

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2018**

The Darby Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Darlene Hill, Vice President Jennifer Parks, Ms. Ruby Munden, Mrs. Esther Lites, Mr. Donald Deigh, Mr. Darren Burrell, Mr. John P. Metts, Mr. Patrick McKenna & Mr. Howard Blackson, Jr. Also present was Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Robert Smythe, Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs, Code Officer Thomas Gaffney & Borough Engineer Mary Beth Straguzzi were present. Mayor Helen Thomas was absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dorothy Natale, 201 Hamilton: Poor lighting on Quarry Street and unsanitary properties.

Richard Spain, 1012 Ridge Avenue: Complaints about landlords.

Jay Joyner, 745 Fern Street: Complaints about properties on Fern Street.

Minister Wali Akbar El, 307 N. 9th Street, Comments regarding community relations and public safety.

Bernice Clark-Dickerson, Darby Borough CDC: Anti Human Trafficking Symposium.

NRO:

Vernell Dandridge: To operate a Hair Salon at 848 Main Street. Tuesday through Friday 10AM to 6PM and Saturday 9AM to 4PM. Motion to approve made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. Burrell. Motion carries 9-0.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Engineer's Report made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. Burrell. Motion carries 9-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. McKenna. Motion carries 9-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (8/15/2018):

Motion made by Mrs. Lites; 2nd by Mr. Deigh. Motion carries 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval of Flea Market (10/20/18)** Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 9-0.
- b. **Accept the Resignation of Donald Robinson – Civil Service Commission:** Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 9-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Historical Commission Report: Woodburne House Meeting and Old Borough Hall.
- c. Tax Collector Report: See attached.
- d. Library Report: New Lighting, NASA Event and Wine Tasting.
- e. William Penn School District Report: Upcoming listening events.
- f. Ordinance/Zoning: See attached.
- g. Community Relations: Newsletter.
- h. Municipal Services: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Lites to ratify the purchase of a leaf box. Motion carries 9-0.
- i. Public Safety: Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to appoint Alfred Robinson to fill the unexpired term of Donald Robinson on the Civil Service Commission. Motion carries 9-0. Mr. McKenna read the resignations of Part Time Officers Mark Clark and Victoria Schwartz. Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to conditional hire Rachel Keenan, Donte Lynch, Kevin Badia, Jose Soto, Andrew Palnall and Joseph Yocum as Part Time Police Officers. Motion carries 9-0. Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to hire Shannon Brown Askew and Colin Richards as turnkeys. Motion carries 8-1. Mrs. Lites voted No.
- j. Recreation: No Report.
- k. Finance: Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to pay the bills for the month of September. Motion carries 9-0.
- l. Solicitors Report: No Report.

Motion to accept all reports made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Burrell; 2nd by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby