

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2015**

The Darby Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Janice Davis, Vice President Howard Blackson, Jr., Ms. Ruby Robinson Munden, Mrs. Jennifer Parks, Mrs. Esther Lites (arrived at 8pm), Ms. Darlene Hill & Mr. Patrick McKenna. Also present was Mayor Helen Thomas, Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Assistant Solicitor John Innelli, Engineer Eileen Mulvena, Code Officer Tom Gaffney and Chief Robert Smythe were present. Mr. Donald Deigh & Ms. Jillian Theorgood were absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Myrtle Gessner, 8410 Gibbs Place Phila., PA: Requested an increase in salaries for Crossing Guards.

Janell Frame, 113 Verlenden Ave: Discussed the graduation of Sophisticated Ladies.

Jermaine Evans, 1001 Mulberry Street: Comments regarding Youth at risk art programs.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Engineer's Report made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Munden. Motion carries 7-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report made by Mr. Blackson; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 7-0.

NRO's:

Juanita Cooper, Plum Good Ice Cream Parlor: Motion to approve made by Mr. Blackson; 2nd by Mr. McKenna pending all final inspections including Health Inspection. Motion carries 7-0.

Heather Lewis, Glam Chic Beauty Salon: Motion to approve made by Mr. Blackson; 2nd by Ms. Hill pending all final inspections. Motion carries 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/16/15):

Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Mr. Blackson. Motion carries 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ordinance #775 (Rental Properties) – Public Hearing was opened, Patricia Tillman asked for further detail, Public hearing was closed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Blackson; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 7-0.
- b. Ordinance #776 (Vicious Dogs) – Public Hearing was opened, Jermaine Evans asked what breed of dog the Ordinance refers. Tristan Smith asked for further explanation, Public hearing was closed. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 7-0.
- c. Ordinance #777 (Dumpsters) – Public Hearing was opened, No comment, Public hearing was closed. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Mr. Blackson. Motion carries 7-0.
- d. Motion for permission to advertise Ordinance #778 made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Blackson. Motion carries 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Historical Commission Report: Discussed OcTrolley Fest.
- c. Tax Collector Report: See attached.
- d. Library Report: No Report.
- e. Ordinance/Zoning: Monthly Report.
- f. Community Relations: Christmas Bazaar and Flea Market.
- g. Municipal Services: Monthly Report.
- h. Public Safety: Community Events.
- i. Recreation: Halloween Events.
- j. Finance: Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to approve the paid bills for the month of October. Motion carries 7-0.

Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss Legal & Personnel

- k. Solicitors Report: No Report

Motion to accept all reports made by Mrs. Park; 2nd by Ms. Munden. Motion carries 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Munden. Motion carries 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

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Division of NDI ENGINEERING COMPANY



DATE: 14 October 2015
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru 14 October 2015

Storm Sewer Repairs

The project application is just about ready for submittal to PennDOT. We are modifying the scope to address the failed storm sewer at the end of Main Street before the discharge to Cobbs Creek. We will remove inlets at 3rd and 4th St. PennDOT has indicated they will write the project to include the stormsewer between Pine and Spruce and between 4th and 5th Sts.

FIRM

We have prepared a listing of the properties located in the floodplain. The Code Department will check this list prior to issuing permits to confirm location in or out of the floodplain.

2015 CDBG – Concord Road Infrastructure Improvements

We have received a Notice to Proceed from the County. Bids will be ready for advertisement next week.

842/844 Main St.

Please provide an update on the extension granted to Mr. Healy. This has been 2 ½ years now and the damage to the dry cleaners continues.

MS4 Separate Stormsewer Permit

We will begin the work necessary for the application for the follow-up permit in 2016. In addition, inspections of outfalls will begin shortly so we satisfy the Plans the Borough adopted.

MUTCD Sign Assessment Program

The field inspections of the Borough signs have started. You will see representatives of our office on various streets within the Borough over the next few weeks.

The Borough is required to develop a plan for replacement of signage that does not meet current MUTCD regulations. Mark had asked us to do this and we will be starting this work when the weather is suitable. We will do the field inspections initially and will follow-up with the measurement of retroreflectivity at a later date. We are proposing to rent a unit for one month to measure the values in each of the towns we work for, and to split the cost of the rental evenly. We want to limit the rental period to one month, so we are doing the field work in all the towns first, and then following up with the measuring so that we minimize the rental period.

W-Weir Located in Darby Creek

The contractor informed me that the grant funds were released to the Borough. If this is the case, if the contractor has been paid, the final phase can be completed. They have an opening in their schedule now and would like to complete this work.

The owner of the Darby Town Center will need to address the erosive condition of the embankment abutting the parking lot.

Sewer Policy

Residents are still responsible for lateral repairs in the Borough. I would like Council to consider taking responsibility for replacement and repair of laterals in the street. Lateral repairs/replacements generally cost between \$2,500-\$12,000. This is likely far more costly than the average residents can afford. If the Borough assesses an increase in the maintenance fee, the money could be earmarked for lateral replacements. A \$15 increase may generate \$50,000 enabling the replacement of approximately 5-10 laterals per year. The Borough's contractor would do the work, which ensures the pipe work and street restoration will be done in accordance with Borough standards.

Revisions to the Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance

The Borough's Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance addresses requirements for reducing run-off during projects involving earth disturbance and/or land development. It is critical that the Building Code Official be aware of the passage of this ordinance as he is the first person to have contact with applicants for permits. Please ensure that the Building Code Official is aware that stormwater reviews are required for all building permits and earth disturbances regardless of SF of cover or disturbance. Please note that enforcement of the Borough's stormwater ordinance is also a requirement of the Borough's MS4 stormwater permit.

Monthly Stormwater Tip

We are now officially in autumn and leaves have started to fall. It is very important that leaves are kept from entering the Borough's stormsewer system as they clog the surface of the inlets which causes localized flooding. The inlets are the curb openings with or without grate tops that collect stormwater from the roadways. These inlets are connected with piping beneath the ground and then ultimately discharge into a body of water. Decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming aquatic inhabitants.

What to do with leaves?

Rake It! Follow Borough guidelines for curb-side pick-up. If you are supposed to put leaves in the street, wait until just before the collection day to move them from the lawn to the street.

Leave It! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower when you cut your lawn. Leaves and grass clippings are good fertilizers for your lawn.

Or... rake it and leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring.

And, if you live near an inlet, consider removing debris from an inlet grate. Dispose of the debris in your regular trash. Your neighbors thank you, and the creatures of the sea thank you!



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10-21-15

From The Desk of Mayor Thomas

Good Evening Everyone:

The Darby Borough Police Department is working diligently to keep our Borough safe.

I have received so much appreciation from the community about our officers this Summer. They have been described as caring and very considerate individuals, and for that, I would like to say job well done and thank you to the Darby Borough Police Department.

CANDY CHECK

We recently celebrated our one year anniversary in the new municipal building. This year has been bitter sweet for the Darby Police.

I would like to thank Mrs. Hudson for the bench donated in Officer Hudson's honor. We all miss him dearly, but we know his legacy lives on in the department. Thank you to everyone who came to the small ceremony this evening.

Please keep the Department in prayer, and continue to look out for one another to keep the Borough safe.

As always, controlling people's lives is not a Leaders Trait, it's understanding the people's needs that God Considers Great!!

DARBY FIRE PATROL, NO. 2
 "TIS THE DANGER OF OUR CITIZENS PROMPTS US TO DUTY"
 CHESTNUT & MOORE STS.
 DARBY, PA 19023

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Darby Borough
 Attn: Mayor Helen Thomas
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Fire Chief's Report for September 2015

Fire Alarms	6	Rescues	0	Service Calls	0
Assist EMS/ P.D.	1	Investigations	0	Good Intent	21
MVA w/ Injury	1	Gas Leak In	1	Brush	1
Buildings	2	Gas Leak Out	0	Cover	1
Cooking Fires	3	Fuel Spill	1		
Vehicle Fires	0	CO Alarms	1		
Trash Fires	1	Weather	0		
Wires	1	Fire Police	0	Total Calls	41

Two building fires occurred this past month on the following dates and times:

9/12/2015 1353 Edgehill Road. @ 5:24 am

9/17/2015 335 N. 10th St. @ 5:38 pm

There were no injuries and the fires were kept to the building of origin.

If you want to reach me with any additional questions or comments, I can always be reached via my personal cell phone or email at edwardgannon@comcast.net.

Very truly yours

Edward J. Gannon III

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