

BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2026

The Darby Borough Council met in Borough Council Chambers on the above date with the following members present: President Lucille Pratt, Vice President Jennifer Parks, Councilors Bullock, Hill, Williams, Davis, Robinson, Stockley, Dr. Thompson. Also present Mayor Joar Dahn, Borough Manager Mark Possenti, Chief Joseph Gabe, Deputy Chief Joseph O'Donnell, Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena.

President Pratt called the meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Colin Chavous, 3 S. 5th Street: Discussed additional parking at his property.

Paula Richards, 206 Highland Avenue: Thanked the Police Department for handling parking issues on Chester Pike. Request Council to bring all business owners in front of the Ordinance Committee on Chester Pike and enforce the parking rules along with the tire issue at the tire shop on Springfield Road.

Katherine Springer, 900 Forrester: Discussion regarding how do you 302 an individual.

Nuwah Nigba, 1365 Edgehill: Discussed an issue with his neighbor.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dahn thanked the residents for allowing him to serve his community. He discussed a family event at Park Lane Elementary School, His inaugural was a huge success and attending by many residents, he would like to revisit the live streaming of all Council Meetings.

Approval of December 17, 2025 – Council Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2026 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes, Engineer's & Mayors Reports made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Mrs. Parks. Motion carries 9-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – January 2026:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of January 2026. Motion carries 8-1. Mrs. Williams voted No.
- b. **Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Hill to appoint Diane Alexander to a one year term. Motion carries 9-0.
- c. **Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Bullock to appoint Sabrina Boone to a two year term. Motion carries 9-0.
- d. **Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Ms. Bullock to appoint Betty Ann Cuff to a three year term. Motion carries 9-0.
- e. **Council Committee Appointments:** President Pratt read the 2026 Committees.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$59,702.65 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: Mr. Gibbs asked for the following motions:
 - 1. Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Mr. Robinson to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an Ordinance regarding paid parking on the 800 Block of Mains Street & Borough Parking lots. Motion carries 9-0.
 - 2. Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an Ordinance adopting Londonderry, Coventry, Shetland and Glen Cove Roads for Liquid Fuels. Motion carries 9-0.
 - 3. Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Ms. Davis to authorize the Borough Manager and Solicitor to take the property at 509 Pine Street through eminent domain or any other proper remediation. Motion carries 9-0.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: Mr. Possenti reported on the upcoming snow storm.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Ms. Hill; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti
Manager/Secretary
Borough of Darby

MEMORANDUM

CIVIL COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS, LLC

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

DATE: 14 January 2026
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru January 14, 2026

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

2025 Paving Project

Curb cut ramps are installed in advance of milling and resurfacing work. The contractor has indicated the ramps will begin to be installed at the end of December on Greenway and New Walnut St.

The milling and resurfacing of Greenway and New Walnut St will not begin until the storm sewer work is completed on New Walnut St. **The County issued approval today to begin the stormsewer project.**

Therefore, if temperatures for paving are suitable, 40 °F and rising, and the asphalt plants remain open, it is possible the paving can be completed in January once the storm sewer work is completed. If neither of these conditions occur, the milling and resurfacing will not be completed until April, upon reopening of the plants and the PennDOT approved paving period.

As for 2nd St. milling and resurfacing and installation of curb cut ramps, the same contractors are performing these efforts. The County has not yet scheduled the pre-construction meeting. Once the meeting is held and the County authorizes the project to begin, the curb cut ramps (qty 16) will be installed first, with the milling and resurfacing to follow. We have the same situation with temperature and asphalt availability. If conditions are suitable, the paving can be done after the ramps are completed. If conditions are not suitable, the paving will occur in early April.

The contractors schedule their work in a given town all at once to permit a lower pricing to be bid.

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.

The inlets at MacDade/Main St. and Wright/Cedar have been replaced. This project will be closed with PennDOT during December. Final restoration around the inlets will occur in January, weather permitting.

Grants

Delaware County Blight Remediation –.

Will begin preparing the grant application for the demolition of 129, 131, and 133 Whitely Terrace and the stabilization of 127 and 135. 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 – final milling and resurfacing remain to be done.

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 the 50% advance of grant funds and the check was deposited today. Once the check clears, the Borough can send the deposit to the supplier. The equipment takes about 8 weeks to be delivered.

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: Alternate project: storm sewer improvements on New Walnut St. This was addressed above with the street program.

Priority project: The County has provided approval today to begin the sanitary sewer improvements for 12th 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. **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. The County has not scheduled the construction kickoff meeting.

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.

2026 CDBG: The application for infrastructure improvements to Berbro St. was submitted to the County on January 8, 2026.

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:

From the North and South Rivers Watershed Association website, de-icing suggestions:

- Avoid Sodium Chloride or “rock salt” – Traditional rock salt (sodium chloride) is pretty much the worst of all available options.
- Look for “Pet Safe” and “CMA” – Products marketed as “Pet-Safe” will also be eco-friendly. Products containing a significant amount of calcium magnesium acetate or “CMA” are some of the most benign options commonly available.
- Apply in advance of a winter storm – Early attention before a storm will help prevent the formation of ice. When the snow starts falling, the ice melt will create a brine solution, helping to prevent ice from bonding to the surface.
- Disperse ice melt properly – Contrary to popular opinion, using large amounts of ice melt does not affect the speed in which ice and snowmelt. Using too much product can damage surfaces and harm the environment.
- Use a mechanical spreader for accurate coverage – The proper coverage rate is about one cup per square yard. This coverage will fan out and undercut the ice so that you can shovel the walkway clear.
- Continue to disperse ice melt during a storm – This helps to prevent snow from becoming hard-packed on surfaces.

- Don't use salt as a substitute for shoveling – Sometimes a better shoveling job upfront will eliminate the need for ice melt altogether or let you get away with a bit of sand instead (though overuse of sand can also be a problem).
- Make your own salt brine – Salt brine is a liquid that prevents snow and ice from freezing to hard surfaces, making it easier to shovel or plow. It is a low cost and more environmentally friendly alternative to solid salt. Salt brine uses less salt and works better than solid salt in most conditions. Pet-safe ice melts can be used in salt brine, however, all ice melts can be hazardous to pets, so it's important to use them carefully. Download the instructions for making salt brine [here](#).

December Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of December, the fire company responded to 96 calls for service. There were no working fires in Darby Borough.

At the end of 2025, The Darby Fire Co. #1 had been dispatched to 1087 calls for service. 251 were dispatched as building fires, 58 of those were working fires inside and out of Darby, and 3 were accidents where someone was trapped in the vehicle. We surpassed our busiest year on record by 187 emergencies. This is something for our community members to be proud of, every year we get busier, and the all-volunteer fire company members, while juggling full time jobs and families, rise to the challenge and provide an excellent service to our town.

Our ambulance responded to 2,757 emergencies inside and outside of Darby which well exceeded the expected 2,300 emergencies. We're very fortunate to have a relationship with Trinity health who, contractually, provides the BLS ambulance staff for Darby.

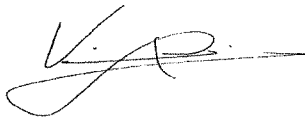
It is no secret that volunteers are dwindling throughout the country every single day, Darby included. We are very appreciative for the tax increase we received which will assist us to keep our bills paid and vehicles ready for emergencies. I look forward to working together with you all in 2026 to ensure the Fire and EMS in the borough has a bright future and our residents can continue to depend on Darby Fire Co. #1.

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season with your families and friends!

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

Nothing 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

December 2025

Darby Borough

REAL ESTATE INTERIM PER CAPITA OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE	OTHER	LIBRARY	OTHER
1. Balance Collectible- Beginning of Month	860,169.68		16,028.93	
2A. Additions: During the Month *				
2B. Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3. Total Collectable	860,169.68		16,028.93	
4. Less: Face Collections for the Month	121,430.17		2,292.68	
5. Less: Deletions from the List *				
6. Less: Exonerations *				
7. Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8. Balance Collectible - End of Month	738,739.51	34,414.95	13,736.25	
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9. Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	121,430.17		2,292.68	
10. Plus: Penalties	-12,143.13	-865.74	-226.29	
11. Less: Discounts				
12. Total Cash Collected per Column	133,573.30		6,222.60	2,486.97
13. Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				142,284.97

* Attach copy of Reporting Case Notification Report from your Taxing District

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For the month of December 2025

Darby Borough

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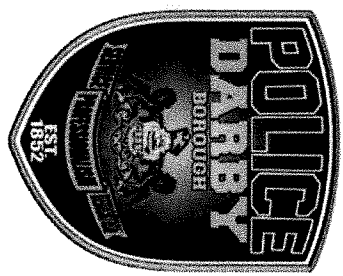
A: COLLECTIONS	SEWER	TRASH	OTHER	TOTAL
1. Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	364,231.52	295,480.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	364,231.52	295,480.00		
4: Less: Face Collections for the Month	54,275.43	44,820.00		
5: Less: Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	309,956.09	250,660.00		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	54,275.43	44,820.00		
10: Plus: Penalties	-5,427.52	-4,482.00		
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	59,702.65	49,302.00		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				109,004.65

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

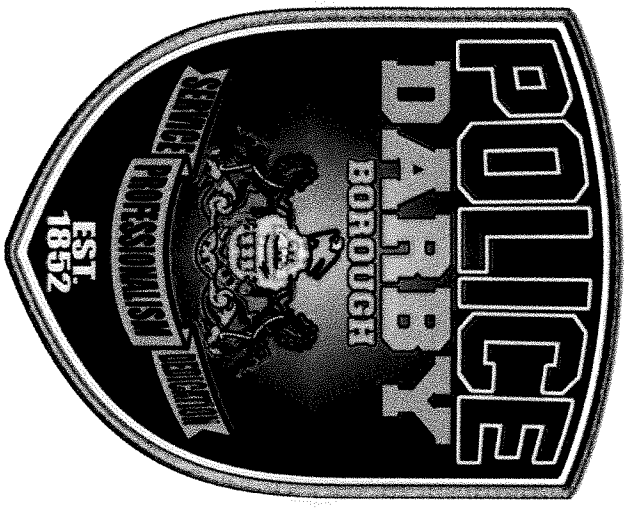


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Month in review



December 2025



Total Calls for service December 2025:

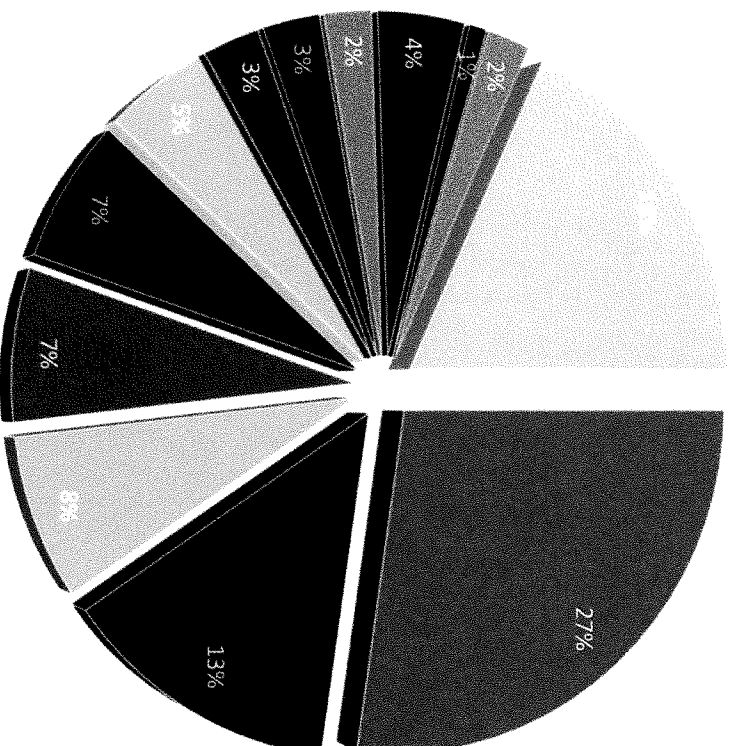
1,154

Total calls for service in 2025:

15,882

Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (287)
- Medical Emergency (140)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (82)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (74)
- Disturbances-Domestic (70)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (51)
- Mental Health (29)



- Public Service/Police Information (129)
- Abandoned Vehicle (24)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (45)
- 911 Hang up (9)
- Alarms (22)
- All other calls (192)

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- Disturbance/Fights
- 911 Hang Up

- Medical Emergency
- Mental Health
- Alarms

- Traffic & Parking
- Police Information
- Other calls

- Suspicious Conditions
- Abandoned Vehicles

- Domestic Disturbance
- Accidents

Top calls for service account for 83.36 % of December 2025 calls.

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

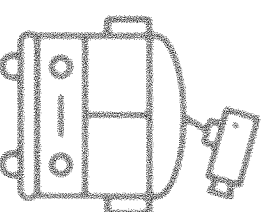
started on 1/8/2025

December 2025

76

Violations for 2025 to date:

1389



BUSPATROL

**Parking
Tickets
Issued**

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

1004

December 2025

82