



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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July 21st, 2026

MAYOR'S REPORT

• **Public Requests/Concerns**

- R. Frampton request to meet w/ planning commission for UK Gas Station project
- Resident requested to meet/contact Zoning Board to consider appeal process
- Resident(s) requested review of storm sewer drainage concerns with property
- Resident inquired about possible flood remediation initiatives, to mitigate future issues
- Chamber thanked Borough Council for recent support of Freedom Festival w/ ice/water
- Smuckers request for status update regarding Penn St. Bridge project (reminder)

• **Business Funding/Support/Grants**

- CCEDC Regional Façade Improvement Program; up to 10K for Broad St. Businesses
- Deadline Due July 28th | Application Online: <https://www.clarioncountyedc.com/active-projects/p/item/2887/regional-faade-improvement-project>

• **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**

- Draft damage deposits / rental polices & procedure for upcoming events/activities
 - Draft from Councilwoman Johnson updated by Park committee; ready for approval
 - Upon approval, suggest implementation beginning January 1st, 2027, or sooner?
- Meeting minutes from July 14th committee meeting emailed to Council (*Status Update*)
 - Kudos to Councilwoman Callenburg presenting several grants/funding initiatives

• **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**

- Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Catering/Event Venue) (*Attorney reviewed*)
- Dangerous Structures / Building Inspection Ordinance/Amendments (*In-progress*)
- Written Decorum Policy/Resolution & Demolition Ordinance (*sent via email*)
- President Barrett suggested training/playbooks for new council members (*In-progress*)

• **Letters/Writing**

- Mayoral Proclamation for "FoodStock Month;" Clarion County supporting families in need
- Prayer/Blessing for the America250 Liberty Bell in the Veterans Park (Tourist Attraction)
- Press Release thanking entire community for Independence Day events (Positive PR)

• **School Research Project (Barrows)**

- PhD candidate/student studying use of AI/social media in local government; interviews

• **Community**

- RV LIBRARY & RV COM CENTER: workshops, family-fun events (*See both FB pages*)
- RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Peanut Butter Festival: Sept. 18th, 19th, 20th 2026

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Hiring Admin Assistant by Q4 | Expanding into new communities by Q1 of 2027
- Drone ordered & to arrive by Q3/Q4. Gameplan: Drone Unit to be fully operational by Q4
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Preparing for Clarion County Fair Booth | Organizing Community Days: Aug. 8 thru Aug 9, 2026
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | T-shirts/bracelets available for purchase (fundraiser)
- 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) | Purchased new trailer for fundraising/fire safety demos, etc.
- Updating bylaws/policies/procedures | Membership recruitment flyer, showcase member efforts
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Hired Admin Assistant & Sewage Plant Operator | Waterline Replacement Project begins in Q3
- New Bethlehem Representative Replacement (Rep. seeking retirement by end of yr.); candidates?
- 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,

Gordon V. Barrows

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The Honorable Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania



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