

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2020**

The Darby Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Jennifer Parks, Vice-President Ruby Munden, Mr. Donald Deigh, Mr. Patrick McKenna, Mr. Rudy Taylor, Ms. Janice Davis, Mr. Darren Burrell, Mr. John Metts and Ms. Darlene Hill. Also present was Mayor Helen Thomas, Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Robert Smythe, Deputy Chief Joseph Gabe, Borough Engineer Erin Porter & Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Ms. Davis to extend the current ordinary street and sewer maintenance contract for A. Garigule and sons (sanitary sewer) from February 7, 2020 for an additional three months to May 7, 2020 per the current ordinary street and sewer contract provisions. Motion carries 9-0.

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

MAYORS REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Ms. Munden. Motion carries 9-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/18/2019 & 1/6/2020):

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval of Bills for January 2020:** Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of January. Motion carries 9-0.
- b. **2020 Council Commitment:** Mrs. Parks presented the 2020 Council Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Historical Commission Report: See attached.
- c. Tax Collector Report: See attached.

Council recessed into Executive Session for Litigation.

d. Solicitors Report:

- Motion made Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Burrell to authorize Council President to sign deed and all documents for the property at 821 Summit Street. Motion carries 9-0.
- Motion made by MR. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. Taylor to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare a LERTA Ordinance. Motion carries 9-0.
- Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. Taylor for the Borough Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on February 4, 2020 in opposition of the application. Motion carries 9-0.
- Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mr. Burrell to appoint Thomas Davis to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carries 8-0. Ms. Davis abstained.

Motion to accept all reports made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Taylor. Motion carries 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

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Division of NDI ENGINEERING COMPANY



DATE: January 10, 2020
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru January 10, 2020

FY 2017 CDBG – Development of the soccer field

The existence of a 16" gas main running through the field from Spruce St to Pine St has created an issue in grading the field. We cannot change the cover over the pipeline. We are reaching out to DEP to discuss raising the grade along the side closest to the Creek in order to create the proper grades for the field.

FY 2019 CDBG – Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Golf Road

The contractor, Eagle Contracting Inc., has been awarded the bid. We are in the process of preparing and executing contracts.

FY 2020 CDBG – An application for using CDBG funds as a supplement to the 2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant for the replacement of the sanitary sewer and street resurfacing of 13th St was submitted on 1/9/2020.

2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

If the Borough receives a CDBG award, we will be able to do the effort funded by this grant. The announcement should be made in May.

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

A to U has received the inlet boxes for the inlets at Crestview/Southridge, they are scheduling the replacement for next week.

MS4 Separate Storm Sewer Permit

The annual report was submitted to DEP.

Stormwater Tip:

When piling your snow after shoveling and plowing, choose locations where the snow will have the most opportunity to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff.

December Chief's Report

Dear Mr. President, Board of Directors, and General Membership,

During the month of December, the company responded to 85 calls for service. These calls included 2 working fires, 1 in Aldan and 1 in Sharon Hill.

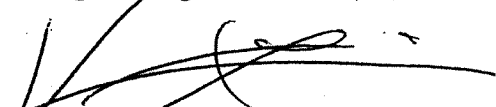
On December 13th, Co 4 and mutual aid were dispatched to Aldan borough for a reported house on fire. Upon arrival E4 had smoke showing with a working fire in the kitchen of the dwelling. E4 performed fire suppression as FDE. Co. 4 operated on scene for an hour and 10 minutes before being released by command. **No injuries were reported**

On December 28th, Co 4 and mutual aid were dispatched to Collingdale for a house fire, while responding the companies were advised the fire was in Sharon Hill borough. E4 arrived and located a fire in the back wall of the home coming from the electrical service line. LT 4B established the command. Crews were able to bring the fire under control in 90 mins with the assistance of PECO. **No injuries were reported**

Thank you for all the help and dedication throughout 2019, our BUSIEST YEAR in the history of Darby #1, we're looking forward to another safe and busy 2020!

S.A.F.E.R grant, please continue to take shifts and get your availability to Dan Traband before the 15th of each month! It's important we cover these shifts a Thank you to the members who've been signing up to staff the apparatus, it's very much appreciated!!

Respectfully Submitted,



Vincent J. Lanni
Fire Chief
Darby Fire Co. #1

2019 Darby Borough Historical Commission Report to Darby Borough Council, January 15, 2020

The Darby Borough Historical Commission appreciates the opportunity to be of service to the people of Darby Borough. In this New Year and new decade, Darby has many assets it can use for its benefit including its strategic location, its superlative transportation network and its important, if vulnerable, historic legacy. The Commission is glad to work toward the appreciation, utilization and preservation of our important cultural assets.

In April we were part of a tour organized through the University of Pennsylvania of area houses designed by famous architect Minerva Parker Nichols, one of the first women architects to be successful in her own firm. In 1885, Dr. William Painter commissioned her to design a house at **1018 Main Street** on land purchased from white abolitionist Passmore Williamson who was instrumental in the 1850 liberation of Jane Johnson. The house is sometimes known as the “Darby airport” because of the blue airplane flight simulator, called a “Link Trainer” parked on the porch roof. If you are learning to fly and crash that, you can walk away, but landing on the roof is very tricky.

On the same day in April we made a presentation about **Woodburne Mansion** to a group of hikers from the Upper Darby Hiking Club who came along the trail from Penn Pines. A Friends of Woodburne group has been incorporated and has been working with the County on a management agreement. Sadly the building is still leaking but with 4 foot thick stone walls and intact roof timbers, there is still hope.

In May, after several years of preparation and research, **The Vernacular Architecture Forum** met in Philadelphia this year and celebrated local history and buildings with a tour of Darby Borough and other locations on Thursday, May 30.

Vernacular architecture is an architectural style that is based on local needs, availability of construction materials and reflecting local traditions. The sites visited in Darby on the walking tour included Darby Library, chartered in 1743, the 1877 Mount Zion AME Church, Darby Friends Meetinghouse and Burial Ground (1682), the timber frame circa 1852 1000 Main Street, the Bunting Twin, and the circa 1840 Fullers Row, built as factory housing. There is a book with information about the Darby sites available upon request.

August saw the dedication of a headstone at Eden Cemetery for **Jean Pierre Burr**, abolitionist, activist, teacher, and son of vice-president Aaron Burr. It has been said that history is really just biography, and if that is true, we are surrounded by wonderful stories.

To celebrate our transportation links, the 15th annual **OcTrolleyFest, Celebration of Transportation Heritage and Community** was held in October and the support of the Borough was greatly appreciated as was support of the Darby Library, SEPTA, Sharon Bank, the Collingdale Historical Society, Condon’s Flower Cart, DCVA, the Dopson Agency, Marvil Funeral Home, Architect Alvin Holm, the Franklin Fountain, Ethel Williams, Joe Klinger, Benett’s Men’s Store, and Andy Saul. One of the highlights was the Art Contest where local 5th graders drew their best picture of a trolley. The pictures on display at Sharon Bank showed the many wonderful and different ways that our young people see their world. OcTrolleyfest also saw a demonstration Civil War Era Base Ball on the grounds of Woodburne Mansion in Little Flower Park.

With regard to work to be done, **Darby’s Comprehensive Plan** was last updated in 1991 and I encourage all of us to see where we are, decide where we want to be, and to begin to work on a plan to get there.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted

John Haigis, Chair
Darby Borough Historical Commission

**Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts
For the Month of December, 2019
Darby Borough Taxing District**

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| A: COLLECTIONS | REAL ESTATE | FIRE | LIBRARY | TRASH | SEWER | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month | 685,955.24 | 21,799.17 | 10,920.94 | 276,080.00 | 351,772.38 | |
| 2A: Additions: During the Month * | | | | | | |
| 2B: Deductions: Credits, Homestead | | | | | | |
| 3: Total Collectable | 685,955.24 | 21,799.17 | 10,920.94 | 276,080.00 | 351,772.38 | |
| 4: Less Face Collections for the Month | 120,845.27 | 3,840.38 | 1,923.97 | 51,040.00 | 64,826.68 | |
| 5: Less Deletions from the List * | | | | | | |
| 6: Less: Exonerations * | | | | | | |
| 7: Less: Liens/Non-Lienable Installments * | | | | | | |
| 8: Balance Collectable - End of Month | 565,109.97 | 17,958.79 | 8,996.97 | 225,040.00 | 286,945.70 | |
| B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED | | | | | | |
| 9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4 | 120,845.27 | 3,840.38 | 1,923.97 | 51,040.00 | 64,826.68 | |
| 10: Plus: Penalties | -12,084.65 | 384.10 | 192.52 | 5,104.00 | 6,482.79 | |
| 11: Less: Discounts | | | | | | |
| +/- Over/Under Payments | 0.48 | | | | | |
| 12: Total Cash Collected per Column | 108,761.10 | 4,224.48 | 2,116.49 | 56,144.00 | 71,309.47 | |
| 13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D) | | | | | | 242,555.54 |

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

