



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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September 16th, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Storm Water Drainage w/ 301 Liberty St. and 125 Arch St. (waiting on Hager Paving)
 - Nuisance Ordinance: 824 Short St. Roof Collapse – Code/Building Inspection (Status?)
 - Penn St. Bridge Project – Delayed in Aug. meeting, open bids in Sept meeting.
 - Park rules printed on metal signs. Folks are sitting on picnic tables, in park after 9pm.
 - Status of tax millage and reassessments; contact Tax Assessment office for Boro Budget?
 - Bees Nest behind 'No Parking' sign, behind Broadwood Towers; residents concerned
- **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)
 - Next Playground meeting, Wed., Oct. 8th @ 7pm (Alltel/Windstream Building)
 - Councilman Gold to contact equipment provider by Mr. Thompson for cost estimate
 - Barrows to contact folks for letters of support, request agreement of sale from Solicitor
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Remove 150-day notice from multiple ordinances, reduce remediation time from 30 days to 5 or 10 days, Resolve burning ordinance (status from Solicitor?)
- **Halloween**
 - Council to vote on Friday, October 31st from 6-8 pm for Trick-or-Treat night?
- **Letters of Support**
 - Letter to Dr. Guidice new superintendent of RV School District; 'meet/greet' w/ Council.
 - Grant information letter for Redbank Township-Armstrong to support redevelopment
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Queen/Princess Poise & Appearance, RV Sports Hall of Fame, RV Park Poker Run, SCPA Gun Bash, Men's Prayer Breakfast, etc.
- **Community**
 - REDBANK REN: Big Dog Show (Art/Charity Event) Sept 19-21st w/ PB Festival
 - CHAMBER: FB.com/RVChamber | Peanut Butter Festival Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st
 - RV COM CENTER: Stump's Spooky Schoolhouse, Oct 31st 5pm-10pm

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Officer Stephen Mazik, currently training with Chief | Still hiring more PT & FT Officers
- SCCRPD Budget to be provided to boroughs by first week of October, if not sooner
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Thanks everyone for support at Gun Bash – winners published on FB & in newspaper.
- 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 | Big Buck details TBA
- Updating Bylaws to improve recruitment/retention | Chicken Barbeque fundraiser during PBF
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- NB Waterline Replacement scheduled for Spring 2026 | Water Letters | Next meeting 8/21 @ 7pm
- 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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