

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
February 15, 2023

The Darby Borough Council met in Borough Council Chambers on the above date with the following members present: President Rudolph Taylor, III, Vice President Tracy Williams, Mrs. Johnston, Ms. Davis, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Parks. Also present was Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Joseph Gabe & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena. Mayor Darren Burrell, Ms. Darlene Hill, Mr. Omar Thompson and 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:

Wanda Starling, 925 Forrester Avenue: Was thankful for the food giveaway, and thankful the recreation center was open for the children to use. They are not on the street and they have a safe place to go.

Diana Jones, 321 Marks Avenue: Complained about the property at 1021 Center Street and the gas station on MacDade and Wycombe. Asked why handicap signs need to be renewed every year.

Lynne DeShields, 308 South 7th Street: Mrs. DeShields did not like that the Democratic Meeting was held on Valentines Day. Wants to know if she will be getting a break on her Real Estate Taxes. Asked why is the Black History Month Celebration is being held on a weekday.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to authorize Ernel Co. to replace the storm sewer on 13th Street for an estimated project cost of \$125,000.00. Motion carries 5-0. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Johnston were not in the room.

Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to extend the Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance contracts for an additional 60 days. Motion carries 5-0. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Johnston were not in the room.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

Approval of January 18, 2023 – Council Meeting Minutes, Mayors, Engineers, Library, Ordinance/Zoning, Finance, Municipal Services, Public Safety, Community Relations and Recreation Center Minutes and Reports:

Motion made by Mr. Robinson; 2nd by Ms. Davis to approve the minutes and reports. Motion carries 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – February 2023:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to pay the bills for the month of February 2023. Motion carries 7-0.
- b. Approval of the Finance Agreement for Street Sweeper/F350 Truck: Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 7-0.
- c. Accept the Resignation of Civil Service Board Member: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to accept the resignation of Alfred Robinson. Motion carries 7-0.
- d. Approval of Handicap Parking (310 South 7th Street): Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.
- e. Approval of \$125 donation for 39th Annual Darby Creek Cleanup: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.
- f. Approval of One Uniformed Officer into the DROP Program: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0.
- g. Approval of Resolution 23-02 (Darby Library): Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0.
- h. Approval of Resolution 23-03 (Keystone Collections): Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0.
- i. Approval of \$4,000 expenditure for Senior Event: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 7-0.
- j. Date approval for the Darby Peace Run: Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.
- k. Consideration of the 2023 Cleaning Bids: Motion to table to the March Meeting made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$1,876.66 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 7-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: No Report
- d. Police Chiefs Report: Chief Gabe gave the monthly crime stats report.
- e. Managers Report: No Report

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Solicitors, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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

DATE: 7 February 2023
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru February 7, 2023

Current Month Activity:
Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

Gargiule will continue to add stone and cold patch to sinkhole at 6th/Cedar throughout the winter. We will request authorization to repair sewer in the spring.

Motion: Requesting Council extend the Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance contracts for an additional 60 days. This will enable sanitary and storm sewer work to be completed for ongoing projects.

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.

Grants

CFA Local Share Grant (Statewide): The Borough's application for grant funding to replace the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on North 2nd St. was submitted to DCED on 3/15/22. As of January 9, 2023, the applications are still under review.

2021 CDBG/2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: The contractor has completed the replacement of the sanitary sewer main and laterals on 13th St. Final restoration remains. Cleaning of the storm sewer line has been completed and we are evaluating what can be lined and what requires replacement. Final street restoration will take place following any storm sewer replacement required.

Motion: authorize Ernel Co, Inc. to replace the storm sewer on 13th St for an estimated project cost of \$100,000. This can be done using Liquid Fuels monies.

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.

2023 CDBG: The applications for the 2023 CDBG program were submitted on 1/6/23; as a reminder, 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:

In general, illicit discharges include any discharge into a storm drain system that is not entirely composed of stormwater. The exceptions include water from firefighting activities and discharges from any other facilities approved by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Illicit discharges are a problem because, unlike wastewater, which flows to a treatment plant, stormwater generally flows to waterways without any additional treatment. Illicit discharges often contain pathogens, nutrients, surfactants, and various toxic pollutants. Please call 911 if you notice colored or oily liquids running down a street.

January Chief's Report

Dear Council President, Council members and the general public,

During the month of January, Darby Fire Company responded to 63 calls for service. There were no working fires in Darby.

*****FUTURE EVENTS*****

Nothing significant scheduled at this time

Be Safe and Stay Healthy!

Vincent Lanni

Fire Chief

Darby Fire Co. #1

February 15, 2023

Tax Collector's Report:

- 1- Real Estate Tax Collected for the month of January 2023:
\$6,326.29
- 2- Fire Tax Collected for the month of January 2023:
\$167.46
- 3- Library Tax Collected for the month of January 2023:
\$83.74

Total Collected in Taxes for the Month of January 2023: \$6,577.49

- 1- Sewer Fees Collected for the month of January 2023:
\$1,876.66
- 2- Trash Fees Collected for the month of January 2023:
\$1,056.00

Total Collected in Fees for the Month of January 2023: \$2,932.66

MOTION NEEDED:

Motion to transfer \$1,876.66 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund. JF, AP
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Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of

January 2023

Darby Borough

REAL ESTATE INTERIM PER CAPITA OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS	Borough	FIRE	LIBRARY	
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	807,295.12	21,369.65	10,684.74	
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	807,295.12	21,369.65	10,684.74	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	5,751.18	152.23	76.12	
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	801,543.94	21,217.42	10,608.62	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	5,751.18	152.23	76.12	
10: Plus: Penalties	575.11	15.23	7.62	
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	6,326.29	167.46	83.74	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				6,577.49

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

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For the month of

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Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
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1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	335,457.92				
2A: Additions: During the Month *					
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)					
3: Total Collectable	335,457.92				
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	1,706.06				
5: Less Deletions from the List *					
6: Less: Exonerations *					
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *					
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	333,751.86	206,080.00			
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED					
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	1,706.06	960.00			
10: Plus: Penalties	170.60	96.00			
11: Less: Discounts					
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	1,876.66	1,056.00			
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)					2,932.66

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