

**BOROUGH OF DARBY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 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, 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. Councilor Hill & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena were absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS:

Delaware County Health Department – Breast Cancer Awareness

Ms. Pamela Renee Smith and Mayor, Council & Residents sang the Black National Anthem.

Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to amend the agenda to add two Ordinances that have been properly advertise for consideration regarding Paid Parking and Dedicating Streets. Motion carries 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paula Richards, 206 Highland Avenue: Read a thank you note from the Darby Borough Library and Board for the donation of Mayor Dahn's monthly salary being donated to the Library. She further discussed her Right to Know Request.

Keith Scutching, 22 Mill Street: Questions regarding the sale of the corner property on Mill & New Walnut Streets.

Nikoya Black, 1156 Wycombe Avenue: Asked questions regarding the Code of Conduct, Attendance policy of Council Members, Requirements of Residence for an elected official and tax dollars paying the Solicitor to draft a Resolution for office space.

Lynne DeShields, 308 S. 7th Street: Asked everyone to call the APWU and give support to not privatizing the post office.

Susan Borders, 503 Providence Avenue: Read a letter addressing Dr. Thompson's comments regarding the Darby Library.

Colin Chavous, 3 South 5th Street: Discussed adding an additional No Parking space in front of his garage at his business.

Sando Johnson, 314 South 7th Street: Questioned why the Mayor & Council do not work together and why he does not have an office.

Paul Pyne, Sr., 13 S. Woodland Avenue: Asked if Council will be considering a Resolution regarding ICE.

ENGINEERS'S REPORT:

See Attached.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

See Attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dahn asked for Council to revisit live streaming the Council Meetings, Made comments regarding Ms. Stockley and Mr. Williams being on only one Committee. He stated that his first edition of Darby Dispatch has been sent out and will continue every month. Discussed looking into AI generated Council minutes. Mayor discussed the numerous events that he attend and spoke at recently. He also stated to Council President that he does not feel safe in the current environment in Council Chambers. There was a long discussion regarding his office space and appealed to Council to work together along with the Mayor.

Council recessed into Executive Session for a legal matter.

Approval of January 21, 2026 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer's, President's, Mayors Ordinance/Zoning, Community Relations, Finance, Public Safety, Municipal Services, Library, Recreation Center Reports and Minutes made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Ms. Davis.
Motion carries 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Paid Bills – February 2026:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of February 2026. Motion carries 8-1. Ms. Stockley voted No.
- b. **Authorize A. Gargiule & Sons to raise a buried manhole on Lansdowne Avenue & 12th Streets:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. **Approve a letter of intent to participate in the EDCSC Volume Management Plan:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 8-0.
- d. **Approve Resolution 2026-001 of intent to participate in Collaborative action on some aspects of Storm water Management and authorizing Execution of the Letter of Intent and advertising of approving ordinance:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
- e. **Appointment of Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to appoint Diane Harris to the position. ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion carries 6-1. Councilors Stockley & Williams voted No.
- f. **Appointment of Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to appoint Dorothy Lynne Thomas to the position. ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion carries 6-2. Councilors Stockley & Williams voted No.
- g. **Motion to advertise an Ordinance regarding Zoning Change at the SEPTA Trolley Loop:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 7-0. Ms. Williams abstained.
- h. **Resolution 2026-002 (Office Space – Borough Hall):** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson to approve. Discussion. Motion made by Ms. Williams; 2nd by Ms.

Stockley to table. ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion to table carries 5-3. President Pratt, Councilors Dr. Thompson & Bullock voted No.

COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Tax Collectors Report: See attached. Motion to transfer \$48,813.26 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Mrs. Parks; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
- c. Solicitors Report: Mr. Gibbs announced Council met in Executive Session to discuss legal regarding Rainey v. Darby Borough. Mr. Gibbs requested President Pratt open a Public Hearing. Mr. Gibbs discussed Ordinances #819 & #820. Public Hearing was closed.
 1. Motion to adopt Ordinance #819 accepting public streets for Liquid Fuels made by Dr. Thompson; 2nd by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 8-0.
 2. Motion to adopt Ordinance #820 to add paid parking to all Borough Parking Lots and the 800 Block of Main Street made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 8-0.
 3. Motion to authorize a settlement between Rainey v. Darby Borough made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 8-0.
 4. Motion to accept the lien fees for 510 Fern Street made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
- d. Police Chiefs Report: See attached.
- e. Managers Report: Mr. Possenti reported on drafting minutes per Robert's Rules. He then requested the following motions:
 1. Motion to authorize Mercy Fitz Hospital to utilize the fire lane during construction for Ambulance Services made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.
 2. Motion to authorize a letter of support for SEPTA applying for a grant at the SEPTA Trolley Loop made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Police Chief and Managers Reports made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Davis; 2nd by Dr. Thompson. 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: 11 February 2026
TO: Darby Borough Council
FROM: Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.
RE: Engineer's Report Thru February 11, 2026

Current Month Activity:

Ordinary Street and Sewer Maintenance

Beginning in March, the following projects are expected to begin:

New Walnut St and Greenway Ave. - Curb cut ramps and milling and resurfacing. (Funded locally)

New Walnut St. – Stormsewer and inlet replacement. (Funded by CDBG)

N. 2nd St. – Curb cut ramps and milling and resurfacing – (funded by LSA and CDBG) – the pre-con meeting is set for Feb 12, 2026 with the County. Curb cut ramps will be installed first and the milling and resurfacing will follow. With the winter being colder than usual, this work will be delayed until the temperature is consistently higher and the snow has melted.

14th St. - Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Street Milling and Resurfacing – (funded by COVID-19 PA SW&S and CDBG). The project is completed with the exception of the milling and resurfacing of the cartway.

12th St – Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Street Milling and Resurfacing – (funded by COVID-19 PA SW&S and CDBG). There is a buried manhole on Lansdowne Ave at 12th St that will need to be raised prior to the project beginning. **Motion: Authorize A. Gargiule & Sons to raise the manhole on Lansdowne Ave at 12th 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

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.

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 has sent the deposit to the playground manufacturer and installation company. 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.

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.

MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)

As mentioned in previous meetings, a new permit will be issued at the end of 2026. In advance of this, the Borough is required to submit a Notice of Intent to obtain the new permit. The Borough has a Letter of Intent and a Resolution of Intent to participate with the EDCSC to fulfill these requirements. It would be appropriate for Council to consider adopting these.

Motion: Approve letter of intent to participate in the EDCSC Volume Management Plan.

Motion: Approve Resolution of Intent to participate in Collaborative action on some aspects of Stormwater Management and authorizing Execution of the Letter of Intent and advertising of approving ordinance.

Stormwater Tip:

Impact of rapid snow melt on water quality of streams

Rapid snow melt can have significant impacts on the water quality of streams. The runoff from melting snow can carry pollutants from the surface, such as dirt, debris, and chemicals, into the streams. This can lead to increased turbidity, suspended solids, and other contaminants that can harm aquatic life. Additionally, the rapid flow of meltwater can overwhelm natural drainage systems, leading to erosion of sediment and increased sedimentation in streams. This can disrupt the flow regimes and disrupt the ecological functions of riparian habitats, jeopardizing the resilience of these ecosystems.

**Council Presidents Report
February 18, 2026**

This month I want to take a moment to recognize the outstanding work of our Code Enforcement Department and our Borough Manager for the important role they continue to play in supporting business activity here in Darby Borough. Their responsiveness, professionalism, and willingness to work collaboratively with both existing businesses and new investors help ensure that Darby remains a place where commerce can grow while maintaining the standards our residents deserve.

Economic vitality in a borough like ours depends not only on attracting businesses but on helping them navigate the regulatory process efficiently and fairly. Our code officials have demonstrated a strong commitment to clear communication, timely inspections, and practical problem-solving. That approach fosters compliance while also encouraging entrepreneurship and reinvestment in our community.

I also want to acknowledge the Borough Manager's leadership in coordinating departments, responding promptly to inquiries, and ensuring that business owners receive consistent guidance. That level of accessibility sends a clear message that Darby is open for business and serious about supporting responsible growth.

As we continue working toward revitalization and sustainable development, maintaining this responsive, solutions-oriented posture will be critical. I encourage all stakeholders—business owners, residents, and borough officials alike—to continue working together so that Darby remains both business-friendly and community-focused.

On behalf of Council leadership, thank you to the Code Department and the Borough Manager for your continued dedication to the borough and its future.

January Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of January, the fire company responded to 116 calls for service. There was (1) working fire in Darby Borough.

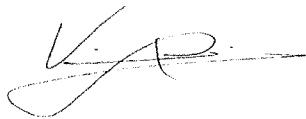
On January 29th, just prior to 0500hrs, Co. 4 and mutual aid were dispatched to 850 Main St for a reported building fire. Upon arrival Engine 4 found a fire in a second-floor apartment kitchenette area. Engine 4 placed (1) handline in service to extinguish the fire. Mutual aid companies assisted with evacuation of residents and ventilation of smoke in the building. The fire was brought under control quickly. ****No FF/Resident injuries reported****

Spring is around the corner, please ensure that we are having HVAC units serviced by certified technicians. Also, remember to have all dryer vents professionally cleaned out to easily prevent a common cause of fires.

*****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 January 2026

Darby Borough

A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
	REAL ESTATE	FIRE	LIBRARY	OTHER	OTHER
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	738,739.51	34,414.95	13,766.25		
2A. Additions: During the Month *					
2B. Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)					
3: Total Collectable	738,739.51	34,414.95	13,766.25		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	79,928.12	3,723.47	1,489.38		
5: Less Deletions from the List *					
6: Less: Exonerations *					
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *					
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	658,811.39	30,691.48	12,276.87		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED					
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	79,928.12	3,723.47	1,489.38		
10: Plus: Penalties	-7,992.89	-372.37	-148.95		
11: Less: Discounts					
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	87,921.01	4,095.84	1,638.33		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)					93,655.18

* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

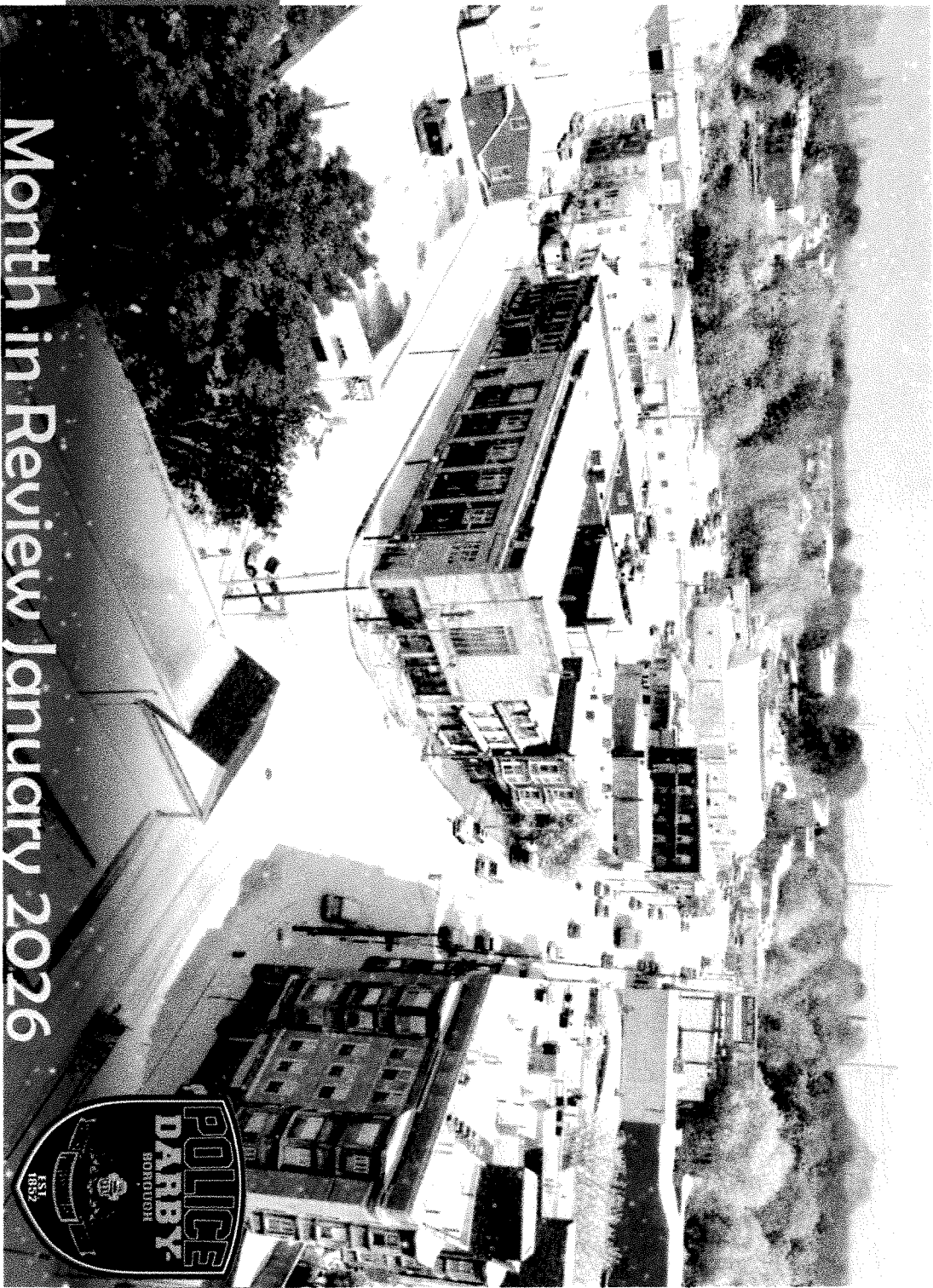
For the month of January 2026

Darby Borough

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A: COLLECTIONS	Sewer	TRASH		
1 Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	309,956.39	250,660.00		
2A: Additions: During the Month *				
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)				
3: Total Collectable	309,956.39	250,660.00		
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	44,375.65	28,748.19		
5: Less Deletions from the List *				
6: Less: Exonerations *				
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *				
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	265,580.74	221,911.81		
B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED				
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	44,375.65	28,748.19		
10: Plus: Penalties	-4,437.61	-2,874.81		
11: Less: Discounts				
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	48,813.26	31,623.00		
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)				80,436.26

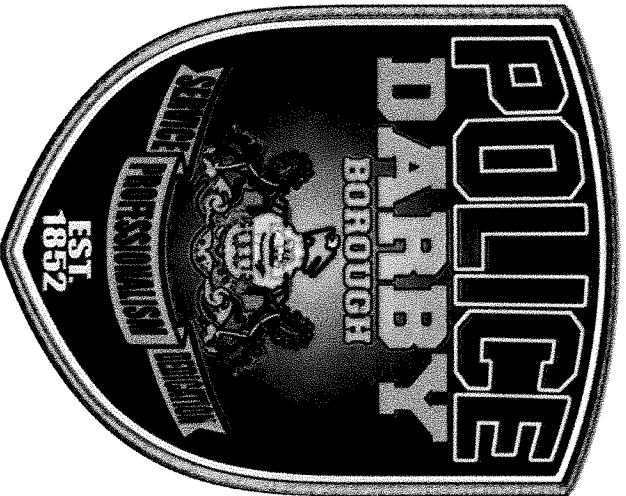
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Month in Review January 2026



January 2026



Total Calls for service January 2026:

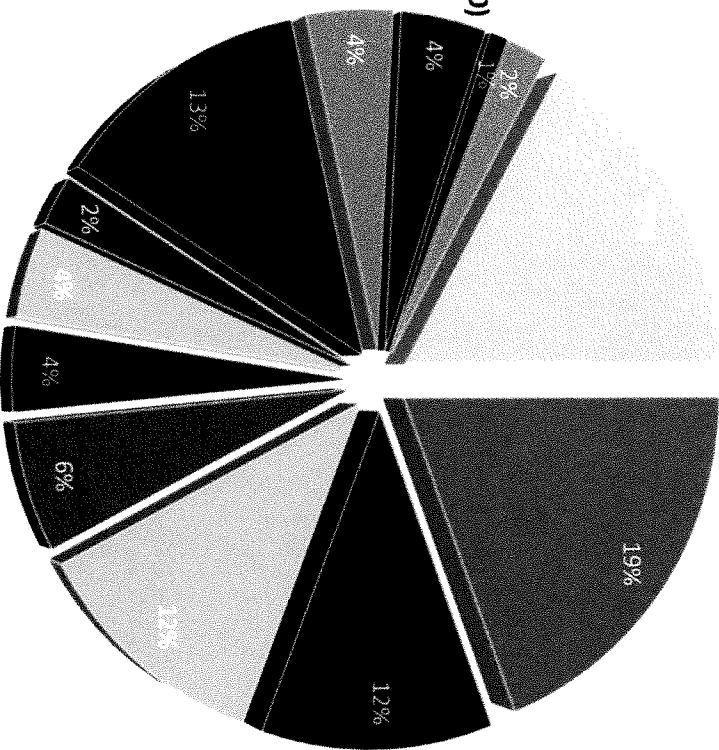
1,291

Total calls for service in 2026:

1,291

Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (255)
- Medical Emergency (150)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (152)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (80)
- Disturbances-Domestic (52)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (55)
- Mental Health (31)



- Public Service/Police Information (165)
- Abandoned Vehicle (45)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (45)
- 911 Hang up (12)
- Alarms (26)
- All other calls (223)

- Area/Building check
- Disturbance/Fights
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- Alarms
- Traffic & Parking
- Police Information
- Other calls
- Suspicious Conditions
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Domestic Disturbance
- Accidents

Top calls for service account for 83.36 % of January 2026 calls.

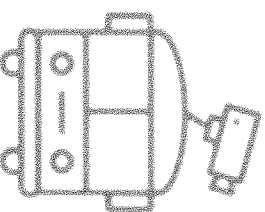
**Darby Borough Police
&
William Penn School District
partnership with
Alert Bus Program**

January 2026

97

Violations for 2026 to date:

97



BUSPATROL

**Parking
Tickets
Issued**

January 2026

128

Tickets for 2026 to date

128