

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 15, 2021**

The Darby Borough Council met via Zoom 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 and Ms. Darlene Hill. Also present was Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Joseph Gabe, Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena & Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs. Mayor Helen Thomas & Mr. John Metts were absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joi Hopkins, WPSD: Thanked Mr. Burrell and Ms. Hill for attending the School Board meeting and supporting the William Penn School District.

Kaya Black, 208 S. 4th Street: Discussed her sewer bill issues.

Lynn Hill, 308 South 7th Street: Parking issues on South 7th Street and once a month clean ups on their block.

NRO:

Mary Koroma, 873 Main Street: To operate an auto tags business. Motion to approve made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mr. Burrell. Motion carries 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – November 2021:** Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mr. McKenna to pay the bills for the month of December 2021. Motion carries 8-0.
- b. **Approval of November 17, 2021 – Council Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mr. Deigh. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. **Approval of 2022 Final Operating Budget:** Motion to approve 2022 Final Operating Budget made Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Taylor. Motion carries 8-0.
- d. **Ordinance #799 (2022 Tax Levy):** The Public Hearing was opened, No Comment was made and the Public Hearing was closed. Motion to approve Ordinance #799 made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Deigh. Motion carries 8-0.
- e. **Permission to advertise 2022 RE-organization meeting:** Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Mr. Deigh. Motion carries 8-0.
- f. **Handicap Application:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Burrell to approve 23 S. 6th Street. Motion carries 8-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Tax Collectors Report: See attached.

Council recessed into Executive Session for personnel.

- b. Solicitors Report: Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Munden to place Police Officer 2021-005 on service connected disability 12/31/2021 subject to workers compensation referees approval of the compromise and release agreement. Motion carries 8-0. Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. McKenna to place Police Officer 2021-006 on service connected disability 12/31/2021 subject to workers compensation referees approval of the compromise and release agreement. Motion carries 8-0. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Deigh to place Police Officer 2021-007 on service connected disability 12/31/2021 subject to workers compensation referees approval of the compromise and release agreement. Motion carries 7-0. Mr. Taylor abstained. Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mr. Burrell for the Borough Manager to executed all documents regarding the service connected disability officers. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. Police Chiefs Report: Motion made by Mr. Taylor; 2nd Mr. Burrell to accept the resignations of Part Time Officers Valeria Averalo and Charles Currie. Motion carries 8-0. Motion made by Mr. McKenna; 2nd by Mr. Taylor to hire Shante Shelton as a Part Time Police Clerk. Motion carries 6-1. Mrs. Parks voted No and Mr. Burrell abstained. Motion made by Mr. Taylor; 2nd by Ms. Davis to hire Donald Stevenson as a turnkey. Motion carries 7-0. Mr. Burrell abstained.
- d. Managers Report: Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Deigh to approve Resolution 2021-009 for the Sanitary Sewer project for CDBG. Motion carries 8-0.

Motion to approve all Communications and Reports made by Mr. Deigh; 2nd by Mr. Taylor. Motion carries 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Munden; 2nd by Mr. McKenna. Motion carries 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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DATE: 15 December, 2021
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru December 15, 2021

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

Commerce Street Sanitary Sewer: Gargiule will be excavating to remove a plug from the main sewer. A to U will televise following that to determine the extent of sewer repair needed.

Liquid Fuels

The resurfacing on Londonderry Lane and the associated curb cut ramps has been completed.

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, than they can receive additional liquid fuels funds for the mileage of these streets.

Grants

2021 CDBG: The Borough has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$238,299.00 to make sanitary sewer improvements on 13th Street from Main Street to the Darby Creek. We expect authorization to proceed with bids to be received during Winter 2022. DCJA performed smoke testing in this area to identify locations where there are defects in the sanitary sewer system. We are awaiting results from the testing.

2022 CDBG: Council will receive input from the Public at the advertised hearing to be held on December 15, 2021. Separate minutes will be available following this hearing. It is recommended that funds continue to be applied for in the same sewer service area as awarded in 2021. It is suggested that a project cost of \$247,500 be established and include the following on 14th St:

- 10LF repair between MH 7-2 and MH 7-1
- Installation of a new manhole, 7-2A midway between MH 7-2 and MH 7-3
- Replacement of 180LF of sewer main between MH 7-2 and MH 7-2A
- Replacement of 20 street laterals between MH 7-2 and MH 7-2A

2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – project not started; grant expiration extension has been obtained; grant now expires on June 30, 2022. The Borough has been awarded CDBG funds for this project that will act as the required match for this grant.

Blight Remediation Grant: The Borough has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the demolition of 621 Main Street and 304 Marks Avenue. Bids were opened for the Demolition of 621 Main St. See attached bid tabulation and email. Bids will be advertised next week for the Demolition of 304 Marks Ave and stabilization of 302 Marks Ave for an anticipated award at the January 2022 Legislative meeting.

County Demolition Fund: Funding to demolish 901-905 Springfield Road. Due to the proximity to the Darby Creek, DEP permits will be required. The County Demolition Fund has a funding limit of \$85,000/structure. The estimated cost for demolition of the site is \$150,000. We have determined that there is no party wall in the building, so there is no room for additional funding from this source. Other funding sources will need to be determined before proceeding.

Stormwater Tip:

With wintry weather approaching, we remind all to minimize the use of deicing salt. When considering purchasing deicing salt, read the ingredients, not the claims. If there's no ingredient list on the package, don't buy it. And avoid sodium chloride; that common concoction is the worst of all the salts (and also, of course, the cheapest).

“Pet-friendly” means eco-friendly. Some brands may be more focused on safety to dogs, cats, and horses than safety to the landscape or water supply, but it's a pretty good bet that if they advertise as pet-friendly, they're better for your plants, your kids, and you.

Sometimes traction is enough. Do you really need to melt the ice, or can you just make it walkable? Everyday products like sand, sawdust, kitty litter (non-clumping), and ashes are proven ways to add traction to a slippery surface. They're better for you, comparatively better for your immediate environment, and often cheaper too.

Note: The products below represent just a few of the eco-options out there; availability will vary based on location. This list is not intended as an endorsement.

Earth Friendly Products Ice Melt

Eco-claims: Safe for pets and vegetation

Active ingredients: Magnesium chloride hexahydrate, calcium chloride (2-3%), potassium chloride (0.5-1%), sodium chloride (0.5-1%)

Price paid: \$12/6.5 lbs.

Translated into English, this ingredient list reads, “salt, salt, salt, and salt.” Still, the bulk of the product is magnesium chloride, a safer and less corrosive salt than the more common sodium chloride. The melt's white color can make it hard to see, which is both a plus (if you don't want your driveway to look dirty) and a minus (if you're trying to see where you've already spread). Performance was solid.

Paws Applause Ice Melt 'n' Traction Crystals

Eco-claims: Paws down, the pet-friendliest ice-melt formula

Active ingredients: Magnesium chloride hexahydrate, urea, Dolomitic limestone

Price paid: \$15.32/20 lbs.

This pet-safe brand relies on magnesium chloride too, and includes urea, a fertilizer component whose use in deicers is controversial; it works, yes, but is damaging to waterways. This gray-black blend looks a bit like birdseed when spread, and just made things look dirty after a few hours. Of the three tested, it was slowest to take effect, although it eventually did the job.

Inferno Ice Melter

Eco-claims: Melt the ice & protect your landscape

Active ingredients: Calcium magnesium acetate, potassium acetate, pure sea sodium, urea

Price paid: \$19.90/50 lbs.

This blend contains two acetates, widely hailed for being less corrosive and damaging than salts (though recent research shows that potassium acetate, adopted by a majority of airports as a deicing agent, may damage aquatic life). Products containing CMA tend to be more expensive — sometimes 10 to 20 times more than salt — though in this case the price was good. And while Inferno's lurid aqua hue (a tint intended for ease of use) makes your driveway look like a fishbowl, the stuff does work.

The Bottom Line: While all three of the ice melts tested were effective, each contains at least one controversial ingredient. In fact, there is no perfect ice melt out there — so the best step on this slippery topic may be to avoid the stuff altogether.

Placeholders:

1. Chapter 94 report was submitted to Darby Creek Joint Authority on 2/23/21; next report is due Feb 2022.
2. MS4 Program – annual MS4 report was submitted on 9/30/21.