



Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

January 21st, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Resident & Smuckers asked for status of Penn St. Bridge Project (status)?
 - 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?)
 - Resident requested 'No Outlet' sign. Roger installed reflector posts for safety purposes.
 - New business asked if any documentation for Borough; Trailside Tattoo Parlor
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - For 2025; electrical upgrades, security cameras, & seeking grants/funding for playground.
 - DCNR sent email today 1/21/25 encouraging grant applications for parks, etc.
 - DRAFT Standard Operating Procedures & Polices need to be drafted.
 - General SOP, Rental/Usage Form etc. – need to establish committee/commission.
 - Outside community members serving on Park Committee/Commission for Borough
 - Request letters of internet, and have President Lisa appoint members.
 - Donation press release sent to LV, ExploreClarion/Jefferson, The Clarion News, etc.
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Ordinance 954 – Rental Registration drafting updates (Status?)
 - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
 - Ordinance 955 – Signs drafting updates (Status?)
 - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District
 - Ordinance 956 – Zoning Lot Requirements
 - Allows residents to rebuild on properties where home/business burned down; relaxed offsets/setbacks to allow for less vacant lots and encourage redevelopment
 - What are the next several ordinances that the committee should be reviewing/updating?
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - School District Sports/Activities, National Law Enforcement Day, promoted new Chamber Members/Fire Co., Police Assoc. Members, Fire Company Swearing-In, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jimmy Swogger & Friends, Happy New Year, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - CHAMBER: [Facebook.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) for weekly publication of events/activities
 - President's Day Bingo Monday, Feb. 17th @ Trinity Hall @ 6:30pm
 - COMMUNITY CENTER: temporarily closed, under Leatherwood Church management.
 - HISTORY SOCIETY: March 10th – Gary Barlett Arblastar Program & Hawthorn Pottery



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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Interviewed w/ candidate for Part-time; hope to hire | Two (2) toughbooks ready for installation.
- CLEAN Audit performed by State Police | Ordinance Enforcement Officer to start very soon
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Mayor Gordon Barrows*
- Directors were elected; Bob Cornman President. | Bylaw changes to update meeting locations.
- 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) | Swor in newly elected officers | Matt Green new member
- Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo: February 1st, 2025, | Setup dates for Fish Frys & Ham Bingo
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- Replaced tires on Dump Truck | Approved Iron Out Waiver | Mahoning Twp 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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