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MAYOR'S REPORT

• The Mayor's Prayer

- A prayer to be recited before every regular Borough meeting
- o Following the pledge of allegiance, should be listed on the meeting agenda
- o Can be led by Junior Borough Councilperson, or any other member of Council

• Mayoral Proclamation

o PA One Call – April as 'Safe Digging Month'

• Concerns/Complaints

- Abandoned vehicle on Penn St. (resolved successfully)
- Personnel Issue w/ Police Department (In progress)
- o Parking issue on Penn St. near Smuckers (resolved successfully)

Public Relations

- o Snow Removal Ordinance 883 reminder posted on website/social media
- o Public Works Department photos & 'thank you' post on website/social media
- o Attended Tri-County Health & Fitness Grand Opening
- o Attended Active Shooter Training Seminar w/ NBFC
 - Sent Letter-to-the-Editor in the Leader-Vindicator
- Scheduled Canyon Coffee Grand Opening
 - Saturday February 8th from 7am to 2pm w/ ribbon-cutting at 10am
- o Attended ride-along w/ Chief to East Brady
 - Joined Chief for community meeting to organize basketball fundraiser
- Sworn-In New Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Company members
- Civic Club invited Mayor & Council to speak
 - February 4th at 7pm at Presbyterian Church

Police

- o Ride-along w/ Chief & Sergeant
- o Job shadow Rebekah
- Council/supervisor meetings w/ Chief
- o GoFundMe for Computers Sergeant Dan
- Substation feasibility for Police/Finance Committee

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• The Mayor's Social

- Meet & Greet public event to obtain feedback, ideas, suggestions
- o Council, Police, Public Works Dpt. participate
 - All three (3) fire companies invited
- o Light Refreshments, relaxed/casual atmosphere
- Sunday February 23rd from 1-3pm at the Redbank Valley Community Center
 - Proposed date/time by RVCC

• 'Thank You' Campaign

- o Recognize volunteers, veterans & V.I.P. (at Mayor & Council's discretion)
 - Folks in New Bethlehem Borough and the Redbank Valley community who make NB a great place to work, live and raise a family
- o Folks are recognized in the community w/ letter from Mayor & Council
- o Optional 'Certificate of Appreciation'
 - TechReady will design/print certificates at NO cost to taxpayers
- Recipient invited to Council meeting to be recognized and/or letter/certificate is snailmailed (postage costs)
- Residents invited to contact Borough Office to nominate folks to be recognized
 - Nomination form would be developed
 - Published in Newspaper w/ Photo

• Key to the Community

- o Borough works with Chamber to co-promote new businesses, ribbon-cuttings etc.
 - NB Borough only helps with businesses within the Borough
 - Chamber works independently with businesses outside the borough, but within the Redbank Valley community
- o Chamber has large scissors, Borough could have large golden key (picture prop)
- o Optional 'Certificate of Recognition'
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• Home Town Makeover

- Several residents shared Hometown Makeover renovation Project
- o Ben & Erin Napier of reality show Home Town Taker on HGTV
- Community Revitalization project
 - https://hgtvhometowntakeover.com/