

**BOROUGH OF DARBY  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
August 21, 2019**

The Darby Borough Council met at Borough Hall on the above date with the following members present: President Darlene Hill, Vice President Jennifer Parks, Mrs. Ruby Munden, Mrs. Esther Lites, Mr. Donald Deigh, Mr. Darren Burrell, Mr. John Metts, Mr. Patrick McKenna & Mr. Howard Blackson. Also present was Mayor Helen Thomas, Borough Manager Mark Possenti & Police Chief Robert Smythe. Borough Solicitor Charles Gibbs & Borough Engineer Eileen Mulvena were absent.

President Hill called the meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Lancaster, 1140 Glen Avon: Concerns regarding rear driveways.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:**

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Engineer's Report made by Mrs. Lites; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Munden. Motion carries 9-0.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

See Attached.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7/17/2019):**

Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Blackson. Motion carries 9-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Bills for August 2019:** Motion made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.
- b. **Resolution 2019-003 (2019 JAG Grant):** Motion to approve made by Mr. Deigh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Munden. Motion carries 9-0.
- c. **Resolution 2019-004 (Open Space Grant):** Motion to approve made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS:**

- a. Fire Chiefs Report: See attached.
- b. Historical Commission Report: Octrolley Fest.
- c. Tax Collector Report: See attached.

- d. Library Report: No Report
- e. William Penn School District Report: No Report
- f. Solicitors Report: No Report.

Motion to accept all reports made by Mrs. Parks; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lites. Motion carries 9-0.

Mayor Thomas swore in Deputy Chief Joseph J. Gabe.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Deigh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Munden. Motion carries 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Possenti  
Manager/Secretary  
Borough of Darby

# MEMORANDUM

## WALTON, MULVENA & ASSOCIATES

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Division of NDI ENGINEERING COMPANY



**DATE:** August 21, 2019  
**TO:** Darby Borough Council  
**FROM:** Eileen W. Mulvena, P.E.  
**RE:** Engineer's Report Thru August 21, 2019

### FY 2017 CDBG – Development of the soccer field

The Contractor is scheduled to start upon removal of the trees by PECO.

### PA Small Water and Sewer Grant

We can begin the sewer replacement in the Chestnut St area whenever the Borough is ready to authorize it. This is a reimbursement grant. The Borough must pay the contractor first, and then request reimbursement.

### MS4 Separate Storm Sewer Permit

Has the Borough adopted the PRP agreement? The new NPDES permit has been issued.

Would the Borough's Public Works Department be available to be trained to conduct outfall inspections and then perform the inspections? Each inspection requires two people for approximately 15 minutes.

### Stormwater Tip:

Try to use commercially available compost, or make your own using waste from your garden/yard. Mixing compost in your soil means your plants will need less chemical fertilizer and puts your waste to good use.

## July Chief's Report

Dear Mr. President, Board of Directors, and General Membership,

During the month of July the company responded to its busiest known month with 96 calls for service, 60 of which were in Colwyn and Darby, including 1 working fire in Sharon Hill Borough and 1 small fire in Darby Borough.

On July 6th, Co. 4 was dispatched to 64 Clifton Ave. for a residential dwelling fire. Chief, Engine and Truck 4 arrived to find a 2 story, middle of the row, with fire showing from the second floor back bedroom. Engine 4 assumed 1st engine and stretched an attack line and secured its own water supply while Truck 4 assumed 1st truck and laddered the building and began searches for any occupants. Engine 4 crew held the fire to the room of origin with minimal extension to the adjoining bedroom and hallway. Truck 4 reported negative searches in the building and assisted the Engine with overhaul. The fire was placed under control at the 30 minute mark. No injuries were reported.

On July 30th, Co. 4 and mutual aid were dispatched to 618 Pine St for the residential dwelling fire. Engine 4 arrived with nothing showing from the exterior. Upon investigation a small fire was located in the second floor bedroom. Engine 4 quickly extinguished the fire with no extension to anywhere else in the bedroom other than the bottom of a dresser. Lt 4A had the command and Co. 4 was available within an hour.

Engine 4 will be receiving minor repairs to some leaking valves in the near future by Fireline's mobile service so it does not have to leave Darby. Service is expected the week of August 5th.

As previously mentioned, Darby #1 was dispatched to 96 calls for service in the month of July! This is the busiest month we've been able to recall in recent history. Myself and the line officers can not thank you all enough for staffing the rigs and turning out so quickly for calls, at all hours of the day and night! Remarkably, no injuries were reported.

S.A.F.E.R grant, please continue to take shifts and get your availability to Dan Traband before the 15th of each month! Its important we cover these shifts a Thank you to the members who've been signing up to staff the apparatus, its very much appreciated!!

Respectfully Submitted,



Vincent J. Lanni  
Fire Chief  
Darby Fire Co. #1

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8/21/2019 3:17 AM

## Historical Commission Report to Council

To Darby Borough <markpossenti@comcast.net> Copy Alvin Holm <alvinholmaia@aol.com> • Williams Ethel <cabbageethel@yahoo.com> • ANTHONY SPANO <findingnino117@msn.com>

I regret I will not be able to give my report to Council in person so please accept this as my written report:

**Headstone dedication for the abolitionist son of Aaron Burr** . It was recently learned that among the citizens of Eden cemetery, which used to be the Bartram family farm in Darby, is John Pierre Burr, abolitionist, and natural son of vice President Aaron Burr. The Burr Family Association has commissioned a headstone which will be dedicated Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Eden at 10:00 am. A flyer is attached and you are cordially invited.

**OcTrolleyFest 2019:** For the past 15 years, since 2005, OcTrolleyFest in Darby has celebrated our transportation heritage and community in Darby. This year the celebration will be on Saturday, October 12. The support of the Borough in past years has been greatly appreciated and we hope the Borough will support us this year as well. This year's celebration is dedicated to the ongoing inspiration and love of Monseigneur Joseph Corley. We will again have the art contest sponsored by Sharon Savings Bank, are working on various tours, and a new feature is hoped to be a new play called "a streetcar named freedom" performed by children at local schools and featuring area residents and citizens at Eden cemetery. More information to follow.

**Vernacular Architectural Forum** . As you may know, the Fortieth Annual Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference May 29-June 1, 2019 40th annual conference of the Vernacular Architectural Forum took place in Philadelphia this year and included a tour to Darby featuring research and work that has been done and Darby over the past several years. A tour book was done with information about many of our historic sites including Mount Zion AME church, Darby friends meeting House, Darby friends burial ground, Old Borough Hall, Fullers Row and many, many more. The worlds largest growth industry is heritage tourism and Darby has historic assets which it can use for its financial and social benefit. This tour book may be a positive step in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts**  
**For the Month of July, 2019**  
**Darby Borough Taxing District**

0.00

<b>A: COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>TRASH</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	
1: Balance Collectable- Beginning of Month	849,343.00	26,991.55	13,522.20	333,790.00	447,898.74	
2A: Additions: During the Month *						
2B: Deductions: Credits, Homestead						
3: Total Collectable	849,343.00	26,991.55	13,522.20	333,790.00	447,898.74	
4: Less Face Collections for the Month	44,909.98	1,427.22	715.03	14,210.00	35,590.27	
5: Less Deletions from the List *						
6: Less: Exonerations *						
7: Less: Liens/Non-Lienable Installments *						
8: Balance Collectable - End of Month	804,433.02	25,564.33	12,807.17	319,580.00	412,308.47	
<b>B: RECONCILIATION OF CASH COLLECTED</b>						
9: Face Amount of Collections - must agree with line 4	44,909.98	1,427.22	715.03	14,210.00	35,590.27	
10: Plus: Penalties	-4,347.53	138.17	69.22	1,363.00	3,514.97	
11: Less: Discounts						
+/- Over/Under Payments	0.03					
12: Total Cash Collected per Column	40,562.48	1,565.39	784.25	15,573.00	39,105.24	
13: Total Cash Collected - (12A+12B+12C+12D)						97,590.36

\* Attach any supporting Documentation Required by your Taxing District

**14: Amount Remitted During the Month**

TRANSACTION #	AMOUNT
0705	-3,473.20
0708	-1,825.01
0709	-1,684.10
0711	-1,411.97
0714	-1,527.71
0715	-14,923.13
0718	-3,405.65
0720	-1,232.84
0723	-4,285.57
0724	-2,092.04
0726	-2,589.26
0729	-3,415.98
B705	-2,630.16
B709	-1,411.41
B716	-6,844.67
B723	-36,732.66
B729	-9,883.49
CC19	-1,196.38
CC20	-12.21
CC21	-1,893.46
CC22	-1,314.90
CC23	-2,499.55
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>-106,285.35</b>

<b>15: Amount Paid with this Report Applicable to this Reporting Month</b>		<b>Transaction #</b>	
<b>16: Total Remitted This Month</b>			
<b>17: List, Other Adjustments</b>			
Parcel	Name	Amount	

**18: Interest Earnings (if applicable)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Taxing District Use (Optional)

*Julian Sheppard*  
Tax Collector

*8/19/19*  
Date

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

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 the report