



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

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
  - Ordinance 883 requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hrs. after snow ends for safety
  - Resident concern with guardrail in old Rite Aid parking lot as safety/driving hazard
- **Business Support**
  - Wrote two (2) letters of support for folks interested in Evermoore's location (asking 300K)
  - Several parties politely declined purchasing Rite Aid location (asking 1.3 million)
  - Consulted with local realtor for church interested in moving into NB Borough
- **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**
  - Greenways Grant - 250K w/ 15% match – Application window from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – PA Dept. Community & Economic Development Grant (for Parks & Recreation)
    - Need sales agreement from Solicitor & quote from Co-stars equipment supplier
    - \$200 damage deposit and fee schedule? Folks are interested in reserving, etc.
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
  - Suggestions for additional ordinances that can be revised/relaxed or improved?
  - Need to re-establish ordinance committee (usually meet during Boro work sessions)
- **Letters of Support for Penn Street Bridge Project**
  - Five (5) letters of support for additional funds needed for Penn St. Bridge Project
    - County Commissioners, State Rep, Senator, Congressman, CCEDC
- **LSA Grant Support for Moose Lodge**
  - Local Moose Lodge would like to purchase neighboring property, expand operations
  - Mr. Ted Wells submitted letter of intent to Council, and grant application packet
- **America 250 / First Responders**
  - Liberty Bell replica placed in Veterans Park – ceremony & ribbon cutting? Date/time?
  - RV Chamber & SCPA looking to partner for special Freedom Festival Fireworks event
- **Community**
  - RV CHURCH ASSOC: [FB.com/nbrvca](https://www.facebook.com/nbrvca) Lenten & Community Easter Services
  - RV LIBRARY: Multiple workshops, fun family events (*See their FB page*)
  - RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Weekly Email/Social Media Blast

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**REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Fully staffed, looking to expand services and positioned for growth; need NB rep as alternate.
- TRACS system moving forward; equipment install scheduled for Q1 of 2026 (digital tickets).
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

**POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- Mariannas Hoagies/Pizza (\$10) Fundraiser | Mateer appointed to SCPA rep. on SCCRPD
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Summer Grill Ticket w/ Meat/Freezer coming soon!
- Monthly meetings second Monday of each month. Rimersburg odd months. NB even months.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | 4<sup>th</sup> Pew/Bangs and Cash Bingo Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm
- Ham Bingo @ March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm | Fish Frys @ Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 7pm
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

**RVMA REPORT**

- No buyout of Mahoning Twp until water service becomes available w/ sewage services.
- NB Waterline Replacement Spring 2026 | Next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

*Gordon V. Barrows*

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