



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

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Aug 18th, 2026

MAYOR'S REPORT

• **Public Requests/Concerns**

- Vine St. resident inquired about possible flood remediation initiatives, mitigate future issues
- Penn St. resident sinkhole due to storm sewer drainpipe; Mr. Hillard to present to Council
- Washington St. resident inquired about blighted property; Housing Authority to demolish
- Historical Society concerned about flooding; request Borough to review storm sewers
- Picnic tables next to basketball court need chains unlocked for PB Festival

• **Permits Issued/Approved & 811 Dig Requests**

- Approved Moose demolition project. VP Goth delivered paperwork. Council to ratify.
- Approved Smucker's house demolition project. Paperwork sent to Council/Rich.
- Approved Deck project. Bureau Veritas approved. Paperwork sent to Council/Rich.
- Approved Roof project. Bureau Veritas approved. Paperwork sent to Council/Rich.
- Multiple 811 Dig requests completed by Public Works. Submitted to state website.

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

- Draft damage deposits / rental policies & procedure for upcoming events/activities
 - **Rental Rates & Procedures updated by Park committee; (Approve?)**
 - Current rentals exempt from fees, new rentals subject to rates; all subject 2027
- Meeting minutes from July 14th committee meeting emailed to Council (*Status Update*)
 - Several grants/funding initiatives (in-progress). No meeting this past month.

• **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Catering/Event Venue) (Approve?)**
- Dangerous Structures / Building Inspection Ordinance/Amendments (*In-progress*)
- Committee held meeting last week; looking at next set of 2 or 3 ordinances to update
- President Barrett suggested training/playbooks for new council members (*In-progress*)

• **Letters/Writing**

- Temporary mail-hold letter to post office for Borough/Chamber; Mr. Secretary's absence
- Letter to Clarion-Redbank Twp Supervisors requesting temporary Truck access to Brinker

• **Debt Consolidation for RVMA**

- Coordinated with Borough Auditor to complete Pennvest Loan forms for Waterline Project

• **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 has arrived; lots of training required. Drone Unit to be fully operational by Q1/Q2 of 2027
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Community Days went well | Preparing for Peanut Butter Festival | Gun Raffle Fundraiser TBA
- 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) | Absent from meeting, defer to Councilman Barrett, Fox, Goth
- 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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