

Borough of New Bethlehem

Incorporated February 12, 1853

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December 15, 2020

MAYOR'S REPORT

• Reminder

- For January 2021 borough meeting bring accomplishments & goals for New Year
- Ordinances
 - Ordinance 883 requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours after a snow fall ends
 - Borough maintains list of businesses and individuals willing to clear sideways/driveways

• COVID-19

- o Published press release to address public concerns in newspaper/website/social media
 - <u>NewBethlehemBoro.com/coronavirus</u>

Police Department

- Digitizing daily log forms to improve efficiency (need to schedule)
- o Regionalization Feasibility Study (in-progress)

• Community

- o Big Buck Contest and Gun Raffle was MC for gun raffle live broadcast
- o Firefighters escorted cancer survivor, spread holiday cheer w/ Santa, hosted Big Buck
- o Thanks to Bill Reddinger and Roger/Chris for hanging Christmas Snowflakes
- Grace Baptist Church is hosting Christmas Eve service in Gumtown Park

• Blight Committee

- Top ten (10) most popular ordinances updated/digitized for 2021 (in-progress)
 - Meeting with solicitor one hour before tonight's Borough meeting

• Junior Borough Councilman

- o Seeking RV High School Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors who live within Borough
 - <u>NewBethlehemBoro.com/junior-council-person</u>
- Thank You
 - Thank you to Dr. Joe Harmon and the students at Redbank Valley High School for allowing me to present a Q&A video about being Mayor
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tj-d0nuKZY0

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POLICE ASSOCATION REPORT

- Discussed; New Year Goals, nominations for board of directors, better advertising/marketing
- Roethlisberger K-9 Grant for Police Dog (almost completed)
- \$5.00 rip-tickets available for New Year's fundraiser
- Meetings; even months in East Brady @ East Brady Community Center, odd months in New Bethlehem @ Redbank Valley Community Center @ 7pm

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Big Buck Contest was profitable/successful thank you Mike Kundick & Fire Company
- Repairing pully on American Flag pole, nomination of officers for new year
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Discussed; cross-training and long-term strategic planning; improvements for employees
- Annual budget, raises, and financials to be discussed at December meeting (this Thursday)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month @ 7pm @ Windstream/Alltel Building 212 Lafayette St.

OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST

- Sidewalk Repairs
- Rental Inspection Ordinance

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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