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## Borough of New Bethlehem

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Visitors: Pursuant to Section 710.1 of the Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. Sec. 710.1), Borough residents and taxpayers shall be permitted to participate in the public comment period to address matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Borough Council. Public comment by other visitors may be permitted at the discretion of Borough Council. Unless specifically listed on the agenda, Borough residents, Borough taxpayers and visitors are asked to keep their comments to no more than 5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting. Public participation may also be permitted at the end of the meeting, but there shall be no public comment during the course of the meeting so that Council can complete its agenda. Borough residents, taxpayers and other visitors that wish to appear on the agenda may submit a request with any pertinent information by the Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday meeting so that it can be included on the agenda and in the Council's meeting packet which is distributed on Friday. By law, Council cannot take action on items not on the agenda or to do list which is part of the agenda.)

### **Agenda - Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)**

**October 19, 2021**

#### **Visitors**

#### **Minutes**

- **September 21, 2021**

#### **Reports**

- **Building Code Violations**
- **Police Report**
- **RVMA/ Fire Company/Engineer's Report**
- **Mayor**
  - **Council intends to review/discuss all of the reports and vote to approve the reports as presented.**

#### **Leisure Run**

- **Leisure Run Cleanout/Leisure Run Bridge status & contract award**

#### **LED Basketball Court Lighting**

- **Council intends to discuss and may vote on the replacement of the current lighting at the basketball court with LED lighting.**

#### **Committees**

- **Street, Building & Equipment Committee**
  - **Council intends to discuss and may vote for authorization to purchase 12 sections of drain line for Short Street.**
  - **Discuss possible joint purchase of Barry Downs excavator with the RVMA.**
- **Solid Waste Committee**
  - **Billing Program**
- **Cemetery Committee – appointment of grave digging company**
- **Police & Safety Committee – Review and discuss regionalization agreement, adopt motion to advertise ordinance for adoption.**
- **Finance & Personnel Committee**
  - **Council intends to discuss budget and set budget meeting dates and times.**
  - **Council intends to discuss and may vote on employee vision and dental insurance coverage and the percentage of employee copay. (Presently 20%)**
- **Long Range Planning**
- **Communications Committee**
- **Blight Committee**

#### **Old Business to do List**

**New Business – Vote on closing portions of Vine, Water & Liberty Streets and support the closing of Broad Street on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 4:00pm for this year's Christmas Parade.**

#### **Bills**

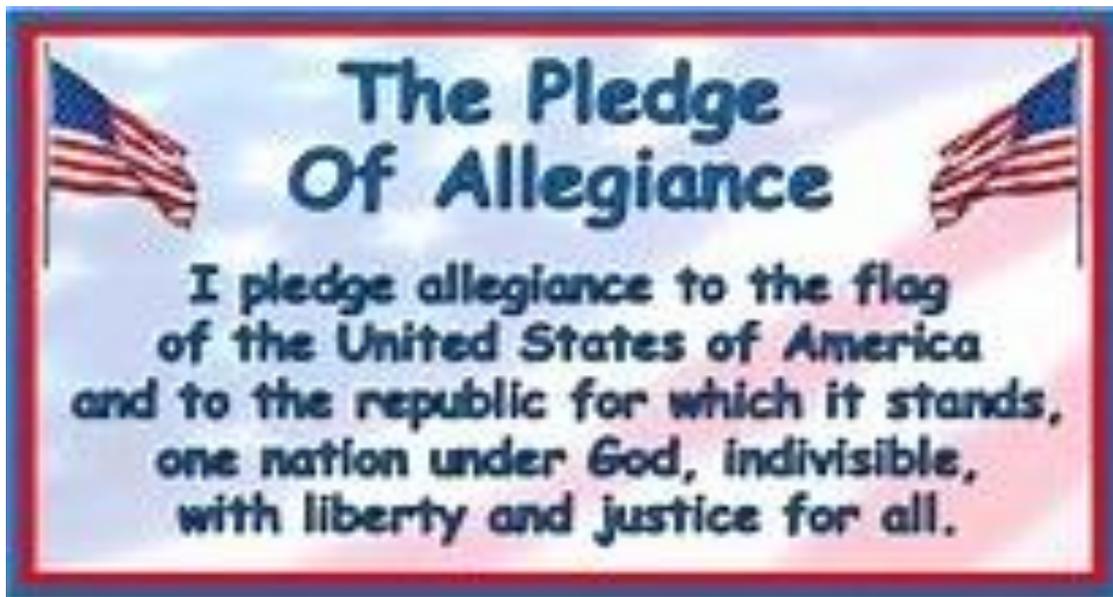
#### **Visitors' comments**

**Executive Session for personnel, legal or contract matters:**

**(Adjournment)**

## To Do List – From September 21, 2021 Meeting

- Council:**
- Meet with Clarion County Emergency Management representatives to discuss and review hazard mitigation projects.
  - Committee heads are to present their budget to the finance committee Chairman prior to October 1, 2021.
- Mayor:**
- Looking into upgrading the borough's cell phones to 5G.
  - Speak with High School regarding students and the J.M. Smucker plant regarding employee speeding and not stopping at stop signs.
- Communications Committee:  
Cemetery Committee:**
- Sheffer - Research camera options for the cemetery and purchase a camera with the cost not to exceed \$500.00.
  - Obtain quotes from various companies for digging graves.
- Solid Waste Committee:**
- Purchase up to four new 64-gallon trash cans with the borough logo.
- Personnel & Finance Committee:**
- Long Range Planning:**
- Draft a smoking ordinance and researching regulations for implementation and enforcement.
  - Draft parking permit form and see what type of parking hanger/sign to use, along with how to designate months permit is paid for.
- Police/Safety Committee:**
- Step up enforcement of speeding and not stopping at stop signs on Penn Street.
  - Begin the process of hiring a new full-time officer following all Civil Service requirements.
- St/Equip./Blding. Committee:**
- Paint Pickle Ball lines on the basketball court and purchase a retractable net with cost not to exceed \$500.
  - Excavate a portion of Short Street to try and find the problem with one of the storm drains.
  - Obtain quotes for a new truck in addition to getting a quote for the sale of the old truck. Vote on purchase.
- Secretary:**
- Review the contents of the borough's safety deposit box. Mateer, Sheffer, Barrett, McGarrity.
  - Submit the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement and Resolution. (In Progress)
  - Contact LSM Landscaping's owner Luca Montana to see if he would be interested in performing grave openings in the borough cemetery. 814-797-0304 (Completed)
  - Notify Leach Insurance and Beels Insurance of council's property and work comp decision. (Completed)
  - Work with Beels Insurance to get all coverages in place for October 1, 2021. (Had meeting with Beels on 9/24. Beels said insurance will be in place and ready to go for 10/1/21.) (Completed)



### Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that affect local businesses and friends of the Redbank Valley community. And continue to remind us that all we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.”