



Borough of New Bethlehem

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Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

March 19th, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

• Public Requests/Concerns

• Handicap accessible playground development – (appraisal in-progress, moving forward)

• Business/Community Support

- 10K Backing Small Businesses Grant via CCEDC: <u>RedbankValley.link/IYOzx</u>
- Chamber Dinner: Heeter Lumber; Business of the Year. Barry Fox; Citizen of the Year. Galen & Sue Shirey; Good Neighbor Award. Emily Truitt; Junior Chamber Person.

• Liberty University Internship

- Hosted internship w/ LU History student, Colin Wood, provided mayoral community tour.
- Expanded internship w/ three students in June/July to do historical research for NB & RV
- Wrote letter of recommendation for LU Professor for Teaching Excellence Award
- Meet the Mayor
 - Taught several of Dr. Joe Harmon's classes about being mayor (annual presentation)
 - o Junior Council/Chamber position; fielded Q&A about local government, etc.

• Economic Development

- Met with Hind Karns & Eric Funk of Clarion County Tourism Bureau; discussed New Bethlehem and Redbank Valley's economic/tourism needs; main street revitalization
- Events Attended/Supported
 - Wizard of Oz Musical, NB Fire Company Fish Frys, RV History Society Civic Organization Event, RV Chamber Annual Dinner, RV park Spring Craft Show, RVCA Lenten Services, Men's Prayer Breakfast

• Community

- RV Historical Society
 - Events/Activities throughout the year: <u>FB.com/RVHistory</u>
- RV Church Association
 - Community Church Services and Events; <u>FB.com/NBRVCA</u>
- RV Chamber of Commerce
 - See weekly Chamber social media for latest info: <u>FB.com/RVChamber</u>
 - Monthly meetings third Monday of every month at 5:30pm at Windstream building
- RV Community Center
 - Events and Activities throughout the year: <u>FB.com/RVCommunityCenter</u>
 - Monthly meetings fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Community Center



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth
- Did not get TC Energy grant, Waiting on SRO grant, 16 applicants, but 4 going to civil service.
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter* | Cops & Bobbers @ May 5th, 2024, in Rimersburg.
- Upcoming Events: FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation | Annual events on FB and Website
- Monthly at Rimersburg Community Center @ 7pm

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox
- <u>FB.com/NewBethlehemFire</u> | Waiting on State grant to come through; fundraisers went well
- Fish Frys and Ham Bingo 2024, Cash Bash Tickets Available, Revised sexual harassment policy.
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Report provided by President Lisa Kerle
- RVMA Safety & Security for community assets; Water tank repair; leak resolved successfully
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices FB.com/RVMAOnline
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every month @ 7pm @ Windstream/Alltel Building 212 Lafayette St.
- Sidewalk Repairs

OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania



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.