



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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October 21st, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Storm Water Drainage w/ 301 Liberty St. and 125 Arch St. (PennDOT Visit; Spring 2026)
 - Penn St. Bridge Project – Delayed in Aug. & Sept. meeting, open bids in October meeting?
 - Status of tax millage and reassessments; contact Tax Assessment office for Boro Budget?
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Greenways Grant - 250K w/ 15% match – Applications from Feb 1st to May 31st – PA Dept. Community & Economic Development Grant (for Parks & Recreation)
 - Actively working on preparing the grant requirements and documentation
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Draft changes submitted for review (update from Solicitor?)
- **CCEDC Vision Meeting**
 - Clarion County Economic Dev. Corp. hosted meeting to create vision statement and 5-year plan for Clarion County (Clarion, New Bethlehem, East Brady, Knox, and Foxburg)
- **Letters of Support**
 - Letter to CCEDC and Clarion SBDC regarding Community Ownership Business Model.
 - As possible solution to several businesses for sale and vacant storefronts/buildings
 - Four (4) letters of recommendation for student applying to graduate school(s)
 - Letter to State Police regarding safety procedures during Peanut Butter Festival Parade
 - Response received successfully from Sgt. Lencer of Clarion Barracks.
- **Food Pantry**
 - Redbank Food Pantry needs boxed stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, and bags of noodles
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - CCEDC Vision Meeting, RVHS Craft & Vendor Show, Men's Prayer Breakfast, etc.
- **Community**
 - RV CHURCH ASSOC: Community Thanksgiving Worship Sun. Nov. 23rd 7pm @ NB First Baptist | Christmas Festival of Carols Worship Sun. Dec. 7th 7pm @ Oakland COG
 - RV LIBRARY: Multiple workshops, fun family events (*See their FB page*)
 - RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Halloween Parade, Thurs. Oct 30th @ 6pm
 - RV COM CENTER: Stump's Spooky Schoolhouse, Oct 31st 5pm-10pm

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Police budget submitted to Boroughs | Drone Unit | Still hiring more PT & FT Officers
- Draft contractual agreement renewal for Council's review (Minor changes, ask Solicitor)
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Third Annual Banquet – Friday, Nov. 14th 6:30pm @ NB Presby Church | Drone Unit Funding
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | 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 and 24th | Big Buck Dec. 13th @ 8pm
- Updating Bylaws starting Jan 1st, 2026, to improve recruitment/retention | Elections in November
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Hired Raymond Clinger | NB Waterline Replacement Spring 2026 | Renewed SAM Registration
- 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,

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