

**BOROUGH OF DARBY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
March 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, Hill, 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 7:04 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bestman J. Judae, Jr., Sharon Hill: Asked why can't the Borough Leaders settle their differences and have community pride.

Nikoya Black, 1156 Wycombe Avenue: Stated she wants to file a Right to Know for the Solicitors Bills, why are we spending money on flowers for former employees and is the Mayor every going to get an office.

Paula Richards, 206 Highland Avenue: Asked about the canceled Committee Meeting, Mayor's Office and who authorize the President's Report to be on the agenda.

Dr. Owen Johnson: Passed out awards to Council, Council President and Janice Davis for all of their hard work and support of his community.

**NRO:**

Motion made by Ms. Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson to approve Musa Kamare to operate a Tire Shop at 309B MacDade Blvd. Motion carries 5-4. President Pratt, Ms. Davis, Ms. Stockley and Dr. Thompson voted No.

**ENGINEERS'S REPORT:**

See Attached.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

See attached.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

See attached. Motion to transfer \$122,329.57 from the Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Motion to table Resolution 2026-004 (Rules of Council) made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> bt Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

See attached.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

No Report tonight.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

See Attached.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

See attached.

Approval of February 18, 2026 – Council Meeting Minutes, Engineer's, Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Solicitor, Police Chief, Manager, President & Mayor's Reports made by Dr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Williams. Motion carries 9-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Paid Bills – March 2026:** Motion made by Dr. Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis to pay the bills for the month of March 2026. Motion carries 7-2. Ms. Stockley & Mrs. Williams voted No.
- b. **10 Year Ballot Drop Box Agreement:** Motion made by Ms. Stockley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Williams to approve the agreement. Motion carries 9-0.
- c. **Voting Delegates – PSAB Conference:** Motion to appoint Darlene Hill as the Voting Delegate made by Mr. Robinson; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0. Motion to appoint Tracy Williams as the Alternate made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 9-0.
- d. **Purchase of a New Mower for \$13,374.40:** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Davis. Motion carries 9-0.
- e. **Re-appoint Shirley Taylor to the Civil Service Board:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Robinson. Motion carries 7-2. Mrs. Williams & Ms. Stockley voted No.
- f. **Mill Street Property:** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Parks to reject the bid offer of \$5,000 and re-advertise the property bid. Motion carries 9-0.
- g. **Resolution 2026-003 (Public Meetings):** Motion to approve the Resolution made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson. Motion carries 7-2. Mrs. Williams & Ms. Stockley voted No.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- h. **Resolution 2026-002 (Office Space – Borough Hall):** Motion made by Ms. Davis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thompson to approve. Discussion. Motion made by Ms. Stockley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Williams to table. ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion to table fails 6-3. President Pratt, Vice President Parks, Councilors Robinson, Bullock, Davis & Dr. Thompson voted No. Original vote to approve is back to a ROLL CALL VOTE. Motion carries 7-2. Mrs. Williams & Ms. Stockley voted No.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Stockley; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Hill. 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:** 13 March 2026

**TO:** Darby Borough Council

**FROM:** Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.

**RE:** Engineer's Report Thru March 13, 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. – Storm sewer and inlet replacement. (Funded by CDBG)
- N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. – Curb cut ramps and milling and resurfacing – (funded by LSA and CDBG) – Curb cut ramps will be installed first and the milling and resurfacing will follow. The period of performance for this project ends June 15, 2026.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> St that will need to be raised prior to the project beginning.

### **Liquid Fuels**

The submittal to PennDOT to add Londonderry Lane, Coventry Avenue, Shetland Road, and Glen Cove Road is ongoing.

## 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 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 playground equipment and safety surface should be installed sometime in May 2026.

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.

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>; 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.

### **Stormwater Tip:**

Remove pollutants from stormwater runoff

Stormwater filtration is essential to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff, which can contain nitrogen and phosphorus from fertilizers, pet and yard waste, and other harmful substances. These pollutants can lead to nutrient pollution, which is a major cause of water quality issues in water bodies. By filtering stormwater, we can prevent these pollutants from entering waterways, thereby protecting aquatic ecosystems and maintaining water quality.

# Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

For the month of

February 2026

**Darby Borough**

REAL ESTATE      INTERIM      PER CAPITA      OTHER

A: COLLECTIONS		REAL ESTATE	FIRE	LIBRARY	
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month					
2A: Additions: During the Month *	4,738,630.71		276,882.11	83,156.66	
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)	290.31		72.58		
3: Total Collectable	4,738,340.40		276,809.53	83,156.66	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	337,793.74		19,753.99	5,926.22	
5: Less Deletions from the List *					
6: Less: Exonerations *					
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *					
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	4,400,546.66		257,055.54	77,230.44	
<b>B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED</b>					
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	337,793.74		19,753.99	5,926.22	
10: Plus: Penalties					
11: Less: Discounts	6,755.82		395.09	118.46	
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	331,037.92		19,358.90	5,807.76	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)					356,204.58

\* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District



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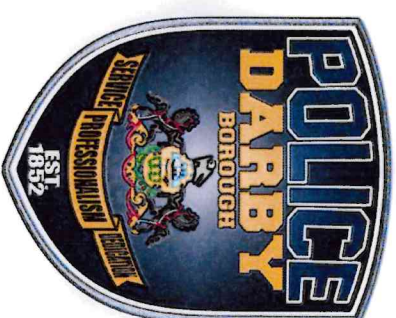
A: COLLECTIONS	REAL ESTATE		INTERIM	PER CAPITA	OTHER
	SEWER	TRASH	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
1. Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month					
2A: Additions: During the Month *	2,759,491.02	1,475,040.00			
2B: Deductions: Credits During the Month (Line 17)	8,172.45				
3: Total Collectable	2,751,318.57	1,475,040.00			
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	124,826.09	82,740.00			
5: Less Deletions from the List *					
6: Less: Exonerations *					
7: Less: Liens/ Non-Lienable Installments *					
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	2,626,492.48	1,392,300.00			
<b>B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED</b>					
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	124,826.09	82,740.00			
10: Plus: Penalties					
11: Less: Discounts	2,496.52	1,654.80			
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	122,329.57	81,085.20			
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)					203,414.77

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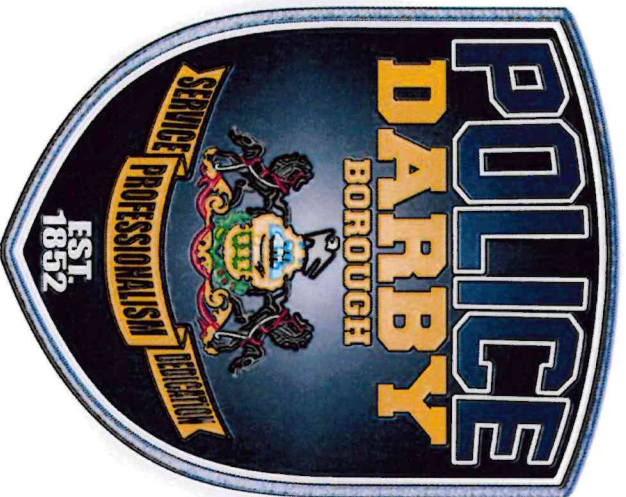




# Month in Review February 2026



# February 2026



Total Calls for service February 2026:

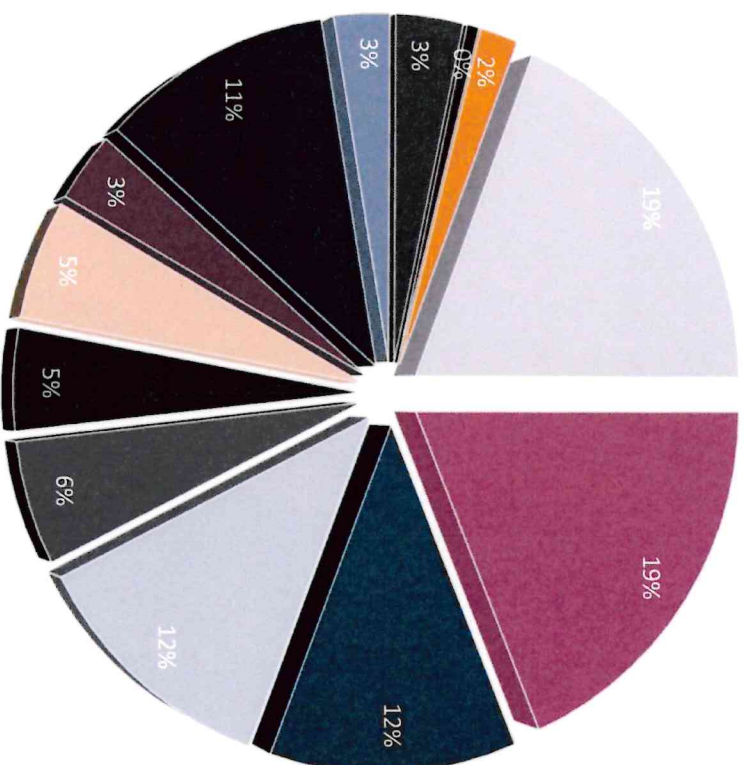
1,192

Total calls for service in 2026:

2,482

# Top calls for service

- Area/Building Check (225)
- Medical Emergency (142)
- Traffic & Parking Problems (141)
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s) (67)
- Disturbances-Domestic (55)
- Disturbances/Fights/Disputes (64)
- Mental Health (38)



- Area/Building check
- Disturbance/Fights
- 911 Hang Up

- Medical Emergency
- Mental Health
- Alarms

- Traffic & Parking
- Police Information
- Other calls

- Suspicious Conditions
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Suspicious Person/Circumstance(s)

- Domestic Disturbance
- Accidents

- Public Service/Police Information (131)
- Abandoned Vehicle (32)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (39)
- 911 Hang up (7)
- Alarms (22)
- All other calls (229)

Top calls for service account for 79.75 % of February 2026 calls.

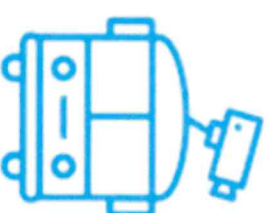
Darby Borough Police  
&  
William Penn School District  
partnership with  
Alert Bus Program

*February 2026*

52

Violations for 2026 to date:

149



**BUSPATROL**

Parking  
Tickets  
Issued

*January 2026*

106

Tickets for 2026 to date

234

## February Chief's Report

Dear Mr. Mayor and Borough Council members,

During the month of February, the fire company responded to 106 calls for service. There were NO working fires in Darby Borough.

On 2/28 Company 4 was dispatched to working fire with a trapped occupant in Yeadon Borough. During the course of this fire, while working overtime in Upper Darby, Assistant Chief Melazzo would locate and rescue the trapped occupant. Due to his actions the occupant is expected to recover from burns which encompass 30-40% of her body. We are extremely proud of A/C Melazzo for his heroic actions to save another life. Darby is fortunate to have members of the community like him responding to emergencies.

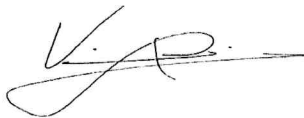
Spring is around the corner, please ensure that we are having HVAC units serviced by certified technicians. Also, remember to have all dryer vents professionally cleaned out to easily prevent a common cause of fires.

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

Nothing scheduled at this time.

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Be Safe and Stay Healthy!



Vincent Lanni

Fire Chief

Darby Fire Co. #1



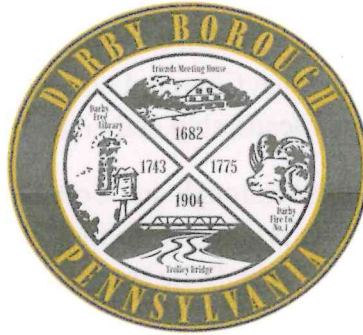
Council President  
Monthly Report  
March 18, 2026

“Darby is Changing” .....

During our last Administration we have worked and secured over \$4 million dollars in grants to upgrade our infrastructure.

ROAD PROGRAM – All materials have been delivered and placed on New Walnut Street regarding inlet replacements. Work will begin shortly. There is a process in securing funding all the way to the finished project...Many thanks to our Senator Anthony H. Williams and State Representative Joanna McClinton for securing grants to replace the HVAC System with upgrades in the Darby Borough Recreation Center, also securing funding for our Police Department to purchase a drone along with having cameras installed throughout “Beautiful Downtown Darby” to enhance security in the Borough. As many see some work has begun at the former site of 1000 Main Street and the new construction next door which will be a fast food/convenient store along with a gas station. SEPTA is working on transforming the Transportation Center and we have approved various new businesses with more to come. Darby Library continues with construction to install an elevator to assist the community with access to the upper level. Please contact your Elected Officials with concerns. I am always available by phone, in person, email or text. Thanks for your patience as our Administration continues to move Darby forward. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. We can not do it alone.

Again, Darby is changing stay tuned.....



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR JOAR F. K. DAHN'S REPORT

March 18, 2026 – Council Meeting (7:00 PM)

Good evening Council, staff, and residents,

Please accept this written report for inclusion in the official minutes of tonight's meeting.

### **Public Safety & Community Engagement**

Prior to this evening's Council Meeting, I joined members of our police leadership in walking through our neighborhoods and engaging directly with residents. We knocked on doors to inform neighbors that we are present, accessible, and committed to their safety, while also encouraging continued cooperation with law enforcement during ongoing investigations.

The safety of our community is a collective effort. Every resident plays a role, and this administration remains committed to a proactive and visible approach to public safety.

### **Community Engagement & Events**

On February 19, at the invitation of Dr. Brenda A. Allen, President of Lincoln University, I attended the University's Black History Month Convocation. The keynote speaker, Dr. Yusef Salaam, Criminal Justice Reform Advocate, New York City Councilmember for District 9, and member of the Exonerated Five, delivered powerful remarks.

I also recently met with Mrs. Catherine Cardillo, Chair of the Darby Borough Community Development Corporation (CDC), to discuss reactivating and strengthening the organization. I invite my colleagues on Council and members of the public to support these efforts so the CDC can fully realize its potential in serving our community.

On February 28, I spoke at the Pennsylvania Oldtimers Community Sports Association (POCSA) Inaugural Ball and Fundraising Dinner. I commend President Paul Pyne and his leadership team for their commitment to promoting community wellness through sports.

On March 1, I attended and spoke at the Liberian Association of Pennsylvania's public meeting at Victory Harvest Fellowship International Church. I commend President Sayondee Kofa and Vice President Sando Johnson for their leadership and civic engagement.

On March 3, I joined residents of Darby Borough and Collingdale at a Community Dinner held in our Council Chamber. This gathering provided an opportunity for meaningful discussion on improving safety and accessibility along MacDade Boulevard.

On March 4, I celebrated Read Across America Day with students at Chester Community Charter School, where I read "What If Everybody Did That?" - a book centered on accountability and personal responsibility for young people.

As someone who benefited from the resources of the Darby Free Library during my childhood, I am proud to have donated my mayoral stipend for the year to support the library. Investing in literacy is an investment in the future of our community.

On March 7, I participated in the Heritage x Hustle "Built by Philly" event, where I served as a panelist alongside other young professionals. I encourage the young people of Darby Borough to continue seeking out spaces that foster professional growth and development.

On March 8, I joined the congregation of First Baptist Church of Darby to celebrate the 20th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Raymond A. Merriweather. I was honored to present a mayoral proclamation recognizing his decades of faithful service to both his congregation and the broader community.

On March 14, I attended a memorial birthday celebration honoring the life of George "JollyBoy" Dwch, affectionately known as "Pit." I presented a mayoral proclamation to his family on behalf of the Borough. His loss has had a profound impact on our community, and we continue to stand with his loved ones.

### **Administrative & Governance Matters**

At the February 18, 2026 Council Meeting, under New Business (Agenda Items E & F – Appointment of Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member), I observed a lack of transparency in the consideration of candidates.

One resident submitted a detailed letter of interest along with supplemental documentation outlining relevant qualifications, including coursework completed at personal expense. Other submissions were significantly less detailed. However, the more qualified candidate's application was not presented for full consideration during the meeting.

It is important that all residents are given fair and equal consideration for opportunities to serve, and that Council proceedings reflect transparency and impartiality.

At the same February 18 meeting, under Agenda Item H (Resolution 2026-002 – Office Space at Borough Hall), Council chose to table the resolution. It was my understanding that this matter would be discussed at the March 4 Committee Meeting; however, that meeting was canceled without explanation.

Given the absence of committee-level discussion and public input, it is my position that this matter should not be advanced on tonight's agenda without the benefit of proper review and transparency.

### **Procedural Changes & Concerns**

I would also like the record to reflect recent procedural changes to the Council Meeting agenda structure.

Historically, the Communications and Reports segment, including reports from the Fire Chief, Tax Collector, Solicitor, Police Chief, and Borough Manager, was positioned toward the end of the meeting, with the Mayor's Report presented earlier in the agenda.

This structure has been altered, placing departmental reports at the beginning of the meeting and moving the Mayor's Report to the end.

Additionally, actions have been taken to limit the Mayor's administrative functions, including the removal of the Mayor's ability to sign resolutions without a formal vote of Council, as well as the reassignment of the Mayor's office space without Council approval.

These changes raise serious concerns regarding governance, process, and the balance of administrative responsibilities. It is critical that all actions taken within this body are done transparently, collaboratively, and in a manner that prioritizes the best interests of the residents of Darby Borough.

### **Closing**

In closing, I remain committed to serving the residents of Darby Borough with transparency, accountability, and integrity. My focus continues to be on public safety, community engagement, and ensuring that our local government operates in a fair and responsible manner.

This report is respectfully submitted for inclusion in the official record.

In service,

Joar F. K. Dahn

Mayor, Borough of Darby