



Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

December 17th, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Smuckers asked for status of Penn St. Bridge Project; specific timeframe?
 - Resident asked for the Borough Building to be repainted in the Spring of 2025
 - Chamber requesting rental/usage form for Gumtown Park for 2025 events/activities.
 - Dec. 6th, 2025, Festival of Trees, Parade along Water Street?
 - Crafter Saturdays from May to October 9am to 4pm (along trail/municipal lot?)
 - Two residents requesting memorial benches for Gumtown Park; policy/rules?
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Google, Facebook, and Website; live for Gumtown Park, Scout Hall Park, Boro Parklet
 - For 2025; electrical upgrades, security cameras, & seeking grants/funding for playground.
 - DRAFT General Park Rules submitted for Mr. Menchyk's review; SOPs in-progress
 - Outside community members serving on Park Committee/Commission for Borough
 - 80K bequeath donated to Gumtown Park/Playground Project; match fund for grant?
 - Bequeath left in memory of Carolyn Keith; mother of Tammy L. Evans & Lisa L. Misera – being donated to Park/Playground to honor the life of Carolyn's son: "Billy's Place" – draft acknowledgement/agreement for council's review.
- **Security Cameras / Sound System**
 - Sound system along Broad Street needs upgraded/replaced; request estimate/quote?
 - Security Camera upgrades throughout town, and estimate for Gumtown Park?
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Ordinance 889 – Rental Registration drafting updates (Status?)
 - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
 - Ordinance 774 – Signs drafting updates (Status?)
 - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Big Buck Contest, Christmas Parade, Snack with Santa, Light Up Night, Christmas Cantata, Craft Show @ Redbank Park, Giving Tuesday, Festival of Carols, Small Business Saturday, Kessa's Blessings Turkey Trot, Turkey Bingo, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - [Facebook.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) for weekly publication of community events/activities
 - Lots of new community events for 2025 from the Chamber of Commerce!



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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Looking to hire two (2) full-time and several part-time officers | Officer Mansfield moving on
- 2025: TRACS Electronic Ticketing System, K-9 Dog | Hawthorn discontinuing services
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Mayor Gordon Barrows*
- Purchased two (2) Toughbook laptops – preparing for TRACS | Brady’s Cup Feb 1st @ 4pm
- 2025: Shop w/ a Cop, Joe’s Pizza, Subway, and Marianna’s Sub Ticket Fundraisers
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) |
- Monthly meetings to being old rotation between communities starting in January 2025

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox*
- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Miscommunication of NB Borough funds resolved successfully.
- Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo: February 1st, 2025, | Grinchmas Craft/Vendor Show went well!
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- Meeting this Thursday 12/19 | Met w/ Mahoning Twp. Sewage Authority for Negotiations
- 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.

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania



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