

**BOROUGH OF DARBY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
July 16, 2025**

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

President Pratt called the meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Solicitor Gibbs stated Borough Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting discussing Real Estate & Personnel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Andrea Doyle, 210 Hamilton Avenue: Discussed issues with Handicap Parking spaces on Hamilton.

Nikoya Black, 1156 Wycombe Avenue: Following up on her issues with Wycombe Avenue.

Michelle & Joe Moore, 1118 Glen Avon: Discussed her issues with parking on Kenwood and the access.

James Robb, 204 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street: Thanked Council for the speed bump on his sister's street. Asked if they can come on North 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Donna Roberts, 1319 Park Lane: Discussed issues with trash & violations in the alleyway of Park Lane.

Risa DeSilva-King, 4001 Bonsall Avenue: Discussed her company Safe Corridors.

Laverne Tolbert, 601 Spruce: Followed up on other comments regarding handicap parking.

Robert Lucas, 218 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Issues with parking and street sweeper.

Colin Chavous, 3 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street: Issues with his neighbors property.

**ENGINEERS'S REPORT:**

See Attached.

Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis to approve the raising of the manhole on 12<sup>th</sup> Street not to exceed \$4,500. Motion carries 7-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

NO REPORT

Approval of June 25, 2025 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer’s & Mayors Reports made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Paid Bills – July 2025:** Motion made by Mr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of July 2025. Motion carries 7-0.
- b. **Approval of Handicap Applications for 919 Maple Terrace & 249 Weymouth Road:** Motion to approve made by Mrs. Williams; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Thompson to approve the handicap applications. Motion carries 7-0.
- c. **Motion to accept the resignation of Gabriel Freeman, Turnkey:** Motion made by Mrs. Williams; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Stockley. Motion carries 7-0.
- d. **Motion to approve a contract agreement with Safe Corridors for Crossing Guards:** Motion to approve made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 7-0.
- e. **DELCORA I&I Reduction Program Approval:** Motion to approve the I&I reduction work made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Thompson. Motion carries 7-0.
- f. **Motion to approve the hiring of Kenneth Ingram & Izayah Peace as Summer Help in the amount of \$15.00/hour:** Motion to hire made by Mr. Robinson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Stockley. Motion carries 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:**

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$425,127.69 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 7-0.

Council recessed to Executive Session to discuss Real Estate.

- c. Solicitors Report: Mr. Gibbs explained he has continue to work on Zoning changes and the appeal of Axeman. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hill to accept the highest bid from Durresti Construction in the amount of \$11,500 for 868-878 Main Street. Motion carries 5-1. Ms. Stockley voted No.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: See attached.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Mr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hill. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to recess the July 16, 2025 meeting made by Mr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti  
Manager/Secretary  
Borough of Darby

# MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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

**DATE:** 10 June 2025  
**TO:** Darby Borough Council  
**FROM:** Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.  
**RE:** Engineer's Report Thru June 10, 2025

## **Current Month Activity:**

### Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

#### 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

### **Delaware County Blight Remediation –**

Demolition of 225 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. – the contractor is continuing with the demolition project. The adjoining dwellings have been stabilized.

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 contractor will be returning to the project tomorrow, weather permitting.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup> St. The Borough has accepted the surveyor's proposal and the site survey should occur during late July.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Damon's Lane. The grant is for \$657,026.

**2022 CDBG:** Sanitary Sewer Improvements on 14<sup>th</sup> St. is ongoing.

**2023 CDBG:** The contract has been signed for the Alternate project, storm sewer improvements on New Walnut St. We are still waiting for the lowest responsible bidder to confirm pricing.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. **The bid for the resurfacing of N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. will be opened on July 16 with an award anticipated at the Council meeting that night.**

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 demolition of 225 N. Tenth St. and the stabilization of the adjacent properties was discussed in the County Demolition Grant update. The final invoice was submitted to the state for payment.

#### **County-wide Act 167 MS4 Stormwater Permit:**

The Delaware County Planning Department (DCPD) is currently in the process of preparing a countywide Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan, in partnership with engineering consultants Jacobs Engineering Group and NTM Engineering. A kick-off meeting was held last week and attendees were advised that municipal input will be critical to development of the Plan.

As a stakeholder, the Borough is being asked to access the Delaware County Act 167 Stormwater Survey at the following link: <https://arcg.is/1r1fyn>. The Survey includes a map for locating stormwater problem areas and/or proposed solutions. The survey will remain open until Monday, August 4 to provide input on stormwater problem areas and/or proposed solutions. After the survey closes, the County Act 167 team will analyze the data to inform next steps in the planning process, including field assessments, modeling, and evaluating solutions.

**Stormwater Tip:**

Outdoor potted plants can contribute positively to the environment. They help purify the air by absorbing pollutants and releasing oxygen, and they can also help reduce the urban heat island effect. While the impact of a few potted plants might be small compared to larger green spaces, every plant helps, and they can be a valuable addition to urban environments. Beyond the environmental benefits, potted plants can improve the appearance of outdoor spaces and contribute to a sense of well-being.

## June Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of June, the fire company responded to 98 calls for service. There were no working fires in Darby Borough.

Our ambulance remains very busy, and we are thankful for our relationship with Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital and their EMS division. Longer response times are occurring due to the high call volume and the county being limited to (2) hospitals which increases turnaround times. 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 understand that Fitzgerald Mercy is suffering from staffing issues as well, there are multiple times a month that our ambulance is not in service due to this which in turn relies on ambulances from surrounding areas to answer emergencies in our town. We are an all-volunteer fire company, and we do as much as we can to ensure that you receive the best possible service from both fire and EMS.

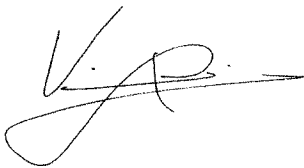
Please remember to have all air conditioning units serviced by a licensed technician and have ALL window units plugged directly into a wall outlet and NOT a power strip or extension cord! Please ensure you are hydrating yourselves on the hot days, dehydration is very preventable!

\*\*\*\*\*FUTURE EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

No events scheduled at this time

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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

June 2025

## Darby Borough

REAL ESTATE      INTERIM      PER CAPITA      OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	FIRE	LIBRARY	OTHER
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	1,281,763.26	59,711.57	23,884.81	
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	1,281,763.26	59,711.57	23,884.81	
4: Less: Face Collections for the Month	120,349.02	5,606.41	2,242.52	
5: Less: Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	1,161,414.24	54,105.16	21,642.29	
<b>B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED</b>				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	120,349.02	5,606.41	2,242.52	
10: Plus: Penalties	-1,751.62	-81.61	-32.65	
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	122,100.64	5,688.02	2,275.17	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				130,063.83

\* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District



# Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

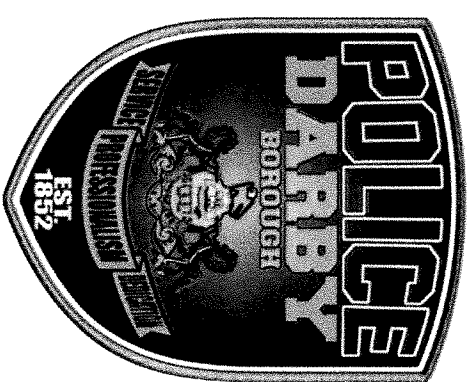
For the month of June 2025

## Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
	SEWER	TRASH	OTHER	OTHER
1. Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	956,970.26	404,210.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	956,970.26	404,210.00		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	425,127.69	51,460.00		
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	531,842.57	352,750.00		
<b>B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED</b>				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	425,127.69	51,460.00		
10: Plus: Penalties	-32,006.88	-747.00		
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	457,134.57	52,207.00		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				509,341.57

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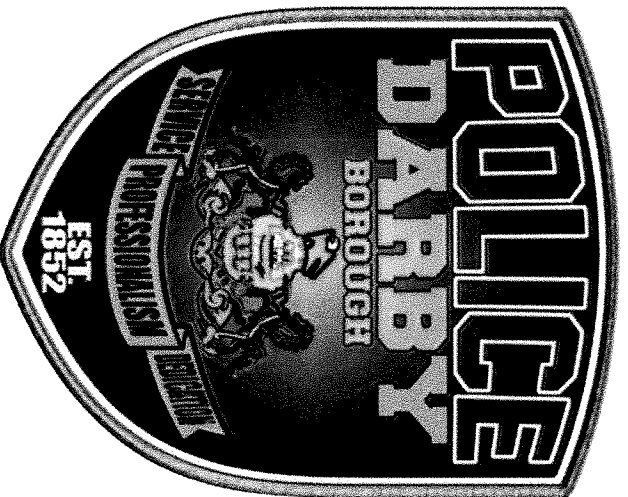




# June 2025

Month in review

*June 2025*



*Total Calls for service June 2025:*

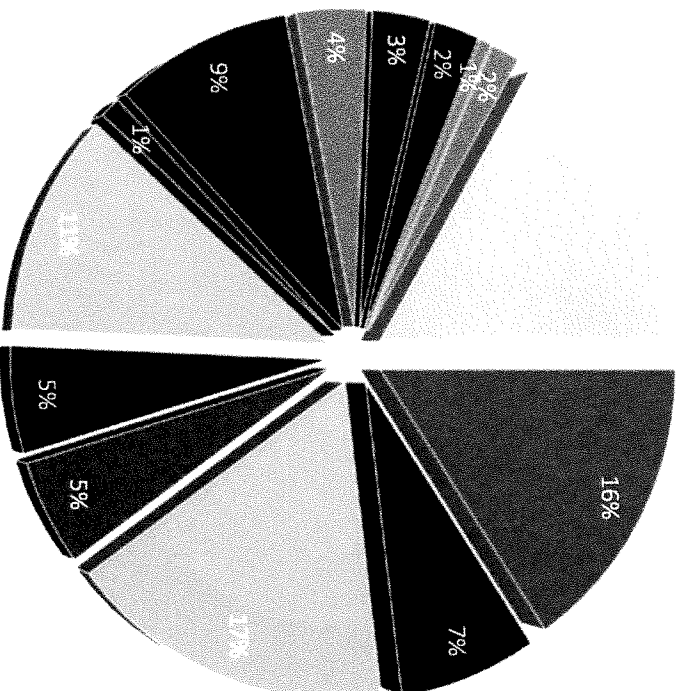
1,456

*Total calls for service in 2025:*

8,284

# Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (276)
- Medical Emergency (129)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (297) 80% increase
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (93)
- Disturbances-Domestic (93)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (195) 76% increase
- Mental Health (19)



- Public Service/Police Information (161)
- Crossing Guard Info/ Duties (64)
- Abandoned Vehicle (54)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (42)
- 911 Hang up (11)
- Alarms (27)
- All other calls (292)

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- Crossing Guard Duties
- Other calls

- Domestic Disturbance
- Abandoned Vehicle

Top calls for service account for 77% of June 2025 calls.



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

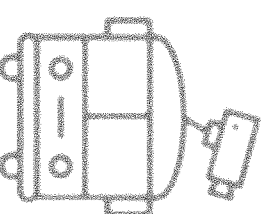
\*started on 1/8/2025\*

*June 2025*

**82**

Violations for 2025 to date:

**861**



**BUSPATROL**

# Parking Violations

\*Started on 6/10/2025\*

**June  
violations**

**287**

**Monthly Manager's Report**  
**July 16, 2025**

**Upcoming Events:**

National Night Out – August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Darby Summer Block Bash – August 16<sup>th</sup>

**Pending Projects:**

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

**Code Information:**

Rental License reminders have been sent to all unpaid Landlords – We have passed the deadline. We are currently issuing the \$1,000 fines and are beginning the shut down of all unpaid properties.

Handicap Parking Renewals have been mailed out with a deadline to reply by July 28<sup>th</sup>. Failure to reply will make us believe the spot is no longer needed and it will be removed.

All 445 Violations that were issued for all the properties in the Borough which includes Sanitation, High Grass, Motor Vehicles, Accumulation of Rubbish and Indoor Furniture has expired. \$1,000 Citations are being issued and abatements will commence.

12 Citations were issued for the alleyways between Park Lane & Edgehill Road.

Friday is the deadline for the alleyway between S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Wright Avenue.

35 citations have been issued for multiple properties.

Alleyway letter has recently been sent to N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Even Side of Wright Avenue.

Code Enforcement will be inspecting everyone's concrete sidewalks. If they are broken or a tripping hazard you will notified that they must be replaced.

We will continue with alleyway letters throughout the Borough.

2,609 Tickets have been issued for Street Sweeper Violations.

PECO will be in the area beginning in August lasting for a few months for vegetation maintenance.

Thank you.