

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 26, 2024

The Darby Borough Council met in Borough Council Chambers on the above date with the following members present: President Lucille Pratt, Cheryl Butts (via telephone), Alfred Robinson, Janice Davis and Edna Stockley. Also present was Mayor Darren Burrell, Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Police Chief Joseph Gabe, Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena. Vice President Darlene Hill, Mrs. Tracy Williams, Mr. Omar Thompson & Mrs. Jennifer Parks were absent.

President Pratt called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Burrell & Council President Pratt swore in Austin Mahle, Ryan Millay, Olivia Dill and Patrick Gaffney as Part Time Police Officers for Darby Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Richards, 206 Highland Avenue, Asked for copies of NRO's for all the businesses on Chester Pike and 10 Quarry Street. She questioned who cut the grass at 1000 Main Street and if the Borough still owned the property. Looking for a status update of 934 Main Street.

Wanda Starling, 934 Forrester Avenue, Stated that the Borough needs more for the Children in the Borough to do for the summer.

Caesarine Ballayan, 106 Greenway Avenue, Complaints regarding the street sweeper and tickets.

Lynne DeShields, 308 South 7th Street, Thanked the Borough for all of the great events and stated she is appointing herself Mrs. PR for the 3rd Ward.

Gerard Turner, Sharon Hill, Runs the Basketball League on New Walnut Street and was hoping for new basketball hoops.

NRO's:

Kareem Cox, 896 Main Street (Philly Krave) change of hours and adding BYOB. Motion to approve pending final inspection, all proper paperwork is filed in the Code Office, if any work needs to be done all proper permits are applied for in a timely matter and if business operates outside of their NRO a Cease and Desist will be issued immediately and will not be able to operate until a hearing is held in front of the Ordinance Committee made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 5-0.

Sabrina Boone, 861 Main Street (Beauty Salon). Motion to approve pending final inspection, all proper paperwork is filed in the Code Office, if any work needs to be done all proper permits are applied for in a timely matter and if business operates outside of their NRO a Cease and Desist

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Kadiata Toure, 304 South 7th Street (Quality Touch Health Care). Motion to approve pending final inspection, all proper paperwork is filed in the Code Office, if any work needs to be done all proper permits are applied for in a timely matter and if business operates outside of their NRO a Cease and Desist will be issued immediately and will not be able to operate until a hearing is held in front of the Ordinance Committee made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 5-0.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

See attached.

Approval of May 15, 2024 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer's, Mayors, Ordinance/Zoning, Community Relations, Finance, Public Safety, Municipal Service, Library, Recreation Center Reports and Minutes made by Mr. Robinson; 2nd by Ms. Stockley. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – June 2024:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Butts to pay the bills for the month of June 2024. Motion carries 5-0.
- b. **Donation to Balling Against Gun Violence:** Motion made by Ms. Stockley; 2nd by Ms. Davis to approve a donation of \$500. Motion carries 5-0.
- c. **Approval of Porta Potty – Soccer Field:** Motion to approve made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Stockley. Motion carries 5-0.
- d. **Resolution 2024-14 (Loan Extension):** Motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 made by Mr. Robinson; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$145,472.40 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Stockley. Motion carries 5-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: President Pratt recessed the meeting to hold a public meeting for Ordinance #813. Council meeting was resumed.
 1. Motion made by Mrs. Butts; 2nd by Ms. Davis to approve Resolution Ordinance #813 (Smoke Shops). Motion carries 5-0.
 2. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Robinson to terminate employee 24-01. Motion carries 5-0.
 3. Mr. Gibbs announced Council met in Executive Session prior to the Council Meeting to discuss Personnel, Litigation and contract.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: See attached.
 1. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Stockley to approve two events permits. One at the Helen R. Thomas Soccer Field and One on New Walnut Street. Motion carries 5-0.

2. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Butts to approve the purchase of backboards on New Walnut Street. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Mrs. Butts; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Stockley; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

Darren Burrell <burrelldr25@gmail.com>

6/25/2024 10:35 AM

Mayors Report

To Lucille pratt <lpratt19023@yahoo.com> Copy Mark Possenti <markpossenti@comcast.net>

Hi,

Below you will find the outline of my report.

1. Juneteenth Celebration/Building dedication
 - a. Thank you to Judge Tammi Forbes & Council President Dr. Monica Taylor
 - b. Special Thank you to the family of Chief Emery
2. Reminder of Curfew for Juveniles
3. Reminder of the importance of calling police if you witness illegal activity.

Thank you,
Darren Burrell

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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

DATE: 13 June 2024
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru June 13, 2024

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

The contractor has scheduled this replacement during June 2024 at 9th St and Main St.

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

COVID 19 ARPA Capital Projects Fund Multipurpose Community Facilities Program – the grant application was submitted. Recent news indicates 599 applications from 65 counties for a total request in excess of \$860M.

Delaware County Blight Remediation –. A grant application was prepared and submitted for the demolition of 225 N. 10th St and for the stabilization of the properties on either side. These funds will supplement the remaining funds from the Borough's state Blight Remediation grant.

2024 CDBG: Two applications were submitted on 1/5/24 with the priority application addressing the reconstruction and resurfacing of N. 2nd St. following the sewer replacement project and the alternate project addressing the development of the lot at Ridge and MacDade as a passive and light recreation area.

CFA 2022 Local Share Grant (Statewide): Eagle Contracting will likely be finishing the sewer project on N. 2nd St. in July with the final trench restoration.

2022 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – The Borough received the executed contract under this grant in the amount of \$498,116 which enables sanitary sewer work to be done on 14th St and 12th St.

It also funds a portion of N. 2nd St. We will ask to divert the funds to another location as we have completed the work there under the CFA 2022 Local Share Grant.

PECO Open Space grant: a grant application was submitted on November 10, 2023 for passive recreation furniture in the open space area on the north side of 7th St. We received notice of a \$2,000 grant award. I will work with Mark to use the grant proceeds and the \$2,000 Borough match most effectively.

2023 Local Shares Statewide Grant: An application was submitted on November 30, 2023 grant funding to accomplish sanitary sewer improvements on N. 3rd St. up to the maximum grant funding amount of \$1,000,000.

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: The Borough is handling the acquisition of the properties known as 28/30 S. 5th St.

Delco Greenways Grant Round 4: The Borough received this grant for a value up to \$250,000 for the construction of a playground for children 5-12 years of age on the lots known as 28/30 S. 5th St.

2023 Community Project Fund Grant: US Representative Mary Gay Scanlon's office has a press release \$657,026 for the replacement of the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on Fern St. between 4th Street and Damon's Lane.

2021 CDBG/2018 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant: The contractor work on 13th St. has been completed. Once a copy of canceled checks is submitted to the state, the projects will be closed.

2022 CDBG: Motion: authorize the engineer to prepare and advertise the bid documents for the infrastructure improvements on 14th St. Note: the 2022 PA Small Water & Sewer grant will provide the 50% of the costs not covered by the CDBG grant award.

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.

Blight Remediation Grant: The demolition and site restorations have been completed for 304 Marks Ave. and 621 Main St. We had requested the remaining funds be permitted for the remediation of 129/131/133 Whitely Terrace and this was approved. However, we could not obtain sufficient funds needed to complete the effort.

The CFA Board approved the Borough's request to use the remaining grant funds for the demolition of 225 N. Tenth St. and the stabilization of the adjacent properties.

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System): The annual report was submitted by 9/30/22.

Stormwater Tip:

Urban Stormwater

It flows on top of paved surfaces to nearby rivers and streams picking up...

NUTRIENTS & BACTERIA: Lawn fertilizers and animal waste

Major cause of shellfish closures in Puget Sound

COPPER: Brake pad deposits on paved surfaces from vehicle wear and tear, pesticides
Toxic to fish at low levels

PAHS: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from woodstove and fireplace combustion, vehicle combustion, creosote-treated wood
Toxic to humans as it enters the food chain

Stormwater drains concentrate large volumes of water and pollutants

OIL & PETROLEUM:
Drips, leaks, and emissions from vehicles

OTHER HEAVY METALS: Roof material leaching, vehicle tire abrasion, aviation fuel combustion
Toxic to wildlife and people

How much stormwater?

For every inch of rainfall, one acre of paved surface can generate 27,150 gallons of runoff

May Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

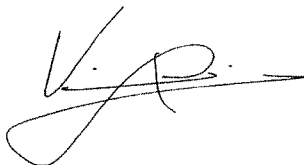
During the month of May, the company responded to 75 calls for service. (1) of which was a house fire in Darby.

On May 15th, around 0730hrs, Co 4 was dispatched to the 100 Block of S. 5th St. in Darby for a house fire. Engine 4 arrived as first due engine to find smoke showing from a 2 story twin dwelling with fire in the basement. Engine 4 secured their own water supply and stretched an attack line to the basement and began fire suppression. Ladder 16 arrived as the first due truck and supported Engine 4 as well as completing primary searches which were (-) negative. First alarm and working fire dispatch companies would operate for 2 hours, holding the fire to the room of origin, before the scene was turned over to Darby Fire Marshal's office. Chief 4 held the Darby Command. ****NO FF INJURIES WERE REPORTED****

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

There are a handful of Borough sponsored events in the coming weeks and months, members are encouraged to attend!

Be Safe and Stay Healthy!



Vincent Lanni

Fire Chief

Darby Fire Co. #1

Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of

May 2024

Darby Borough

	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM		PER CAPITA		OTHER	
	REAL ESTATE	OTHER	FIRE	LIBRARY	PER CAPITA	OTHER	PER CAPITA	OTHER
A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	FIRE	LIBRARY					
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	1,231,647.24	63,335.25	25,334.22					
2A: Additions: During the Month *								
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)	1,086.24	55.80	6.12					
3: Total Collectable	1,230,561.00	63,279.45	25,328.10					
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	215,354.90	11,062.99	4,425.17					
5: Less Deletions from the List *								
6: Less: Exonerations *								
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *								
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	1,015,206.10	52,216.46	20,902.93					
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED								
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	215,354.90	11,062.99	4,425.17					
10: Plus: Penalties								
11: Less: Discounts								
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	215,354.90	11,062.99	4,425.17					
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)								230,843.06

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

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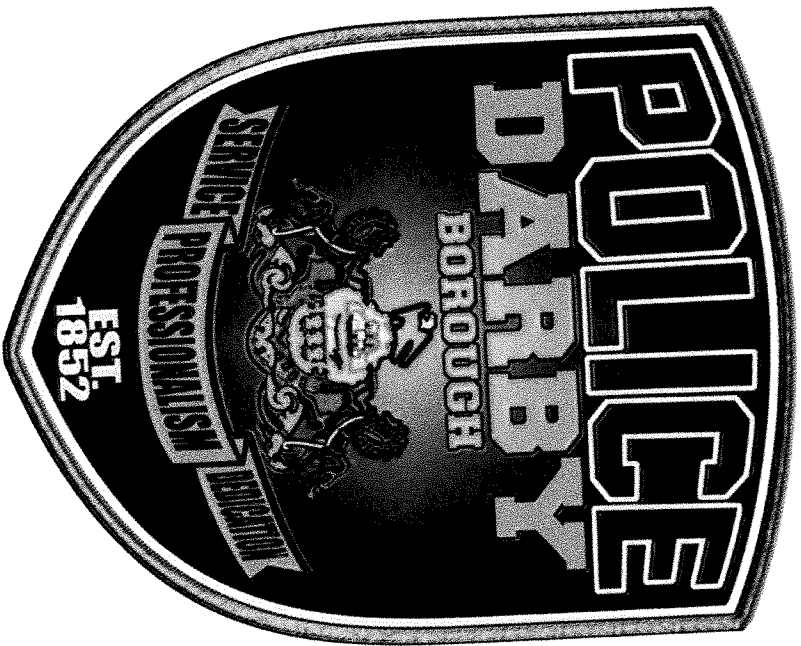
For the month of

May 2024

Darby Borough

	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM		PER CAPITA		OTHER	
A: COLLECTIONS								
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month					SEWER	748,081.34		TRASH 450,685.10
2A: Additions: During the Month *								
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)						3,897.58		790.00
3: Total Collectable						744,183.76		449,895.10
4: Less Face Collections for the Month						145,472.40		78,200.10
5: Less Deletions from the List *								
6: Less: Exonerations *								
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *								
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month						598,711.36		371,695.00
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED								
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4						145,472.40		78,200.10
10: Plus: Penalties								
11: Less: Discounts								
12: Total Cash Collected per Column						145,472.40		78,200.10
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)								223,672.50

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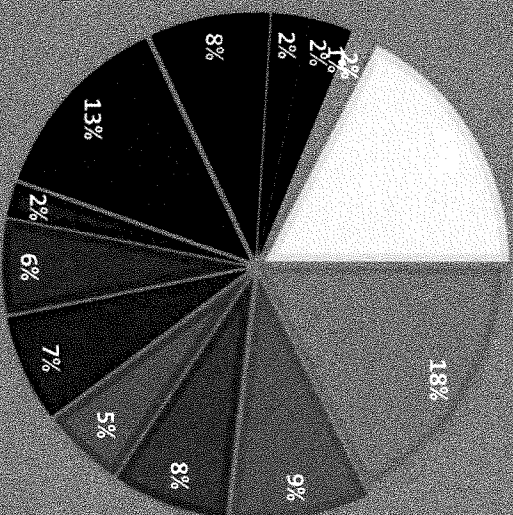
May 2024 Calls for Service

May 2024 & YTD Statistics

- May 2024 calls for service: 1,477
- 2024 total calls for service totals: 6,348

Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (256)
- Medical Emergency (133)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (111)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (78)
- Disturbances-Domestic (102)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (91)
- Mental Health (33)



- Public Service/Police Information (184)
- Crossing Guard Info/ Duties (115)
- Abandoned Vehicle (35)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (32)
- 911 Hang up (8)
- Alarms (22)
- All other calls (277)

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- Other calls

Top calls for service account for 81.24% of May 2024 calls.

Monthly Manager's Report
June 26, 2024
Darby Borough

The Borough of Darby is currently accepting applications for Hometown Heroes. The Hometown Heroes Banner Program was created for Darby residents to pay tribute & honor family members that are active military service personnel, veterans, or sacrificed their life while serving. Applications can be found at Borough Hall, Borough website, facebook and with Council members. Cost for each banner is \$125.

Proud to announce the Borough has been awarded along with Collingdale Borough the TCDI grant through DVRPC to do the traffic study at Springfield and MacDade Blvd.

Spay & Neuter Clinic wants to return on Tuesday, July 23rd but would like a different location in the Borough. Last time they utilized New Walnut Street. *Borough Hall*

Delaware County would like to utilize the Borough Hall sometime in July to host a meeting with the owners of Chestnut Street to discuss the public loop trail they are working on building from MacDade to the new County Park on Springfield Road. Is this Ok with Council?

Proud to report that after months of work FEMA has approved our Hazard Mitigation Plan.

There are three ZHB meetings to be held on July 2, 2024 at 7pm as follows:

- 1- The operation of a special needs Daycare/Childcare facility at 627 Walnut Street
- 2- Seeking a variance to change the approved use of the property 1130 Main Street from a 3-unit triplex to a 4-unit quadruplex.
- 3- Seeking a use variance and a parking variance to allow the operation of a Group Day Care Home at 325 Fern Street.

Events Permit Applied for and need approval: *JD, ES 5-0*

6/15/24 – 7am – 6pm

Keith Dawson Foundation – Use of New Walnut Street

7/20/2024 – 2pm – 7pm

Alicia Wongbaye – Use of Helen R. Thomas Soccer Field (Birthday Party)

7/21/2024 – 3pm – 9pm

Widalys Estrada – Use of Helen R. Thomas Soccer Field (Baby Shower)

Thank you.

*New
Backboards
JD, CB
5-0*