

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2023

The Darby Borough Council met in Borough Council Chambers on the above date with the following members present: President Rudolph Taylor, III, Ms. Hill (via telephone), Ms. Davis, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Pratt. Also present was Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Joseph Gabe & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena. Mayor Darren Burrell, Vice President Tracy Williams, Mrs. Rozeta Johnston, Mr. Alfred Robinson, Mrs. Jennifer Parks & Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs were absent.

President Taylor called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John & Jan Haigis, 1006 Main Street: Discussed the upcoming OcTrolley Fest and Library event next year.

Rahsaan Lisimba, 610 Spruce Street: Discussed the needs of a YMCA, Bingo night and everyday activities for the kids in the Borough.

LaVerne Tolbert, 121 Summit Street: Representing the Darby Monarchs Football League. Wanted to thank the Borough for the support and gave an update on the teams practice schedule and location of practices.

Ethel Williams, 234 Marks Avenue: Complaint regarding the property located at 9th and Cedar and the fire damaged property next to her home.

Nerissa Thoms, 335 South 6th Street: Discussed the issue with a property next to her with trees and the trees behind her home.

Joan Smith, 614 Spruce Street: Asked about a traffic light at Springfield and Chester Pike. Asked about the possibility of recycling bins. Made a comment that the Tax Collector does not respond to her phone calls.

Dianna Jones, 321 Marks Avenue: Complaint regarding the high grass at 1025 Center Street.

Tommy Davis, 44 North 10th Street: Discussion regarding the incident at the last N/A meeting.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion made by Mrs. Pratt to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the grant applications for the Delco Greenways Grant Round 4 program; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Pratt; 2nd by Mr. Thompson to approve to repair the inlet at 9th and Main Streets. Motion carries 5-0.

Approval of June 21, 2023 – Council Meeting Minutes & Engineers Report:

Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to approve the minutes & report. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – August 2023:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Hill to pay the bills for the month of August 2023. Motion carries 5-0.
- b. **Permission for Darby Library to use the Recreation Center on 4/8/24:** Motion made by Mr. Thompson; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.
- c. **Approval of \$15,000 per Ward from ARPA Funds:** Motion made by Mrs. Pratt; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 5-0.
- d. **Approval of \$5,000 for Community Garden from ARPA Funds:** Motion made by Mrs. Pratt; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 5-0.
- e. **Approval of the 2024 MMO – Police Pension:** Motion made by Ms. Davis to approve in the amount of \$812,826.00; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.
- f. **Approval of the 2024 MMO – Non Uniform Pension:** Motion made by Ms. Davis to approve the amount of \$99,369.00; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$10,306.84 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mr. Thompson; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: No Report
- d. Police Chiefs Report: Chief Gabe gave the monthly crime stats report. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to accept the resignation of Gregory Pontious effective 8/10 and Francis Collier effective 7/24. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to hire Steven Gallagher as a Part Time Police Officer. Motion carries 5-0.
- e. Managers Report: Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to approve Resolution 23-08. Motion carries 5-0. Motion made by Mr. Thompson; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to accept the resignation of the contract cleaner Janelle Frame. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

2205 Parkview Drive
Haverford, PA 19041
(610) 496-0042

DATE: 8 August 2023
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru August 8, 2023

Current Month Activity:
Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

Gargiule will be excavating and repairing the sinkhole at 6th/Cedar and 6th/Walnut.

Liquid Fuels

An ordinance must be passed by Borough Council that has the Borough adopt Londonderry Lane, Coventry Avenue, Shetland Road, and Glen Cove Road. If the Borough adopts these streets, then they can receive additional liquid fuels funds for the mileage of these streets.

Milling and resurfacing of 13th St is planned for Wednesday, August 9. This will complete the work on 13th St.

Grants

Delco Greenways Grant Round 1: A meeting was held with the County to discuss next steps. We are working to review the requirements for this grant to determine the Borough's next actions. This is for the acquisition of multiple properties abutting Cobbs Creek.

Delco Greenways Grant Round 3: I have requested an update from the appraiser regarding the properties of 28/30 S. 5th St. Once we have the appraisals, acquisition can begin.

Delco Greenways Grant Round 4: Grant applications are being accepted through September 29, 2023. As a Planning grant application, it is suggested we apply for design services to develop the lot on the corner of MacDade Blvd/Ridge Ave. as a green space with a rain garden and passive recreational facilities, including benches and perhaps a checkers game table. For a Construction grant application, it is suggested we apply for construction funds for the development of the tot lot at 28/30 S. 5th St.

Motion: Authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the grant applications for the Delco Greenways Grant Round 4 program.

2023 Community Project Fund Grant: A grant application was submitted on March 20 to US Representative Mary Gay Scanlon's office and it covered the replacement of the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on Fern St. between 4th Street and Damon's Lane.

CFA Local Share Grant (Statewide): Bids will be ready for Council to consider an award at the September Council meeting. The scope of work includes replacement of the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on North 2nd St.

2021 CDBG/2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: Remaining work is the resurfacing of 13th St. It will occur on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

2022 CDBG: The Borough attended the project kickoff meeting hosted by the County on July 20, 2022. Note that the funding received leaves approximately a 50% shortfall; the Borough has applied for a PA Small Water & Sewer grant to cover the balance of funds needed.

2023 CDBG: The Borough has received notice that both applications for the 2023 CDBG program were approved for funding by County Council. The Priority project was Sanitary Sewer Improvements to 12th St; the alternate project was storm sewer improvements on New Walnut St.

2022 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – This application was submitted on 12/21/22. This application requested the additional funds needed for 14th St, funding for N. 2nd St sanitary sewer replacement, and partial funding of 12th Street sanitary sewer improvements.

PECO Open Space grant: a grant application was submitted on October 27, 2022 for the addition of an accessible route and picnic tables for Powell Park. The project cost was \$20,000 with a grant request of \$10,000.

Blight Remediation Grant: The demolition and site restorations have been completed for 304 Marks Ave. and 621 Main St. We have requested the remaining funds be permitted for the remediation of 129/131/133 Whitely Terrace. This request is being considered at the Commonwealth Financing Authority's March Board meeting. Additional funds in the amount of \$100,000 are required in order to complete this effort. Property owners should be asked if they have homeowner's insurance. Otherwise, we need to identify a funding source. If these properties are not remediated, they will cause the remaining homes in this attached dwelling block to begin deteriorating.

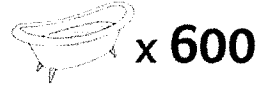
MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System): The annual report was submitted by 9/30/22.

Stormwater Tip: Prevent Flooding and Reduce Water Pollution with Rain Gardens

- Rain gardens can **beautify** your home, adding to its value, while **protecting your property** and your community from flooding.
- Rain gardens also provide **habitat** for bees, birds, butterflies and other wildlife, help improve air quality and reduced your carbon footprint.
- Rain gardens are a proven way to **reduce water pollution** locally and regionally. Every year, heavy rains lead to massive flooding across Seattle and Puget Sound, wiping out roads, flooding homes and waterways with pollution from roads, and even sewage.
- Rain gardens are an **affordable** option for homeowners and utilities compared with traditional pipe and drain systems. They require minimal time and skill to maintain each year, and actually work better over time unlike sewer pipes.

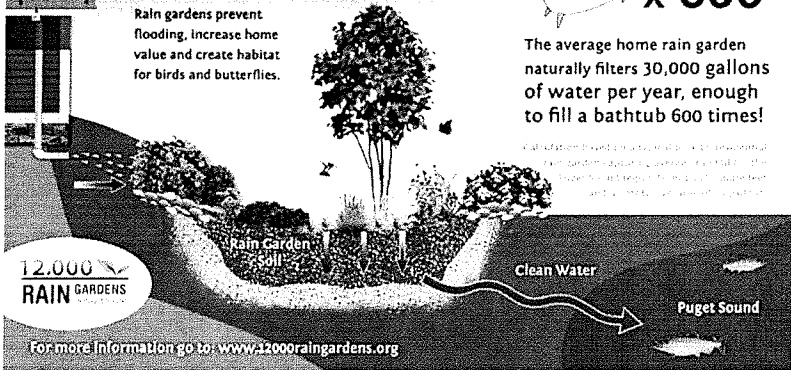
Beautiful, Hard Working Rain Gardens

A RAIN GARDEN is a beautiful landscape feature in your yard that captures and filters runoff from your roof, driveway or other hard surface.



The average home rain garden naturally filters 30,000 gallons of water per year, enough to fill a bathtub 600 times!

Rain gardens prevent flooding, increase home value and create habitat for birds and butterflies.



12,000 RAIN GARDENS

For more information go to: www.12000raingardens.org

July Fire Chief's Report

To the members of Council, the Mayor and general public,

During the month of July the Darby Fire Co. #1 responded to 65 call for service, there were no working fires in Darby Borough.

****There are no future events scheduled at this time****

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent Lanni', written over a faint, illegible stamp or background.

Vincent Lanni

Fire Chief

Darby Fire Co. #1

August 16, 2023

Tax Collector's Report:

- 1- Real Estate Tax Collected for the month of July 2023:
\$15,562.78
- 2- Fire Tax Collected for the month of July 2023:
\$397.14
- 3- Library Tax Collected for the month of July 2023:
\$199.00

Total Collected in Taxes for the Month of July 2023: \$16,158.92

- 1- Sewer Fees Collected for the month of July 2023:
\$10,306.84
- 2- Trash Fees Collected for the month of July 2023:
\$7,070.50

Total Collected in Fees for the Month of July 2023: \$17,377.34

MOTION NEEDED:

Motion to transfer \$10,306.84 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund. OT, LP
5-0

Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of July 2023

Darby Borough

REAL ESTATE INTERIM PER CAPITA OTHER
 OTHER OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS	Real Estate	Fire	Library	
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	959,963.38	24,496.31	12,275.28	
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	959,963.38	24,496.31	12,275.28	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	14,830.81	378.46	189.64	
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	945,132.57	24,117.85	12,085.64	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	14,830.81	378.46	189.64	
10: Plus: Penalties	731.97	18.68	9.36	
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	15,562.78	397.14	199.00	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				16,158.92

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

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For the month of July 2023

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
	<i>Sever</i>	<i>Travel</i>		
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	612,631.62	344,045.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	612,631.62	344,045.00		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	9,759.16	6,715.00		
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	602,872.46	337,330.00		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	9,759.16	6,715.00		
10: Plus: Penalties	547.68	355.50		
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	10,306.84	7,070.50		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				17,377.34

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