



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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October 15th, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Handicap accessible playground (Internal/public planning meetings following PBF)
 - Work session meeting was held 10-9-24 for park maintenance & perpetual care.
 - Resident requesting 'Watch Children' sign for Brinker Street above High School
 - Resident requested signage to advertise New Bethlehem as 'second amendment' town
 - Resident(s) concerned about illegal immigrants (cited Springfield Ohio case study)
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Schedule internal/public planning meetings following PB Festival; organize strategic plan
 - Intergovernmental agreement with RV Chamber for use of Park for PB Festival / Electric
 - Businesses, Clubs/Organizations, and Individuals interested in donating/contributing
 - Waiver form review and general rules for volunteers, scheduling, etc.
- **Emergency Communications**
 - Community-wide or regional emergency alert system (Nixel? Etc.) (Seek grant?)
 - County uses CodeRED, but limited access to 911 Center.
 - Special radio communications system for Fire, Police, EMS, etc. (Seek grant?)
- **Received letter from Senator Bob Casey's Office**
 - Lobbied for Senator Casey to ensure IRS lifts the moratorium that brought the processing of ERC claims to a dangerously slow level for businesses in backlog.
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Ordinance 889 – Rental Registration drafting updates (final revisions and advertise?)
 - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
 - Ordinance 774 – Signs drafting updates (final revisions and advertise?)
 - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Hurricane Relief, World Communion, Homecoming King/Queen (Kieran Fricko & Ava Moore), Bridal Boutique, Preaching @ three (3) churches, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - RV Chamber - Halloween Parade, Wednesday @ Oct. 30th
 - 🍁👻 TRICK-OR-TREAT 🍁👻 Thursday, October 31st: New Bethlehem 6-8pm. South Bethlehem 6-8pm. Hawthorn 5:30-7:30pm. Rimersburg 6:30-8pm. East Brady 5:30-7pm. Sligo 6-8pm. Redbank-Armstrong 6-8pm.

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Letter sent to Borough with summary and details for 2025 budget (just need acknowledgement)
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter*
- Purchased Body Cam | November 15th Membership Banquet at NB Presbyterian Church
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) |
- Monthly at Rimersburg Community Center @ 7pm

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox*
- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Electric cars class; purchased fire blanket & special gun
- Big Buck Contest ticket's available | Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo 2025
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- No meeting last month (rotating every other month); meeting this Thursday (October 17th)
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST

- Sidewalk Repairs

Respectfully,

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