



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

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Hon. Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
  - P. Crawford request to use Gumtown Park; July 25<sup>th</sup> 10am to 2pm, Table Auction
  - A. Gourley request to plant tree in Gumtown Park for America 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- **Skills Games Machines Legislation**
  - Skill games are slot machines, must adhere to PA gambling law, state Supreme Court rules
  - <https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2026/06/skill-games-illegal-pennsylvania-supreme-court-ruling-capitol/?shem=rimsouwoe>
- **Meeting with Judge Miller**
  - Recommended stronger ordinances with escalating penalties for repeat offenders.
  - Praised Chief Malnofsky, Constable Cornman, SCCRPD; encouraged regional cooperation.
  - Discussion on payment plans, collection challenges, improving enforcement consistency.
- **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**
  - Greenways Grant – ‘Second’ round of funding – Application window from May 31<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – PA Dept. Community & Economic Dev. Grant (Parks & Rec.)
  - Draft damage deposits / rental policies & procedure for upcoming events/activities
    - Committee reviewing draft provided by Councilwoman Johnson
  - Meeting minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup> committee meeting emailed to Council (*Status Update*)
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
  - Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Catering/Event Venue) (*Status?*)
  - Dangerous Structures / Building Inspection Ordinance/Amendments (*In-progress*)
  - Written Decorum Policy & Demolition Ordinance (*Status?*)
  - President Barrett suggested training/playbooks for new council members (*In-progress*)
- **Letters/Writing**
  - Letter of Recommendation for gentleman applying for school district maintenance position
  - Drafted letter for Broadwood Towers Residents regarding parking concern (*Sent?*)
  - Drafted letter for Moose Lodge w/ Councilwoman Johnson’s grant list (*Sent?*)
  - Drafted Written Decorum Resolution; review/approval for advertising by Council (*Status?*)
- **Community**
  - RV CHURCH ASSOC: [FB.com/nbrvca](https://www.facebook.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](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Customer App. Day Friday 6/26 (9am-3pm)

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**REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- Hiring Admin Assistant – (In-progress) | TRACS digital ticketing system (in-progress)
- Expansion/growth in neighboring communities/schools | Drone Unit moving forward! 😊
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

**POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- July 3<sup>rd</sup>: SCPA & RV Chamber working in conjunction: Cops & Bobbers Fishing Derby (8am to 1pm) & Freedom Festival (4pm/afternoon till dusk/fireworks) @ Gumtown Park
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Established new membership tier for families
- 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/policies/procedures w/ Attorney (in-progress)
- Establishing professional emails (in-progress) | Planning membership recruitment drive/efforts
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

**RVMA REPORT**

- Hiring Admin Assistant – (In-progress) | Waterline Replacement Project Q2/Q3
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of even months @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

*Gordon V. Barrows*

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The Honorable Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania



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