

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 2023**

The Darby Borough Council met in Borough Recreation Center 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 Mr. Omar Thompson. Also present was Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Joseph Gabe, Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena. Mayor Darren Burrell, Ms. Darlene Hill & Mrs. Jennifer Parks were absent.

President Taylor called the meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Mrs. Williams; 2nd by Ms. Davis to hire Mario Colucci as a Full Time Police Officer effective July 1, 2023. Motion carries 7-0.

Judge Tammi Forbes swore in Officer Mario Colucci.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diana Jones, 321 Marks Avenue: Told Council that the Juneteenth celebration was outstanding and is very pleased with the food giveaway every week.

Marquis Sims, 305 North 10th Street: Updated Council on the day to day recreation that frontline basketball is providing to the children in the center. Thanked Council for opening the Recreation Center and giving the kids something to do during the summer days.

NRO:

Diabel Touve, 111 N. MacDade Blvd.: Operate a used car dealership and car wash. Monday thru Saturday 9am to 5pm with five employees. This will only operate for 5 months. Motion made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 7-0.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Approval of April 19, 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 Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Williams to approve the minutes and reports. Motion carries 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – June 2023:** Motion made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of June 2023. Motion carries 7-0.
- b. **Move July 19th Council Meeting to Tuesday, July 18th:** Motion to approve made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0.
- c. **Allow Darby CDC to utilize the Borough Hall Address:** Motion to approve made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0.
- d. **Approval of Cleaning Service:** Motion made by Mr. Robinson to table this item. No second motion fails. Motion made by Mrs. Williams to appoint Cleannet at the amount of \$1,980 per month; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call vote. Motion carries 4-3. Ms. Davis, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Taylor voted no.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$130,119.57 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 7-0.
Council recessed in Executive Session for personnel and potential litigation.
- c. Solicitors Report: Motion made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Mrs. Williams to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance for accommodation Housing. Motion carries 7-0. Motion made by Mrs. Pratt; 2nd by Mrs. Williams for the Borough Solicitor to conduct a due process hearing for employee 23-003. Motion carries 7-0. Motion made by Mrs. Williams; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt to terminate employee 23-004. Motion carries 7-0.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: Chief Gabe gave the monthly crime stats report.
- e. Managers Report: Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$2000 to Senior Community Services made by Mr. Robinson; 2nd by Mrs. Johnston. Motion carries 7-0. Motion to hire David Wilson as a Parking Officer made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Solicitors, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Mrs. Johnston; 2nd by Mrs. Pratt. Motion carries 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Johnston; 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: 14 June 2023
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru June 14, 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 later in the spring.

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.

We have received approval from PennDOT to use Liquid Fuels funds for the milling and resurfacing of 13th St.

The storm sewer replacement on 13th Street has been completed. The trench will settle until September and then final milling and resurfacing will be done. 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: A kickoff meeting was held with the County to discuss the next steps. This is for the acquisition of properties on S. 5th St. Future plans include applying for funds to develop a tot lot.

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): The Borough's application for grant funding to replace the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on North 2nd St. was approved for \$1,000,000 in March.

2021 CDBG/2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: Remaining work is the resurfacing of 13th St. As previously stated, it will occur in September 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: With the ongoing wildfires, this information bit is timely. Wildfires can compromise water quality both during active burning and for months and years after the fire has been extinguished. Burned watersheds are prone to increased flooding and erosion, which can negatively affect water-supply reservoirs, water quality, and drinking-water treatment processes. Drinking water supply is affected to the point where water cannot be drawn from approved sources due to the pollutants that enter the water source.

May Fire Chief's Report

Dear Council President, Council members and the general public,

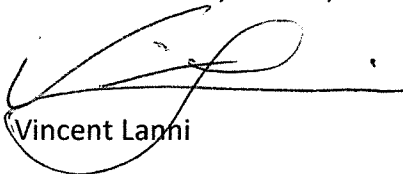
During the month of May, Darby Fire Company responded to 79 calls for service. There was 1 working fire in Darby.

On May 9th, just after 8am, Co. 4 was dispatched to the 300 block of Marks Ave for a house fire. Engine 4 arrived to find fire showing from the rear of the 1st floor of the home. Engine 4 placed an attack line in service and began fire suppression while other first alarm companies began to search for victims and fire spread. The main body of fire was contained to the first floor with some fire found in the second floor back room that was quickly extinguished. The fire was held to the dispatched address and did not make it into the attached exposure home. Thankfully the residents of both homes were able to safely exit prior to the fire department arrival. Company 4 remained on scene for 2 hours before returning to the station. Chief 4 held the Darby Command.

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

Nothing scheduled a/t/t.

Be Safe and Stay Healthy!



Vincent Lanni

Fire Chief

Darby Fire Co. #1

June 21, 2023

Tax Collector's Report:

- 1- Real Estate Tax Collected for the month of May 2023:
\$226,668.04
- 2- Fire Tax Collected for the month of May 2023:
\$5,784.02
- 3- Library Tax Collected for the month of May 2023:
\$2,898.50

Total Collected in Taxes for the Month of May 2023: \$235,350.56

- 1- Sewer Fees Collected for the month of May 2023:
\$130,119.57
- 2- Trash Fees Collected for the month of May 2023:
\$76,069.10

Total Collected in Fees for the Month of May 2023: \$206,188.67

MOTION NEEDED:

Motion to transfer \$130,119.57 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund.

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Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of

May 2023

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM		PER CAPITA		OTHER
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	<i>Real Estate</i>	1,244,516.17	<i>Fire</i>	31,757.41	<i>Library</i>	15,913.97	
2A: Additions: During the Month *							
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)							
3: Total Collectable		1,244,516.17		31,757.41		15,913.97	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month		226,951.00		5,791.24		2,902.12	
5: Less Deletions from the List *							
6: Less: Exonerations *							
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *							
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month		1,017,565.17		25,966.17		13,011.85	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED							
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4		226,951.00		5,791.24		2,902.12	
10: Plus: Penalties							
11: Less: Discounts		282.96		7.22		3.62	
12: Total Cash Collected per Column		226,668.04		5,784.02		2,898.50	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)							235,350.56

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

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For the month of

May 2023

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
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1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	<i>Seven</i> 783,040.00	445,955.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	783,040.00	445,955.00		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	130,277.45	76,235.00		
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	652,762.55	369,720.00		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	130,277.45	76,235.00		
10: Plus: Penalties				
11: Less: Discounts	157.88	165.90		
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	130,119.57	76,069.10		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				206,188.67

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