



Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
  - Penn Street Bridge Update – what is the specific timeline and next steps?
  - Garrison Bridge Construction – State claims September 12<sup>th</sup> completion deadline
  - Handicap accessible playground development – (Gumtown Park purchased successfully)
- **Playground/Park Project**
  - Wrote press release and drafted newspaper article educating the public about project
  - Developed strategic outline with next steps, fundraising, donor meetings, grants
  - Wrote 'thank you' letter to Klingensmith's Drug Store for donation towards project
  - RV Chamber would like to see electric upgraded at Park; 10K donation available
- **Zoning Officer Job Description & Employment Letter**
  - Additional applications (executive session): [NewBethlehemBoro.com/employment](http://NewBethlehemBoro.com/employment)
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
  - Ordinance 889 – Rental Registration drafting updates (authorize solicitor to draft)
    - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
  - Ordinance 774 – Signs drafting updates (authorize solicitor to draft)
    - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District (modeled from surrounding communities)
- **Events Attended/Supported**
  - RV History School Program, NBFC Cash Bash, SCPA Community Days Festival, Mayoral Tour of NB Fitness & NB Town Center, Come to Jesus Revival, Clarion County Fair, Liberty U Presentation, Preaching at three (3) churches, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
  - RV Historical Society
    - Events/Activities throughout the year: [FB.com/RVHistory](https://www.facebook.com/RVHistory)
  - RV Chamber of Commerce
    - Raffle: Henry Boy .45-70 Side Gate Rifle w/ Free Engraving @ \$10/ticket
    - Peanut Butter Festival: Sept 20, 21, 22<sup>nd</sup> \*See event schedule on [PBFestival.com](http://PBFestival.com)
    - See weekly Chamber social media for latest info: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber)
    - Monthly meetings third Monday of every month at 5:30pm at Windstream building
  - RV Community Center
    - Events and Activities throughout the year: [FB.com/RVCommunityCenter](https://www.facebook.com/RVCommunityCenter)
    - Monthly meetings fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Community Center

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**REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Officer Brown doing well | Preparing Budgets for Boros | Next meeting is this Thursday 8-22-24
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

**POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter*
- Community Days Parade went well | Announced winner of Summer Sizzle Raffle Ticket
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Discussed Cornhole & Basketball Tourney
- Monthly at Rimersburg Community Center @ 7pm

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

- *Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox*
- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Investigating side-by-side – estimated cost at \$25K
- Big Buck Contest coming soon! | Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo 2025 | Debt Reduction Grant
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

**RVMA REPORT**

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- Saved nearly 50% in chemical costs | 48 meters left to install | Applying SB Fire Hydrant Grant
- 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 month @ 7pm @ Windstream/Alltel Building 212 Lafayette St.

**OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST**

- Sidewalk Repairs

Respectfully,

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