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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 3 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)**

**December 20, 2022**

#### **Visitors**

- **V.F.W. Servicemen's Club Post 415**
- **E.M.C. Terry Beamer**

#### **Minutes**

- **Council intends to take action on approving the November 15, 2022 meeting minutes.**

#### **Reports**

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

#### **Leisure Run**

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action regarding repair/replacement of the bridge at Penn Street and the bridge stream banks at Broad Street/Route 28.**

#### **Redbank Creek Cleanout**

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on the Redbank Creek Cleanout and any other related items.**

#### **J.M. Smucker's**

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on an entrance road to Smucker's.**

#### **Weight Limit Study on Borough Roadways**

- **Council intends to discuss and may take action on the results of an engineering study of weight limits on borough roadways.**
  - **Liberty Street from a point starting at the R.V. Trail North ending at Garfield Street.**
  - **Lafayette Street from a point starting at the R.V. Trail North ending at the cemetery entrance.**
  - **Washington Street from a point starting at Wood Street/Route 66 West ending at McKinley Street.**

### **Street Lighting**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on the addition of a new street light near the Gumtown Park Stage area along Water Street.

### **Keytex Energy**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on entering an electric supplier agreement.

### **Resolution 2022-10/Vehicle Sale**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on the sale of their 2015 Ford Sedan Cruiser.

### **Resolution 2022-11/Solid Waste Fee**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on implementing a solid waste fee increase.

### **USDA Dump Truck Grant**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on truck accessory purchases with the remaining grant funding.

### **Committees**

- **Street, Building & Equipment Committee**
  - Council intends to discuss and may take action on Pine Circle Street area damaged by a large utility truck.
- **Solid Waste Committee**
- **Cemetery Committee**
- **Finance & Personnel Committee**
- **Long Range Planning**
  - Council intends to discuss and may take action on the Ordinance Codification Project. (General Code is working on preparing the Code revision for receipt sometime in the next month or so.)
- **Communications Committee**

### **2023 Budget/Tax Ordinance/Appointments**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action on adopting the 2023 General, Solid Waste, Light, and Liquid Fuels Budgets.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on adopting Ordinance #945, setting tax rates within the borough for 2023.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on appointing Gannett Fleming as the borough's engineering firm and Andrew Menchyk as the borough's solicitor for 2023. Also, to appoint Troese & Associate's as the borough's audit firm for 2023, 2024 & 2025.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on appointing a resident to fill Lisa Kerle's expiring term on the RVMA Board of Directors. The term will run from 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2027.

### **Other Business**

- Council intends to discuss and may take action to appoint a Vacancy Board chairperson.
- Council intends to discuss and may take action on the 2023 Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan for Clarion and Forest County. The action would be issuing a letter with comments or a letter of no comment.
- Council intends to discuss and take action on 2022 employee retention bonuses.
- Council intends to discuss and set the meeting dates and times for 2023.

### **Bills**

#### **Visitors' comments**

Executive Session for personnel, legal or contract matters:

(Adjournment)