



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

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February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Public Requests/Concerns/Thanks**
  - Thanks, Will Rupert & Ray Guntrum for donating Pizza/Coffee, etc. after Snowstorm
  - Thanks, Bob Cornman/SCCRPD for help with burning ordinance violation on Penn St.
- **Business Support**
  - Co-authored letter to Bob Evans Restaurant to invite them to consider Rite Aid Building
- **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)
    - Waiting on reply to sales agreement | Waiting on estimate from equipment supplier
    - Establish 3–5-person park committee; set first meeting during work session nights
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
  - Waiting on new committee members; need to determine next set of ordinances to update
- **Letters of Support for Penn Street Bridge Project**
  - Sent five (5) letters of support for additional funds needed for Penn St. Bridge Project
    - Waiting on response from Commissioners, State Rep, Senator, Congress, CCEDC
- **LSA Grant Support for Moose Lodge**
  - Mr. Thompson emailed grant info to Mr. Wells; deferred to Mr. Thompson's oversight
- **America 250 / First Responders**
  - American 250 Mobile Experiential Unit invited to Peanut Butter Festival
  - Emailed primary representative to determine date/time, gameplan, ceremony?
- **Letter Of Interest / Recommendation**
  - Letter of Interest from Roger Nulph to volunteer on a committee for the borough
  - Wrote letter of recommendation for professor applying for local University Provost
- **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

*New Bethlehem Borough fosters business, community, and personal growth within the borough while maintaining the small town appeal and family friendly environment that makes New Bethlehem a great place to work, live and raise a family.*



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**REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Looking to expand, currently in negotiations | Spoke w/ NB Fire Co. about Drone Unit
- TRACS system still scheduled for Q1 of 2026 (digital tickets) | Looking to hire more officers.
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

**POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- SCPA & Redbank Chamber working together for Freedom Festival | Applying for Drone Grants
- 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) | Hired Andrew Menchyk as Attorney | Established new Treasurer
- 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**

- NB Waterline Replacement timeline? | Purchased two new intakes | Next meeting is Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>
- 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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