Two (2) letters of intent were presented. Each applicant spoke on why they should be the one to fill the borough council seat. Council asked questions to each of them. Applicant Beau Tilghman retracted his letter to wish good luck to Devante' Tuggle. President asked council's yea or nay on appointing of Devante Tuggle's as he was interviewed via Zoom. All of council were in favor. Official appointment will be at the May 4 meeting. A resolution will be created for then.
- **Naming of Pocket Park** –Environmental committee suggested to have flowers planted, benches installed for past Council members, and working with the fire department for those they have lost over the years. A nice memorial place to go to reflect. **Tabled.**

11. For Public Comment - limit of 3 minutes

- None

Regular Council meeting: Ended at 8:10 pm Council member Hines made a motion to end the meeting, Council member Taylor second, all in favor, motion passed.

Next Council Meeting: Monday May 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall.

President:

Secretary:

Date: