



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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January 20th, 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 1st to May 31st, 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 Lenten & Community Easter Services
- RV LIBRARY: Multiple workshops, fun family events (*See their FB page*)
- RV CHAMBER: FB.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 4th 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/SCPPoliceAssociation | 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 | 4th Pew/Bangs and Cash Bingo Feb. 7th @ 5pm
- Ham Bingo @ March 30th @ 5pm | Fish Frys @ Feb. 20th, March 6th, March 20th 4pm to 7pm
- Meetings 2nd 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 19th, 2026
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – FB.com/RVMAOnline
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

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