

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### MAYOR'S REPORT

# • Public Requests/Concerns

- o Multiple requests for rental/usage form for Gumtown Park for 2025 events/activities.
  - Class Reunion, Graduation Party, Wedding, etc.

## • Playground/Park Project

- Outside community members serving on Park Committee/Commission for Borough
  - Park held first meeting on 3/12/25; organizing members, seeking playground bids.
- o For 2025; electrical upgrades, security cameras, & seeking grants/funding for playground.
- o Standard Operating Procedures & Polices submitted to committee for review

## • Phone System & Security Cameras

- Phone System Re-Review
  - \$445.20/year phone service. One-time \$69.99 phone. Installation/Setup @ \$150/h
  - Voice attendant/routing, voicemail-to-email transcription, not location specific
  - See attached quote/estimate and scope of work.
- Security Cameras
  - Three (3) bids in packet
  - SCCRPD pay for cameras in the police station; Boro pay for maintenance on street cameras, SCCRPD/Boro share 50/50 for DVR costs
  - Can't spend regional monies on borough based cameras
  - SCCRPD would prefer to manage vendor for maintenance/setup

### • Ordinance Update Committee

o Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)

### • Letter of Support & Grants

- o Wrote letter of recommendation for student applying to college/internship.
- Organized Community Wishlist of Non-profit Projects for anonymous donor.

### Events Attended/Supported

 RVSD Musical, NBFC Fish/Chicken Fry, RVSD Girls Basketball, Chamber Conversations w/ Clarion SBDC, RVCA Lenten Schedule, Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Community

- o CHAMBER: <u>Facebook.com/RVChamber</u> for weekly publication of events/activities
  - Annual Dinner, Sat., March 29, 2025 @ Trinity Hall (*Biz & Cit. of the Year*)
- o COMMUNITY CENTER: Leatherwood Church reopened Center; events forthcoming.
- HISTORY SOCIETY: June 16<sup>th</sup> Terry Janosik presents "Boats to Build" Presentation



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### REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth
- Officer Kelly moved to full-time | Brian Selnekovic part-time | Officer Kiel taking State Exam
- Published new ad for Full/Part time w/ hiring bonus; several candidates applied thus far
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

# POLICE ASSOCATION REPORT

- Report provided by Mayor Gordon Barrows
- Approved flyer and magnets to boost recruitment | Purchased Body Camera
- Potential Tools/Gun Bash Fundraiser (July/Sept) w/ Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club
- Upcoming Events: FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation | Fish for Fun @ May 4<sup>th</sup> @ Rimersburg
- Monthly meetings to being old rotation between communities starting in January 2025

### FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox
- FB.com/NewBethlehemFire | Bought (4) coats/pants @ \$4,900 (boots/helmet not included)
- Fish Frys @ Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4-7pm; Ham Bingo April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

### **RVMA REPORT**

- Report provided by RVMA Representative
- Reorganized board members | Repaired several leaks | Scheduled tank inspection/maintenance
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices FB.com/RVMAOnline
- Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

Rev. Dr. Gordon V. Barrows Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania

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