



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
Incorporated February 12, 1853

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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June 17th, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Crosswalks painting for Broad and Wood Streets (Status?)
 - Storm Water Drainage Issue w/ Price's 301 Liberty St. & Brown's 125 Arch St. (Status?)
 - Nuisance Ordinance: 824 Short St. Roof Collapse – Code/Building Inspection (Status?)
 - Penn St. Bridge Project – **Smucker's requesting timeline and status update** (Status?)
 - Dog waste cleanup along RV Trail (In-town) and Gumtown Park, Borough Parklet, etc.
 - Speed bumps on Water Street? – residents speeding, nearly hitting children, etc.
 - Concrete Pad for Porta Johns in Gumtown Park; defer to Mr. Hillard for review
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Standard Operating Procedures & Policies submitted to solicitor for review (Status?)
 - Draft registration form; being reviewed by solicitor (Status?)
 - Draft employment agreement for Dave Green – fixed monthly or yearly pay (Status?)
 - Need for Topsoil? | Stump Grinding Status? | Signage for Park Rules? | Grant Status?
- **Phone System**
 - Phone System – Green Digital implementing this Friday 6/20 w/ Mr. McGarrity.
 - Voicemail, transcriptions-to-email, voice attendant routing/extensions, etc.
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Revisions in progress; sent to Ordinance Update Committee & Solicitor for review
- **Letters of Support for Grants/Donations**
 - Letter of Support: New Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Co. Smucker's Donation (Side-by-side)
 - Letter of Support: For Smucker's with their air quality permit renewal
 - Letter of Support: Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce Hotel Tax Grant (PB Festival)
 - Letter of Support: Southern Clarion Police Assoc. Hotel Tax Grant (Community Days)
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Cops & Kids Spring Fest, Community Hymn Sing, RV Awards Day (Chamber Scholarship), Victory in the Valley, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Customer Appreciation Day, June 27th 9am to 3pm | Freedom Festival, Thursday, July 3rd 4pm till dusk
 - RV LIBRARY: Annual Purse Bingo Bash, June 20th 6-9pm
 - HAWTHORN FIRE CO. Community Days Festival, June 21st, Main St. Hawthorn PA

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Wrote article to showcase Officer Robert Kelly | Cornman working 2 days/week for ordinances
- Call Volume is same/higher than 2024 w/ three FTs, now 2025 two FTs doing same/more volume
 - Call volume artificially lower, not calculating State Police referred calls
 - Monthly statistics do not include Sundays and loss of FT officer from 2024
 - Calls per shift are higher – doing the same or more volume w/ less officers
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Selling Gun Bash & Sportsman Tickets @ Customer App, Clarion County Fair, EB Riverfest
- Selling Beef Sticks (Barbecue, Teriyaki, and original flavors) | Semi-Annual Fundraising Letter
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Planning Jeep Alliance Fundraiser May 2026
- Monthly meetings the second Monday of each month rotating between communities.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Turkey Bingo @ Nov 21st | Craft Show sometime in November
- J.M. Smuckers Co. donated 60K (\$35K/2025 & \$25K/2026) for Rescue Side-by-Side & Trailer
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Next meeting Thursday, June 19th | Repaired sinkhole in front of Zack's | Reviewing VUB Billing Program (CU vs. Gallons) | Painting Fire Hydrants | Review Reserve Schedule for Equipment
- 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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