

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 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, Tracy Holmes-Williams, Jennifer Parks, Alfred Robinson, Janice Davis, Omar Thompson & Edna Stockley. Also present Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Chief Joseph Gabe & Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs. Mayor Darren Burrell, Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena & Ms. Cheryl Butts were absent.

President Pratt called the meeting to Order at 7:12 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laverne Tolbert, 610 Spruce Street: Discussed her displeasure with Keystone and Berkheimer.

Nikoya Black, 1156 Wycombe Avenue: Discussed her handicap sign, beehives, high grass and abandon cars.

Patti Buggy, 52 MacDade Blvd.: Discussed her handicap parking space.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis to amend the contract award to A.F. Damon for Lots 1 thru 3 for the Streets Program in the amount of \$155,800. Motion carries 8-0.

Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to select option C for the tot lot at 28/30 South 5th Street. Motion carries 8-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

NO REPORT

Approval of September 17, 2025 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer's, Mayors, Ordinance/Zoning, Community Relations, Finance, Public Safety, Municipal Services, Library & Recreation Reports and Minutes made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – October 2025:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Hill to pay the bills for the month of October 2025. Motion carries 8-0.
- b. **Approval of \$2,000 donation to Senior Community Services:** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. **Resolution 2025-004 (LSA Grant – Fire/EMS Vehicle):** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis to approve the Resolution. Motion carries 8-0.
- d. **Resolution 2025-005 (LSA Grant – Security Cameras):** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mrs. Williams to approve the Resolution. Motion carries 8-0.

- e. **Resolution 2025-004 (LSA Grant – Library)**: Motion made by Mrs. Williams; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to approve the Resolution. Motion carries 8-0.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$9,9096.62 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: Mr. Gibbs reported the amended zoning ordinance has been sent to the County for review. Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Parks to direct the execution of eminent domain and for the Borough Manager to execute a deed if a agreed price is reach upon prior for the property at 1025 Ridge Avenue. Motion carries 8-0. Motion made by Mrs. Williams; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to advertise the amended Borough Code. Motion carries 8-0.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: Mr. Possenti reported on the closure of Main Street for CSX, read a thank you from the Archdiocese, Park planning kick off meeting and the upcoming zoning meetings. Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to approve the after school program on a 6 month temporary agreement. Motion carries 8-0.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Mr. Robinson; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 8-0.

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

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

2025 Paving Project

The work will be performed at the end of the month. Scope of work includes milling and resurfacing of New Walnut St between 9th St and Mill St. and Greenway Ave from the terminus to Front St. and installation of curb cut ramps.

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. 10th St. – the work has been completed.

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 – 14th St sanitary sewer improvements - The contractor has returned to the project and we hope for completion in October.

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. We are working with a supplier who has a state contract. This will enable the equipment and installation to be done without public bidding.

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: The contract has been signed for the Alternate project, storm sewer improvements on New Walnut St. **However, the County requires additional pricing breakdown as they were the sole bidder. Once this has been received and the County approves, the construction kickoff meeting can be held and the work performed.** The lowest responsible bidder for the 12th St infrastructure improvements project has confirmed his pricing and a contract is being prepared.

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. **Once the Borough acquires 1025 Ridge Ave, the survey can be completed.**

The contract with A.F. Damon, Co., Inc. for milling and resurfacing of N. 2nd St. has been issued. However, the County requires additional pricing breakdown as they were the sole bidder. Once this has been received and the County approves, the construction kickoff meeting can be held and the work performed.

The work will be funded using the remaining funds from the 2022 Local Share Grant (\$171,687) and the balance will be from the 2024 CDBG award.

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. Neither project was selected.

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 funding was sent to the Borough.

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.

The Borough submitted five locations of known flooding to the Delaware County Act 167 Stormwater Survey to support the new Act 167 Plan. Locations included: MacDade Blvd over the Darby Creek; Chester Pike/New Walnut St.; Chestnut St., vicinity of 12th, 13th; Pine St. abutting Darby Creek; and Main St., vicinity of Cobbs Creek.

Stormwater Tip:

The federal government is raising the required oxygen level in an urban stretch of the Delaware River for a 38-mile stretch between Philadelphia and Wilmington. Water quality in the urban river has improved since a low point in the mid-20th century, thanks to locally imposed restrictions on the output of nine wastewater treatment plants into the river. But the EPA now says those plants need to make more cuts in the amount of oxygen-consuming ammonia—a component of treated sewage—they discharge into the river so that more oxygen is available for fish. The rule, to be implemented starting in November, requires oxygen saturation of at least 66 percent, rising to 74 percent in the latter stage of juvenile fish development from July 1 to Oct. 31. The rule also changes the designated use of the urban river to that of “protection and propagation” of fish populations. The DRBC’s standard required just “maintenance” of those populations. Two endangered species of sturgeon are among the fish found in the Delaware River. But wastewater-treatment utilities face millions in new costs to make it happen and indicate rates will rise for residents.

September Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of September, the fire company responded to 73 calls for service. There were NO working fires in Darby Borough.

As of 10/7/2025 the fire Company has been dispatched to 808 emergencies. Almost 50 of which have been working fires, both in and out of Darby. This is very busy for an all-volunteer fire company in a .8 square mile town. We need to ensure the fire company receives some very much needed support with funding in the upcoming budget for 2026. This is paramount for our residents and guests' safety. Please remember that if the fire company goes away, so does the EMS stationed in the town.

Our ambulance remains very busy, and we are thankful for our relationship with Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital and their EMS division. The ambulance is projected to respond to over 2000 emergencies in and out of Darby for 2025.

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

Park Lane Red Ribbon March on 10/29.

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

September 2025

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
		OTHER	OTHER	
1: Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	969,292.54	45,155.31	18,062.32	
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	969,292.54	45,155.31	18,062.32	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	20,970.42	976.92	390.76	
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	948,322.12	44,178.39	17,671.56	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	20,970.42	976.92	390.76	
10: Plus: Penalties	-2,097.04	-97.69	-39.10	
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	23,067.46	1,074.61	429.86	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				24,571.93

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of

September 2025

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM		PER CAPITA		OTHER	
	SEWER	TRASH	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	420,445.52	335,735.00						
2A: Additions: During the Month *								
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)								
3: Total Collectable	420,445.52	335,735.00						
4: Less: Face Collections for the Month	8,269.65	8,300.00						
5: Less: Deletions from the List *								
6: Less: Exonerations *								
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *								
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	412,175.87	327,435.00						
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED								
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	8,269.65	8,300.00						
10: Plus: Penalties	-826.97	-830.00						
11: Less: Discounts								
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	9,096.62	9,130.00						
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)								18,226.62

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

C: PAYMENT OF TAXES

14: Amount Remitted During the Month *

Date

Transaction #

Amount

TOTAL OF ALL TAXES

9/30/2025

M241007101

42,798.55

Total

42,798.55

15: Amount Paid with this Report Applicable to this Reporting Month

Transaction #

16: Total Remitted This Month

17: List Other Adjustments *

Parcel #

Name

Amount

Total

18: Interest Earnings (if applicable) \$ _____

Taxing District Use (Optional)

Carryover from Previous Month \$ _____
 Amount Collected this Month \$ _____
 Less Amount Paid this Month \$ _____
 Ending Balance \$ _____

Tax Collector

Date

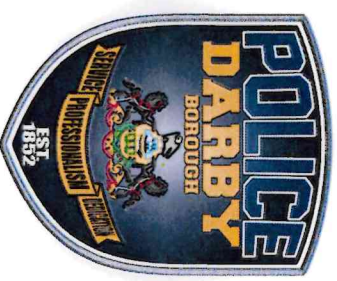
I verify this is a complete and accurate reporting of the balance collectable. Taxes Collected and Remitted for the month

Received by: _____ Title _____ Date _____
 I acknowledge receipt of this report

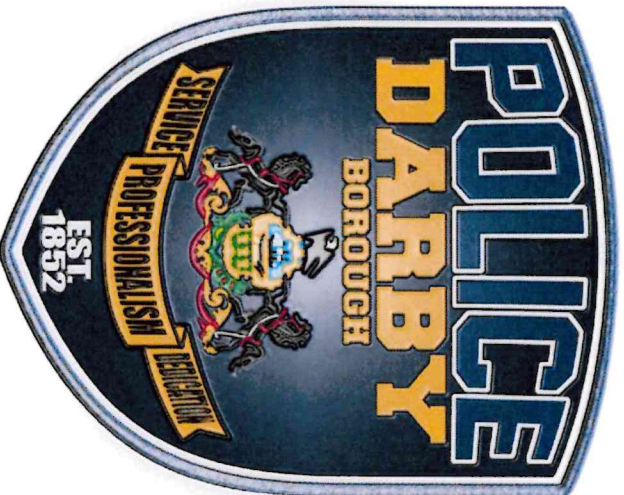


September 2025

Month in review



September 2025



Total Calls for service September 2025:

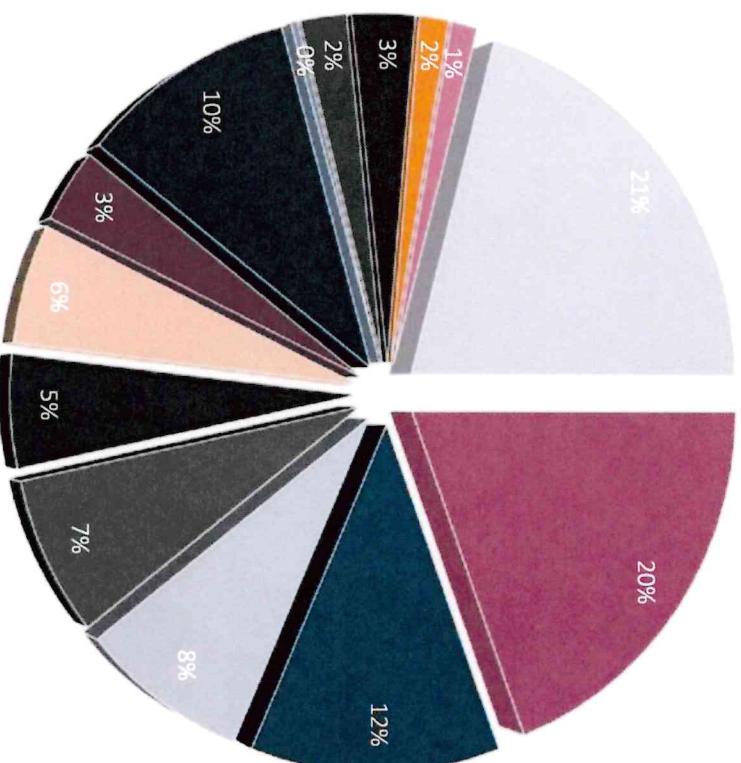
1,139

Total calls for service in 2025:

12,077

Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (231)
- Medical Emergency (142)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (94)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (86)
- Disturbances-Domestic (61)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (64)
- Mental Health (40)



- Public Service/Police Information (121)
- Crossing Guard Info (4)
- Abandoned Vehicle (26)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (36)
- 911 Hang up (17)
- Alarms (15)
- All other calls (202)

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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

Top calls for service account for 80.54 % of September 2025 calls.

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

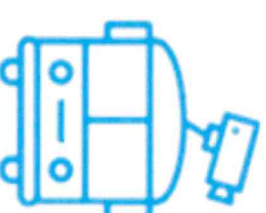
started on 1/8/2025

September 2025

92

Violations for 2025 to date:

1026



BUSPATROL

Parking
Tickets
Issued

September 2025

94

Tickets for 2025 to date* (From June 2025 forward)

720