



May 19th, 2020

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Concerns/Complaints**
 - Garbage collection issue for local resident (In progress)
 - Barking dog issue for local resident (In progress)
 - Burning garbage issue for local resident (In progress)
 - Church bells issue for local church (resolved successfully)
 - Parking-lot potholes @ Rite Aid, Dollar General and Goodwill (In progress)
 - Rite Aid & Dollar General confirmed repair; Goodwill is reviewing letter
 - Noise ordinance support for New Bethlehem Moose (In progress)
 - Engineer dropping off large map for the PLCB application this week
- **Public Relations**
 - Businessman from Pittsburgh/Kittanning area interested in investing in New Bethlehem
 - Gave personal tour of New Bethlehem; discussed resources, assets and needs
 - COVID-19
 - Re-opened Multipurpose/Basketball court w/ social distancing signs
 - Published latest info from Rep. Donna Oberlander's Office
 - Gov. Wolf vetoed three (3) bills denying reopening of some businesses
 - Transparently and unbiasedly sharing daily news updates on social media
 - Worked w/ Fire Companies, Police and EMS to support Danica Lander homecoming
 - Working with school district to support class of 2020 graduation efforts
 - Working w/ Mrs. Rupp to see how community & school can work together
 - Campaign for Community to support Class of 2020
- **Blight Committee**
 - Working w/ Stewart & street committee to establish neighborhood blight committee
 - Draft research ready for Councilman Bain's review
- **5G Technology**
 - Worked w/ lobbying firm to support HB 1400 Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act
 - Published letter of support to lobby for 5G technology infrastructure
 - Transformative impact on local economy; provides super high-speed Internet
- **Mayoral Webpages**
 - Mayor reports, following approval, published to mayor pages for public consumption



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• **Memorial Day & Veterans**

- Veterans Banners won't be hung before Memorial Day; Banner on Shick's Wall
- Group of Veterans helped obtain American Flags during nationwide shortage
- Boy Scouts placing flags in local Cemeteries this weekend

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Issued public apology for training accident w/ South Bethlehem Fire Hydrants; mayor approved
 - Drafted letter, spoke directly with several concerned residents
- Father's Day Jun 21st 11am to 3pm Chicken Dinner Fundraiser
- Happy EMS Week from May 17th to May 23rd

RVMA REPORT

- Meeting scheduled for this Thursday, May 21st at 7pm at the ALLTEL/Windstream Building
- Fire Company training mishap; caused rusty water in South Bethlehem
 - President Kerle and I issued public statements on behalf of RVMA

OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST

- Add pledge of alliance and prayer to main meeting agenda/packet
- Sidewalk Planters (Completed successfully)
- Sidewalk Repairs
- Rental Inspection Ordinance
- McEwan Account Usage

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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**MAYOR OF
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New Bethlehem Borough fosters business, community, and personal growth within the borough while maintaining the small town appeal and family friendly environment that makes New Bethlehem a great place to work, live and raise a family.