

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 21, 2025

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

President Pratt called the meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nikoya Black, 1156 Wycombe Avenue: Nikoya discussed her concerns with abandon vehicles and trash in her front and rear roadways. She would also like to see speed bumps placed on Wycombe Avenue.

NRO:

Edward Peniazek, 101 N. MacDade Blvd: Would like to add car sales to his current business of General Automotive Repair. 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 Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 5-0.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion to contract award Ernel Company, Inc. for the demolition of 225 North 10th Street and the stabilization of 223 & 227 North 10th Street in the amount not to exceed \$180,000.00 made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to advertise for the 2025 Road Program made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Burrell wished all the Darby Residents a Happy Memorial Day.

Approval of April 16, 2025 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer's & Mayors Reports made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – April 2025:** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Thompson to pay the bills for the month of May 2025. Motion carries 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$481,379.61 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 5-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: No Report
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: See attached. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to approve the events permit for American Postal Workers Union to utilize the Norman Powell Park. Motion carries 5-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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

DATE: 12 May 2025
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru May 12, 2025

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

411 Chester Pike Sanitary Sewer Main Repair – Gargiule has been asked to replace 20LF of sewer main. This was reported by a plumber replacing a sewer lateral.

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

2026 CPF – Resubmitted the application for sanitary sewer improvements on the 200 block of S. 5th St.

Delaware County Blight Remediation –

Bids for the demolition of HN 225 and stabilization of HN 223 and 227 N. 10th St. will be opened on 5/21/25 and will be available for Council award that evening.

Will begin preparing the grant application for the demolition of 129, 131, and 133 Whitely Terrace. The situation has reached the point that we may lose more if we do not stabilize this area.

2022 PA Small Water and Sewer Grant – The Borough submitted the first contractor invoice under this grant for sanitary sewer system work being performed on 14th St.

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: The Borough received an award to accomplish sanitary sewer improvements on N. 3rd St. in the amount of \$350,000.

2024 Local Shares Statewide Grant: Applications were submitted for Improvements to the Community Center and the Infrastructure Improvements on Brandford Ave. on November 28, 2024.

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: It is understood the Borough has acquired both properties, 28 and 30 S. 5th St. We will close out this grant upon receipt of invoices and canceled checks.

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: Mark and I had a kick-off meeting for this grant on Monday, September 16 for the replacement of the sanitary sewer main and street laterals on Fern St. between 4th Street and Damon's Lane. The grant is for \$657,026.

2022 CDBG: Sanitary Sewer Improvements on 14th St. is ongoing.

2023 CDBG: Preparing contracts for both the Priority project: Sanitary Sewer Improvements to 12th St. and the Alternate project: storm sewer improvements on New Walnut St.

2024 CDBG: The pre-bid meeting with Delaware County OHCD was held on August 12, 2024 for the two projects awarded to the Borough: 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.

2025 CDBG: Grant applications were submitted on January 3, 2025 for two projects: priority: improvements to Powell Park and alternate: infrastructure improvements on Berbro St.

Blight Remediation Grant:

The bid for demolition of 225 N. Tenth St. and the stabilization of the adjacent properties was discussed in the County Demolition Grant. It will be ready for Council award at the May meeting. The work must be completed by the grant expiration date, June 30, 2025.

MS4 Stormwater Permit:

A meeting was chaired by the EDCSC to discuss the new MS4 permit which will focus on volume control rather than sediment control (the focus of the current permit). During the meeting, a statement was made that penalties will be assessed for permittees who have not reduced sediment during the current permit as required. A review of the Borough's Pollutant Reduction Plan is required to see what has been done to meet the permit or determine what needs

to be done to become compliant. The new permit is to be released by June 2027. A Notice of Intent to apply for the permit is due by September 30, 2026.

Stormwater Tip:

The EPA recommends planting trees as part of a comprehensive stormwater management strategy. Trees reduce runoff by intercepting rainfall, slowing down flow, and increasing soil infiltration. They also help to purify stormwater by filtering pollutants and reducing the amount of runoff entering waterways.

Here's a breakdown of EPA tips for using trees in stormwater management:

1. Site Selection and Planting:

- **Choose the right tree:**

Select species that are suitable for the local climate and soil conditions and will not conflict with utilities or structures.

- **Proper planting techniques:**

Ensure adequate spacing between trees and other obstacles to allow for healthy growth.

- **Consider the site's topography:**

Plant trees in areas where they can effectively intercept and manage runoff, such as along roadsides, in parking lots, or in areas with high runoff potential.

April Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of April, the fire company responded to 83 calls for service. There was (1) working fire in Darby Borough.

On April 12th, around 2130hrs, Co 4 was dispatched to the 1200 block of Main St in Darby for a reported house fire. Engine 4 arrived as the first engine, secured their own water supply and located fire in the basement of the dwelling and extinguished the same. Company 4 would operate for an hour and a half before returning to station. Lieutenant 4 held the Darby Command. ****NO FF INJURIES REPORTED****

1st Quarter statistics; 332 calls for service and 5 working fires IN Darby Borough. We've already responded to 36 emergencies in the month of May. The ambulance has remained busy and we are thankful for our relationship with Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital and their EMS division, however, some longer response times may occur due to high call volume and the county being limited to (2) hospitals which increases turnaround times. Rest assured the Fire Company has been in regular communication with both elected and appointed officials of the Borough and our residents remain at the top of our priority list and the services we provide to you.

Please remember to have all air conditioning units serviced by a licensed technician and have ALL window units plugged directly into a wall outlet and NOT a power strip or extension cord!

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

No events scheduled at this time

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 April 2025

Darby Borough

REAL ESTATE INTERIM PER CAPITA OTHER
 _____ _____ _____ _____

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	FIRE	LIBRARY	
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	2,268,062.56	105,657.75	42,263.09	
2A: Additions: During the Month *	-682.08	-31.77	-12.71	
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	2,267,380.48	105,625.98	42,250.38	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	892,967.81	41,598.33	16,639.13	
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	1,374,412.67	64,027.65	25,611.25	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	892,967.81	41,598.33	16,639.13	
10: Plus: Penalties				
11: Less: Discounts	16,502.49	768.67	307.29	
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	876,465.32	40,829.66	16,331.84	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				933,626.82

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

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For the month of

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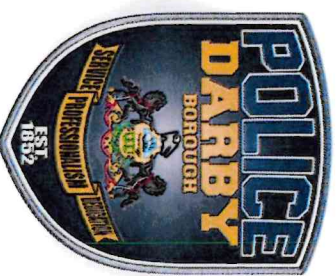
REAL ESTATE INTERIM PER CAPITA OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS	SEWER	TRASH		
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	1,504,349.10	671,885.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	1,504,349.10	671,885.00		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	490,365.49	230,325.00		
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	1,013,983.61	441,560.00		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	490,365.49	230,325.00		
10: Plus: Penalties				
11: Less: Discounts	8,985.88	4,116.80		
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	481,379.61	226,208.20		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				707,587.81

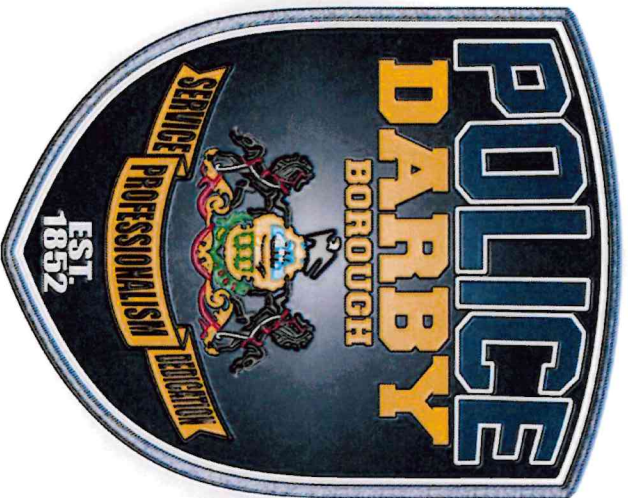
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Month in review



April 2025



Total Calls for service April 2025:

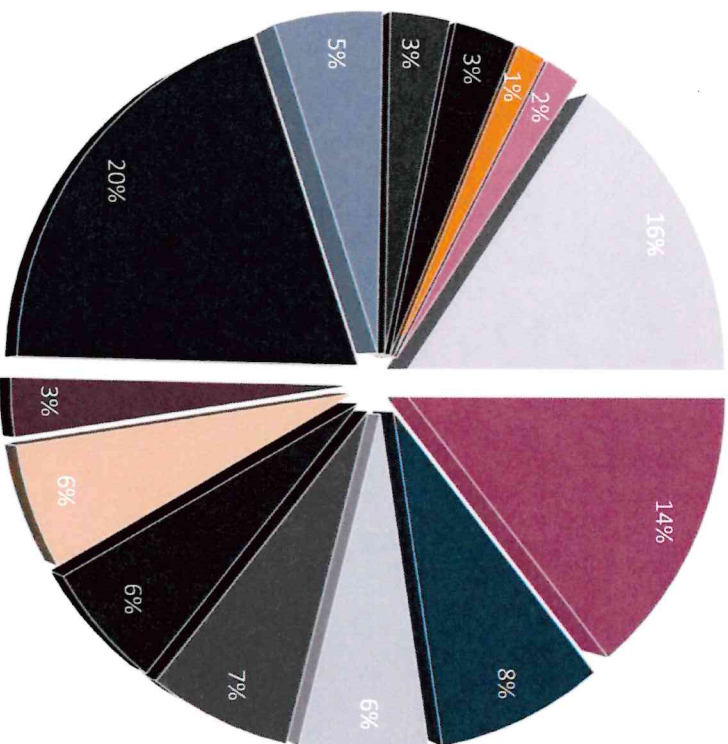
1,326

Total calls for service in 2025:

5,390

Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (199)
- Medical Emergency (116)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (89)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (96)
- Disturbances-Domestic (83)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (81)
- Mental Health (38)



Top calls for service account for 90.86% of April 2025 calls.

- Public Service/Police Information (274)
- Crossing Guard Info/ Duties (74)
- Abandoned Vehicle (41)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (43)
- 911 Hang up (20)
- Alarms (25)
- All other calls (216)

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- Disturbance/Fights
- Accidents

- Medical Emergency
- Mental Health
- 911 Hang Up

- Traffic & Parking
- Police Information
- Alarms

- Suspicious Conditions
- Crossing Guard Duties
- Other calls

- Domestic Disturbance
- Abandoned Vehicles

Darby Borough Police
&
William Penn School District
partnership with
Alert Bus Program

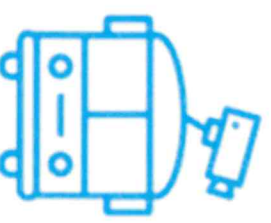
started on 1/8/2025

April 2025

1771

Violations for 2025 to date:

581



BUSPATROL

Monthly Manager's Report
May 21, 2025
Darby Borough

Upcoming Events:

Line Dance class with Vonda
Community Art Workshop – May 24th
Blood Drive – June 14th
Juneteenth Celebration – June 14th
National Night Out – August 5th

Pending Projects:

2025 Road Program
Community Garden – Poplar Street
Sanitary Sewer Improvements – North 3rd Street
Tot Lot – 28/30 South 5th Street
Replacement of Sanitary Sewer & Street Laterals – Fern Street (between 4th & Damons)
Sanitary Sewer Improvements – 12th Street
Storm Sewer Improvements – New Walnut Street
Resurfacing of North 2nd Street
Demolition of 225 North 10th Street
Safety Upgrades at 6th & Main Street
Resurfacing of Pine Street between Mill & Poplar (PECO Project)
Sanitary Sewer Improvements – 14th Street
Passive Recreation Lot – Corner of Ridge & MacDade

Events Permit Applied for and need approval:

8/2/2025 – New Walnut Street Basketball Court

American Postal Workers Union

Accepting Applications for Summer Public Works Help.

Thank you.