

BOROUGH OF DARBY  
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Mr. Robinson, Ms. Davis & Mr. Thompson

Mr. Robinson called the Committee Meeting to order.

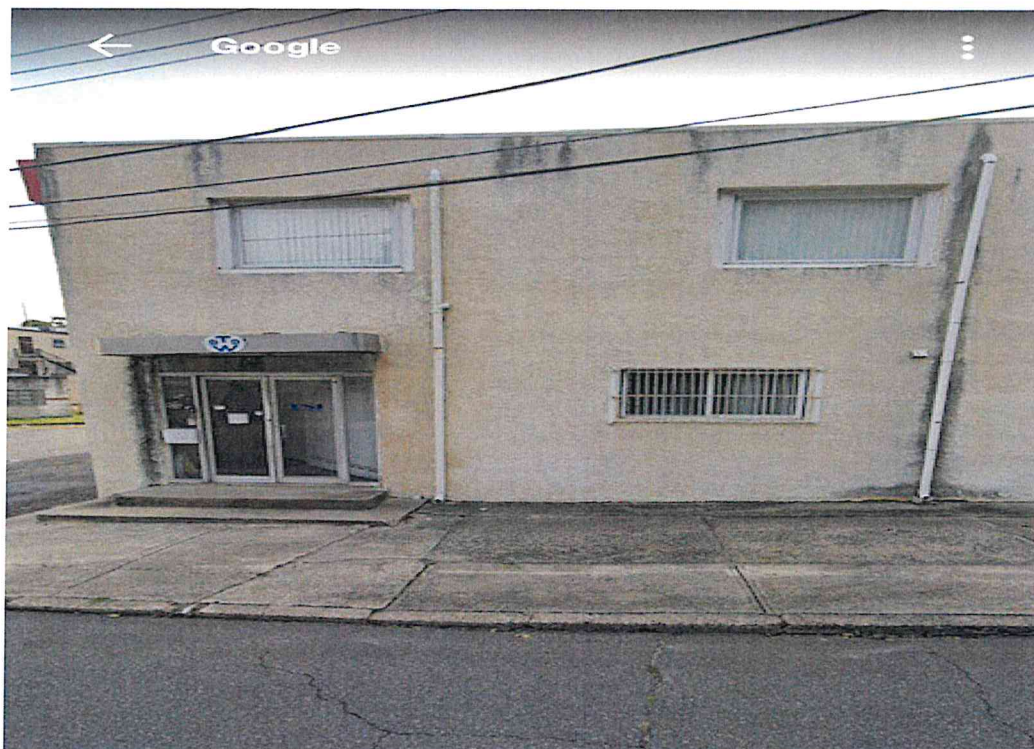
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

One NRO was discussed:

- 1- Mr. Andrew Fay, 6250 Baltimore Avenue, Yeadon, PA: Operate a wholesale automotive distributor at 140 Powell Road under the name Fay & Sons, Inc. Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The business will have four employees and utilize Hart and Sons for trash pickup. It was agreed upon by the Committee to move to the Council Meeting.

Adjournment.



Name of Applicant: Andrew Fay  
6250 Baltimore Avenue  
Yeadon, PA 19050

Business Name: Fay & Sons, Inc.  
140 Powell Road  
Darby, PA 19023

Days and Hours: Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm, Sat 8am to 1pm

Type of Business: Wholesale automotive distributor.

Employees: 4

Trash Company: Hart & Son

BOROUGH OF DARBY  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Mr. Robinson & Mrs. Williams

Mr. Robinson called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

No Report.

Adjournment.

BOROUGH OF DARBY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Mr., Thompson

Mr. Thompson called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Thompson read the cash balances as of 8/31/2023.

Adjournment.

**Borough of Darby**  
**Cash Balances @ 8-31-23**

<b>General Fund</b>			\$ 163,552.24
<b>Liquid Fuel Fund</b>			\$ 459,768.06
<b>Tax Fund</b>			\$ 1,290,997.40
<b>Sewer &amp; Trash Delinquent Fund</b>			\$ 292,029.96
<b>ARPA Fund</b>			\$ 1,120,169.90
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3,326,517.56</b>

BOROUGH OF DARBY  
LIBRARY COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Parks

Mr. Thompson called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Thompson read the attached report. Mrs. Haigis explained that OcTrolley Fest will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Darby Library will be holding the Haunted House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

Adjournment.

## Librarian's Report September 2023

### June Statist:

2021	2022	2023
671	545	686
59	250	1,082
	3	7
401	334	538
467	334	273

People used the library  
People attended Library Programs  
Visited on their Journey Across Delco  
Total Circulation  
Computer sessions.

### July Statistics:

2021	2022	2023
468	482	574
567	213	359
10	7	23
604	528	642
493	347	237

People used the library  
People attended Library Programs  
visited on their Journey Across Delco  
Total Circulation  
Computer sessions.

### August Statistics:

2021	2022	2023
622	586	713
177	215	401
3	56	30
493	611	665
393	503	311

People used the library  
People attended Library Programs  
visited on their Journey Across Delco  
Total Circulation  
Computer sessions.

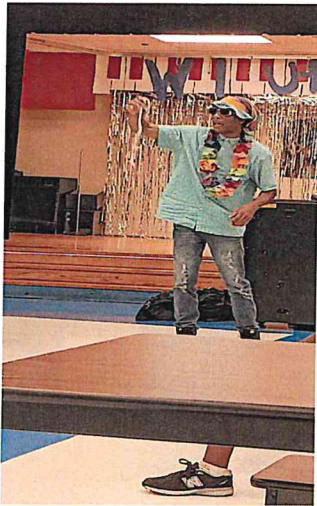
### Library Activities:

**The Keith Dawson Foundation's Juneteenth Wellness Festival** on June 17 the Library gave out information, books and butterfly crafts. We had over 800+ People walk through the event



**Darby History Detectives** met on June 24 and discussed "The Curious Case if Allen Rickets", led by Herold Finnigan. Eight adults attended.

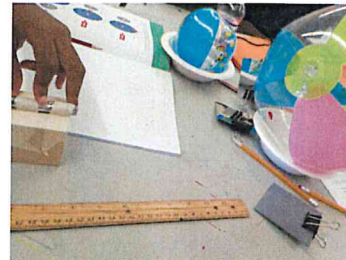
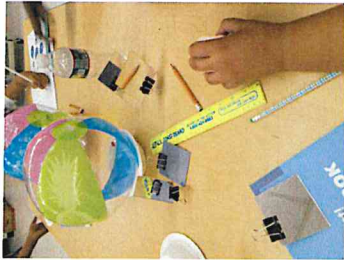




**Summer Reading Kick off** June 28, 2022 “Mr. Q” entertained 85 children and 18 Adults at Walnut Elementary School.

**Summer Camp visits:** Joyce and Sue visited Walnut Street Elementary School on Tuesday mornings. They presented library programs to children in 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Also partnered with Holcum for 3 half hour programs on Staying Safe.

**Science In The Summer-** Joyce Anderson and Susan Borders attended Class at the Franklin Institute and were instructed on how to run the four day program. They taught 18 students “How To Be A Physicist”.



**Eagles Eye Mobile:** Provided eye test and glasses free to children grades k-12. August 10.

**Darby Borough Youth Day, July 22**







Movie night at Aldan Borough 8/17

**Darby Library Detectives** met on August 26 and a representative from the Delco Libraries did a lesson on researching many families on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) Comment on FaceBook

If you missed it! You missed it! FREE training on tracing your ancestry and it was so informative and interesting 🍷 It's never too late. All of our libraries have the website for FREE 🎉



**William Penn Back To School Kick Off, August 30, 2023.**  
The Library gave out information for OnLineTutoring, Shine Kit (make a bracelet with pony and UV beads), Library hours and activities.

**Grants:** Applied for and received **GLOBE Eclipse Library Kit**. It is a welcome addition to our 2024 Solar Eclipse Program. The kit contains;

- GLOBE Bilingual Eclipse Postcards (pack of 100) 6" x 6" promotional card. The card includes a center hole that can be used for safe viewing by projecting the eclipse onto a nearby surface
- GLOBE Sky Window
- Do You Know that Clouds Have Names?
- Digital thermometer (Celsius/Fahrenheit) one Taylor 1441E thermometer is included. [Thermometer Details](#).

Additional support includes ZOOM educational classes.

**April 8, 2024 — Total Solar Eclipse** Letter to Council, May I please count on using the recreation Center on April 8, 2024 from 12:30 pm for set-up and open the doors at 1:30 and finish clean up by 5. I am requesting a formal contract by August 25, 2023, with the regular cost

and the amount waived for our files of Library support from the Borough. They said yes but have not sent a contract.

Applied and received a grant from **First Books** for 2023 Holocaust Education High School Book Collection

**Library Foundation of Delaware County Museum Pass Grant**, value at \$500. Darby Library now has 2 passes for Elwood Zoo.

Applied for **The Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Memorial Fund Grant**. Project Title: "A Library Space For Me" in the amount of \$5,958.00. The grant focuses on keeping the youngest patrons safe while adults try to work. It includes a computer station with attached crib like attachment, a removable fenced in area with activities inside.

Joined the **Civil Air Patrol Aerospace/STEM Education Programs** bring over 40 free fun and engaging products and programs. With their hands-on Aerospace/STEM lessons and materials. These programs will enhance our library activities

Applied for **The Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE)** Program for the K-1 Students in the After School Program. It is a fun, interactive Aerospace/STEM program. The ACE Program uses the aerospace theme in academics, character education and physical fitness lessons. Additionally, free grade-specific educational manipulatives for each student participant.

**Growing Beyond Earth** from NASA, offered to the Middle School students. .

Darby Free Library has applied to participate in Growing Beyond and want to partner with students attending Penn Wood Middle School.

Below is the link to explain this Project.

<https://fairchildgarden.org/gbe/>

I am asking for your assistance in identifying and recruiting students who would enjoy this opportunity to help NASA. They would need to visit the Darby Library afterschool, first to set-up

the experiment and then to record the results. Additionally, time to ZOOM with NASA Scientists.

After the initial project, the students can conduct their own projects. It can become a NASA afterschool Club offered to your students. A partner from your school would also be a great help toward the success of this project. I invite them to join me on the online classes showed at the web page.

This is the last year for the **Reciprocal Borrowing Grant** from Delaware County Libraries.

Delaware County Libraries received a grant for the Library Foundation for each library to host” **Eyes Of The Wild”**

### Other Information

School supplies donated by Miss National Americas

**State Aid:** The state has changed the application to be awarded the State Aid. I was concerned about our spending for library materials and received this message from Delaware County Libraries.

If you take a look at the [Standards for MEMBER LIBRARIES](#) (pages 3 and 4), the Collection Expenditure standard is “Each member library must spend twice the amount of the previous year’s Equal Distribution Grant for library materials.” which was \$4176.74, which DA exceeded.

When it comes to State Aid, the 12% is only an overall system requirement, not something an individual library would request a waiver for.

**From The System:** County Council awarded a contract for an evaluation of the library system to Rethinking Libraries, LLC (RTL). RTL is tasked with evaluating the current model for the provision of library services and the information and library needs of Delaware County residents, as well as





developing comprehensive recommendations for delivering those services equitably and economically in the future.

The evaluation includes onsite visits and interviews with each member library. Please review the description of these visits from the RTL contract:

A team from RTL will interview internal stakeholders and review facilities, programs, services and collections at each member library. We provide an agenda for staff before and expect to spend approximately 4-8 hours at each library. A greater understanding of each community will be gained during these visits that will be enhanced by our demographic analysis. As part of this process, local community leaders and library stakeholders can be gathered for an hour-long engagement session. We can give guidance on who might attend; however, it is the library's responsibility to invite interested parties.

Prior to their onsite visits, RTL will conduct two **pre-visit webinars** to set expectations surrounding the visits, particularly with regard to information needed and outcomes desired. The workshops will be 60 minutes and all libraries should have a representative at one or both to gain insight and understanding into the project and what will happen when the team visits.

**The RTL team will be in at our library on September 27.**

At the conclusion of the evaluation, each library will receive a comprehensive report including a scorecard, recommendations to meet PA state aid standards (where needed), summaries, key takeaways, and full data sets.

The deliverables of this evaluation will provide Delaware County Council with a clearer picture of services and funding so these visits are your opportunity to have your voice heard and be part of the process.

Submitted by

Susan Borders,  
Director

BOROUGH OF DARBY  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Williams called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Williams presented her report (attached). Mrs. Beatrice talked about Spring Valley Road is in the need of Speed Bumps and handicap parking spaces.

Adjournment.



The Borough of Darby  
1020 Ridge Avenue • Darby, Pennsylvania 19023  
Borough Office: (610) 586-1102  
Code Enforcement: (610) 586-0428

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**August 2023**

- a) Continued grass cutting including maintenance of alleyways
- b) Street Sweeping
- c) Recycling
- d) Painting School Crossings
- e) Trim Tree branches in multiple locations throughout the Borough.
- f) Installing orange parking poles in different locations
- g) Two trucks were inspected
- h) Installed handicap and other street signs



BOROUGH OF DARBY  
RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Ms. Davis & Mrs. Williams

Ms. Davis called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Davis talked about the book bag giveaway hosted by State Rep. Joanna McClinton held at the Darby Recreation Center. Explained the upcoming events at the Recreation Center pilates and yoga with Karen starting in September and a Harvest Feast on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. DeShields stated she would rather have the trunk or treat for Halloween.

Adjournment.

1022 RIDGE AVENUE, DARBY PA 19023

# DARY BOROUGH REC CENTER FITNESS

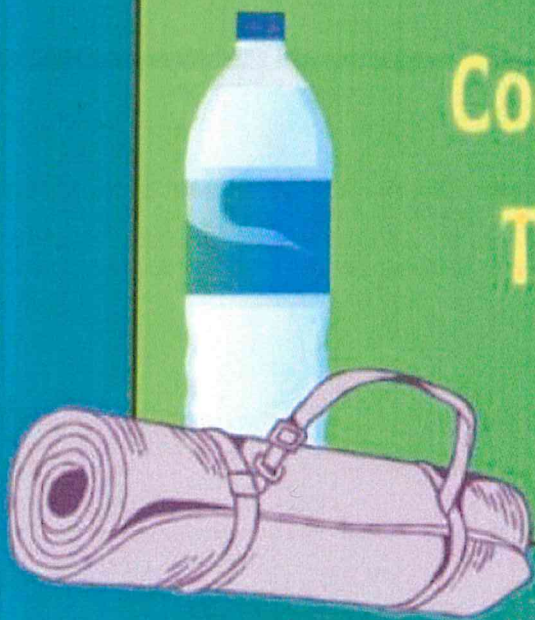
## PILATES, YOGA & H.I.I.T. SERIES W/KAREN

PILATES &  
YOGA  
THURSDAY 6P

HIIT SERIES  
SATURDAY  
10A

◆ First Week  
Complementary  
Thurs. 9/21 &  
Sat. 9/23

FOR INFO CALL  
(484)-432-7810



THURSDAY'S: 9/21, 9/28, 10/12, 10/19, 11/9 & 11/16

SATURDAY'S: 9/23, 9/30, 10/14, 12/2

All additional classes are \$5 per person  
Bring your yoga mat & water



# HARVEST FEAST



Come out and enjoy a great event in the  
Darby Borough  
Edward Bacon Recreation  
Center.  
Kids wear your best Halloween Costume!!

**Contact person: 610-721-4203**

**Date: 10/31/2023**

**Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

*Contact Danice Davis if you wish to  
decorate your table at 4:00 PM.*

**Borough of Darby**

1020 Ridge Avenue

Darby, PA 19023

[www.darbyborough.com](http://www.darbyborough.com)

Facebook: Borough of Darby



BOROUGH OF DARBY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
September 6, 2023

The following members were present: Ms. Davis, Mrs. Williams & Mr. Robinson

Ms. Davis called the Committee Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

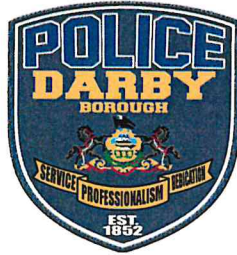
Ms. Davis read the attached report. Mrs. DeShields talked about the younger drivers in the neighborhood. Mrs. Sessoms thanked the Police and Fire Departments in the Borough. Stated she feels safe and very happy with their presence and response time. A liaison from the N/A spoke about a recent incident at one of their meetings to the Committee. Committee stated they will discuss it with all of Council and make a decision on how to move forward with the future of NA meetings in the Recreation Center.

Adjournment.

Joseph J. Gabe  
Chief of Police

Phone: (610) 586-1100  
Fax: (610) 461-5600

Darren Burrell  
Mayor



**Darby Borough Police Department**  
1020 Ridge Avenue  
Darby PA, 19023

The Police Department would like to welcome back all the students and staff in the William Penn School District and BVM School. We look forward to interacting with the students in and out of school this upcoming year. We currently have an adequate amount of Crossing Guards to cross the children. If you see any Crossing Guard posts unattended, please call 911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Gabe Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Joseph J Gabe Jr  
Chief of Police