



Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

March 17, 2026

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Solicitation Press Release reminding residents re: Borough permit; published successfully
 - Keck Ave. resident concerned w/ county property tax assessments; resolved successfully
 - Penn St. resident concerned w/ parking jam during school pickup; resolved successfully
 - Penn St. resident concerned w/ right-to-know process / public transparency; (in-progress)
 - Multiple Penn St. residents concerned w/ bright lights at Smuckers; resolved successfully
 - Lafayette St. resident concerned w/ downed telephone lines; resolved successfully
 - Penn St. resident concerned w/ burning ordinance violation (again); resolved successfully
- **Business Support**
 - Broad St. businessperson concerned w/ business recruitment/retention; (in-progress)
 - Char-Val Candies & The Brick House found new ownership (*outside of Borough*)
 - Evermoore's Restaurant still operating, but also actively selling business/properties
 - Old Rite Aid building still for sale; sent letter to Bob Evans Restaurant & others
- **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)
 - Sales agreement (in-progress) | Estimate from equipment supplier (in-progress)
 - Seeking one (1) more person to serve on park committee (new council member?)
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
 - Committee needs to pick next three (3) ordinances: NewBethlehemBoro.com/ordinances
 - Draft damage deposits / rental polices & procedure for upcoming events/activities
 - President Barrett suggested improved training/playbooks for new council members
- **Letters of Support for Penn Street Bridge Project (additional 80K needed)**
 - County Commissioners & State Rep acknowledged letter, investigating funding options
- **Historic Winter Storm (2026) Reimbursement**
 - Surrounding communities contacted my office to pursue letter re: emergency declaration
 - Clarion County did not meet minimum threshold; no federal funding released for anyone
- **Community**
 - RV CHURCH ASSOC: FB.com/nbrvca Community Lenten/Easter Services (*See FB page*)
 - RV LIBRARY & RV COM CENTER: workshops, family-fun events (*See both FB pages*)
 - RV CHAMBER: FB.com/RVChamber | Dinner 3/28 Trinity Hall 5:30pm - RSVP by 3/20

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Addressed NB Boro Council questions w/ written letter, Q&A appendix, meeting presentation
- Expansion/growth in neighboring communities/schools | Drone Unit and K9 Unit (in-progress)
- Actively hiring more officers/staff | TRACS digital ticketing system (in-progress)
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- July 3rd: SCPA & RV Chamber working in conjunction: Cops & Bobbers Fishing Derby (8am to 1pm) & Freedom Festival (afternoon till dusk/fireworks) @ Gumtown Park
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Summer Grill Ticket w/ Meat/Freezer (in-progress)
- Monthly meetings @ 7pm second Monday of each month. Odd Months @ Rimersburg Community Building. Even Months @ NB Windstream/Alltel Building.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Updating bylaws/polices/procedures w/ Attorney (in-progress)
- Ham Bingo @ March 30th @ 5pm | Fish Fry @ March 20th 4pm to 7pm | Upgrading laptop/emails
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- NB Waterline Replacement Q3/Q4 2026 | Investigating better mapping | Fixed multiple leaks
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of even months @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

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