

**BOROUGH OF DARBY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
May 18, 2016**

The Darby Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Janice Davis, Vice President Jennifer Parks, Mrs. Esther Lites, Ms. Darlene Hill, Ms. Jillian Theorgood, Mr. Patrick McKenna & Mr. Howard Blackson, Jr. Also present was Mayor Helen Thomas, Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Solicitor Charles Gibbs, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Code Officer Tom Gaffney & Chief Robert Smythe were present. Ms. Ruby Munden & Mr. Donald Deigh were absent.

President Davis called the meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thomas and Chief Smythe presented Corporal Evans with an Award for Heroism and Officers Collins, Barbour, Forlini, Jefferson and Greene Unit Citations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lauratta Wilson, 122 Summit Street: Discussed a street light that is out and an abandoned vehicle.

Odessa Garner, 106 Summit Street: Discussed paving that was completed and parking on Summit Street.

Richard Spain, 1013 Ridge Avenue: Discussed various Code issues.

Leslie Alesedo, 906 Cedar: Discussed various activities she would like to do for the kids.

Ethel Williams, 234 Marks Avenue: Complaints regarding properties on Marks Avenue.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

See Attached.

Motion to award a contract to A. F. Damon for an indefinite dollar value. Bonding will be required prior to the performance of any work and in the amount of 100% of the value of the project made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to accept the Engineer's Report made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hill. Motion carries 7-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McKenna. Motion carries 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4/20/16):**

Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Theorgood. Motion carries 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Ordinance #781 (Parking of Large Vehicles):** Ms. Davis opened the public hearing. Comments from Ms. Wilson and Ms. Scott regarding parking overnight if you are moving. Comment from Mr. Spain regarding PECO Trucks. Public Hearing was closed. Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:**

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Historical Commission Report: See attached.
- c. Tax Collector Report: See attached.
- d. Library Report: See attached.
- e. William Penn School District Report: Mr. Burrell reported on the next meeting.
- f. Ordinance/Zoning: Monthly Report
- g. Community Relations: Pantry Party.
- h. Municipal Services: No Report.
- i. Public Safety: Monthly Report.
- j. Recreation: Youth Day to be held on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- k. Finance: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McKenna to approve the paid bills for the month of May. Motion carries 7-0.
- l. Public Relations: No Report.
- m. Solicitors Report: Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Parks to advertise for a revocation hearing on June 1, 2016 to discuss the business license for 520 Main Street. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to accept all reports made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hill. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Parks to approve for Nicholas Loyle to pay the face value for 1319 Edgehill Road. Motion carries 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Deigh. Motion carries 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti  
Manager/Secretary  
Borough of Darby

# MEMORANDUM

## WALTON, MULVENA & ASSOCIATES

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Division of NDI ENGINEERING COMPANY



**DATE:** 12 May 2016  
**TO:** Darby Borough Council  
**FROM:** Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.  
**RE:** Engineer's Report Thru 12 May 2016

### Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance Bids

The bid opening for the paving portion of the contract was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A.F. Damon was the only bidder. A bid tabulation is attached. It is recommended that a contract award be made to A. F. Damon for an indefinite dollar value. Bonding will be required prior to the performance of any work and in the amount of 100% of the value of the project.

### Storm Sewer Repairs

The City inlet has been replaced at the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup>/Main. The inlet at 3<sup>rd</sup>/Main is tentatively scheduled for next week. We have investigated the configuration of the storm sewer at 11 Main St. The storm sewer has not worked for many years most likely due to the reduction in capacity by the presence of a pipe running through it. I have met with PECO, and their position is that it is not their line, and if it is their line, it predates the storm sewer. It could be a Verizon line; but, it is difficult to get anyone from Verizon to come out to any job, and with the current strike, most unlikely. For now, I would suggest that the line be placed on a routine cleaning program to keep it free from debris, and monitor its performance.

The remaining work under the current project includes the replacement of one inlet at 13<sup>th</sup>/Main and excavation behind an inlet at another inlet at 13<sup>th</sup>/Main to determine why it is collapsed.

The final work to be done by A to U as part of the current project involves the replacement of storm sewer pipe in the alley between Spruce and Pine Sts., between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sts.

### 2015 CDBG – Concord Road Infrastructure Improvements

Buck Frank has provided a start date of the week of Memorial Day.

### 2016 CDBG

County Council announced the 2016 CDBG awards and Darby Borough has been awarded a \$250,000 CDBG grant for Street Improvements on Golf Road from Branford to Wycombe.

### MS4 Separate Stormsewer Permit

Word search puzzles were delivered to the library. A flyer listing spring activities at the Heinz Wildlife Refuge was sent to the schools and delivered to the library.

The Year 3 Progress Report will be submitted on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the Darby Town Center and the Darby Fire Co. No. 1 have not submitted inspection and maintenance reports as required by their Land Development approvals. The Borough will be held responsible for the non-compliance. It is suggested the Borough send a letter reminding these owners of their responsibilities. Penalties to the Borough can be as much as \$37,500/day.

### LED Streetlight Procurement

The grant program related to the replacement of streetlights is progressing.

### 842/844 Main St.

This month marks 3 years since the fire occurred. Has anything been submitted by Mr. Healy regarding improving the site so the adjacent property owner can resolve their issues? The adjacent property owner has a sump pump connected to the sanitary sewer and this needs to be disconnected. It should be done as part of their building envelope improvement.

### W-Weir Located in Darby Creek

The bank stabilization work performed by Buck Frank is completed and approved by the Delaware County Conservation District. We will prepare the paperwork to have the grant proceeds sent to the Borough for payment of the contractor's invoice. This grant expires on June 30, 2016. The invoice must be paid and cashed by the contractor by that date.

As a reminder, this work will exacerbate the erosion of the embankment on the Darby Town Center side of the Creek. The owner was notified several years ago of the failed condition and the need to correct it. The Manager sent another notification last month reminding the owner of the requirement to maintain and report on the Stormwater Management Facilities installed as part of the development project, and the requirement to maintain the embankment behind the shopping center.

As a carryover from a previous report, I am keeping the following information active on the report: Tree Vitalize is taking applications over the summer months for spring 2017 tree planting.

One urban tree offers an estimated annual benefit of \$150.

Stormwater: \$42.02 or 1,550 gallons

Property value: \$46.18 or 191 SQ FT Leaf Surface Area

Air Quality: \$10.47 by removing particulate matter

Carbon Sequestration: 5.47 or 750 pounds

The rest of the savings is in electricity and natural gas.

### **Stormwater tip**

According to the EPA, homeowners apply 10 times more pesticides per acre than the average farmer applies! It is best to eliminate or minimize the use of chemical pesticides. While killing harmful insects, the chemicals also kill beneficial insects like praying mantises and ladybugs. If you feel you must use pesticides around your home, read the label carefully, follow directions exactly, and spot spray where ever possible. Always wear protective clothing and dispose of any excess material at a hazardous waste drop-off.

There are many recipes for natural homemade pesticides. When using any of them in your gardens, apply sparingly and never in the hot sun. Some of the more popular ones are shown below.

Spider repellent – mix 1 tablespoon of lemon oil with one quart of water in a spray bottle, and uses as needed in areas where spiders are a concern. A dishpan of hot soapy water (Ajax or Dawn dish soap are suggested) can be poured around the outside of your home, or porches or in garages to form a barrier. This should last several weeks or months.

Garden pests – mix 1 TBSP vegetable oil, 1 tsp liquid dish detergent and 2 cups of water in a spray bottle and shake to mix. Spray your plants lightly every 7 days as a preventative measure or more frequently if there is already a pest problem.

Diatomaceous Earth is an all natural solution for insects of all kinds. It can be sprinkled on top of the soil around plants and shrubs. It is also safe to use indoors for ants and roaches. It can be purchased in garden centers or on Amazon.



## Darby Borough Police Department

1020 Ridge Avenue  
Darby, PA 19023  
610-586-1100  
Fax: 610-461-5600

Robert F. Smythe  
*Chief of Police*

Helen R. Thomas  
*Mayor*

05-18-16

### Mayor's Report

The Darby Borough Police Department is doing an excellent job in combating the crime in the Borough. We are trying to do our best to keep our Borough safe.

With the summer approaching, we would like to remind the residents to please remember to be vigilant in your neighborhood.

Loitering will not be tolerated in the borough and will be enforced. The Mayor or Council members won't be able to assist you if you are arrested or cited.

If you see anything suspicious, remember to call 911. DO NOT take matters into your own hands. That's what the police are here for.

Also, if you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Crossing Guard for Darby Borough, please submit an application to the Police Department.

Always remember: "Controlling people's lives is not a leader's trait, but understanding the people's needs that God considers great!"

# DARBY FIRE COMPANY #1

April Monthly Chiefs Report :

Calls:

Building/Dwelling : 7

Automatic Fire Alarm : 13

Gas Leak : 2

Motor Vehicle Accident : 4

Cover Assignment : 2

Wires : 1

Totalling : 44 Incidents.

Fuel Spill : 2

Assist EMS : 5

Brush: 3

Investigations : 1

Assist Police : 1

Assist Public : 2

Municipalities:

Darby Borough : 23

Yeadon Borough : 5

Upper Darby Township : 4

Collingdale Borough : 1

Colwyn Borough : 3

Aldan Borough : 1

Sharon Hill Borough: 1

Darby Township : 1

Aston Township : 3

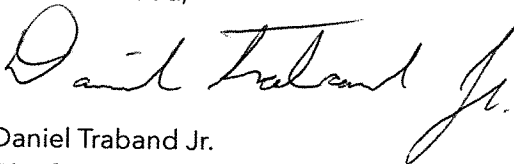
Chester Heights Township : 1

2 Working Fires :

1 Sharon Hill Borough

1 Chester Heights Borough

In Brotherhood,



Daniel Traband Jr.

Chief

Darby Fire Company #1

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**Historic Commission Report**

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**From :** John Haigis <johnghd@yahoo.com>

Wed, May 18, 2016 09:09 AM

**Subject :** Historic Commission Report

**To :** Possenti Mark <markpossenti@comcast.net>

Mark: We were called out of town and are unable to report to Council this evening. May is Historic Preservation Month and Darby has many historic assets it can use for its benefit.

Respectfully,

John Haigis  
[www.darbyhistory.com](http://www.darbyhistory.com)

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Darby Library Board Meeting  
**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**May 2016**

**1. April Statistics**

Visitors 2003

Computer sections 930

Circulation 550

E books and magazines Jan. to March 319

**2. Library Activities:**

May activities: see attached

This year's eight week summer reading theme is "**Ready Set Read**". It will run from June 20 to August 12. In addition to individual children, Darby Care Centers are invited to join in any of our activities.

Looking for guest to come to the library and "Tell Their Stories" Tuesdays at 10:30 or 1pm or Thursdays at 10:30.

We do need incentives for our many readers.

Full Program attached

Again we are participating in the "Summer Library Quest" Families are given a passport book used to travel to different participating libraries. At each library they do an experiment and learn something interesting. The System wide program concludes with a party somewhere.

**3. Building:**

The Insurance Company **will not cover the rain gutters and** suppers.

When funds allow, I would like to see two more security cameras added, on in Ms. Bernice's office and one outside on the tenth street steps.

**4. Employment Changes:**

Currently very challenging creating the schedule. College students who covered 32 hours a week, are finish on May 13. Senior Trainees went from 40 hours to 16, with no replacement for Ray at this time.

Vi Jolly's last day is May 25. Joyce Taylor will stop the Senior Training Program on June 3 and become a Darby Library employee on June 6 as the Children's Services Director.

Erika Roberson has giving her 2 week notice.

If we do not get a Senior Trainee or Summer DCCC Student, I will have major shortages in the schedule. Examples;

Albert will be alone from 10 to 3 on

May 19<sup>th</sup> (not too bad on a Thursday because of CDC and Computer Class))

20<sup>th</sup> (Friday, we should consider closing)

Close Saturday, May 21

I will continue to fill in on Mondays and Tuesdays before working at Sharon Hill.

**5. 275 Anniversary:**

The first meeting of the 275 Anniversary Committee is Saturday, May 14 at the Library starting 11 am. So far 10 people plan to attend.

Susan Borders is working on creating a history the library. Could be a book by the end of this year (on page 19).

Answer from Philadelphia Library Company.

I came back from vacation to find a letter from Richard Reynolds asking if we'd be willing to host a small exhibition marking the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Darby Library Company. The answer is, we are. In fact the planning process has already begun. Tom Smith has been here many times researching your history, and he has lots of ideas about how to combine your materials with ours to make an interesting show. I've blocked out what we call a mini-exhibition in the cases near our elevator from February through April 2018. Just keep me in the loop as the planning progresses.

With best wishes for a successful 275<sup>th</sup>,

Jim Green

Submitted by

Susan Borders  
Director

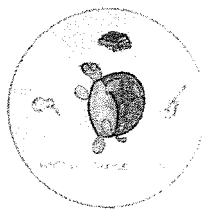
# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...

# READ!



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## Darby Free Library Eight Weeks of Summer Fun 2016



1001 Main Street Darby Pa 19023

586-7310

Starting June

610-

20th

Turtle Dance, Wednesday

June 22 at 10:30



Tuesdays All about the Sto-

10:30 and 1:00



Wednesdays 11 to 12 Computer Fun

1 to 2 Games



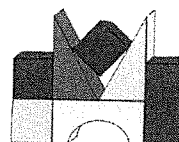
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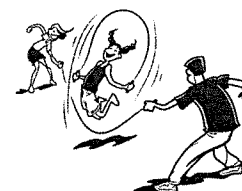


Thursdays Stories at 10:30

to 1 Outside Play



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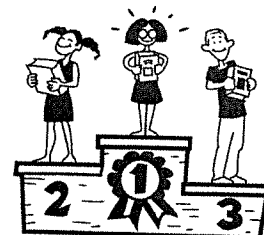


Fridays 10:30 to 11:30 Bird Club

Saturdays "WEE BUILD"

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Get into  
the winners circle and win prizes by signing up for 1 or more ac-  
tivities at the library



## Code Office Report – April 2016

- Violation Notices sent – 70
- Resale Inspections – 12
- Rental Inspections – 67
- Commercial Inspections – 5
- Building Permits – 12
- Electrical Permits – 4
- Plumbing Permits – 2
- Mechanical Permits – 1
- Miscellaneous Complaints – 325
- Zoning hearings – 0
- Health inspections – 2

Construction:

No major construction

Miscellaneous:

### Cease and Desist issued

- 1005 Tyler Avenue
- 20-22 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- 232 Marks Avenue
- 1136 Wycombe
- 49 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- 1106 Chestnut Street
- 1300 Main Street Apt. B
- 30 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street

### Unfit for Human Habitation

- 20-22 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- 232 Marks Avenue
- 27 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- 907 Maple Terrace