



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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September 17th, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Garrison Bridge Update: Minor paving/painting to be completed following PB Festival
 - Penn Street Bridge Update: Has there been any progress update or more concrete timeline?
 - Handicap accessible playground (Internal/public planning meetings following PBF)
 - Resident requesting 'Watch Children' sign for Brinker Street above High School
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Schedule internal/public planning meetings following PB Festival; organize strategic plan
 - Intergovernmental agreement with RV Chamber for use of Park for PB Festival / Electric
 - Businesses, Clubs/Organizations, and Individuals interested in donating/contributing
 - Waiver form review and general rules for volunteers, scheduling, etc.
- **Smuckers Factory 'Thank You'**
 - Managers Jeff Snodgrass and Mike McSparrin thanked Chamber, Borough, and Mayor for support of recent hiring/employment opportunity that we shared via social media / email.
 - McSparrin presented Barrows with Smucker's Crock as token of appreciation
- **UK Gas Station**
 - New Bethlehem demolition/construction Q1 2025, following the opening of Strattanville location. After Strattanville opens, full efforts shift to New Bethlehem (from owner)
- **Senator Casey's Office**
 - Met w/ rep from Senator Casey's Office; lobbied for New Bethlehem Borough needs
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Ordinance 889 – Rental Registration drafting updates (draft review from solicitor)
 - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
 - Ordinance 774 – Signs drafting updates (draft review from solicitor)
 - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Labor Day, Redbank Valley Park Poker Run, PBF Poise & Appearance, Patriot Day (9/11), Clarion County Economic Development Corporation and the PA Downtown Main Street Program (Revitalize NB), Preaching at three (3) churches, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - **Peanut Butter Festival: Sept 20, 21, 22nd** *See event schedule on PBFestival.com
 - Halloween Parade, Wednesday @ Oct. 30th and Trick-or-Treat @ Thursday Oct. 31st

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Budgets to be ready for review by October; future presentation from Chief and I in October
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter*
- I was absent from meeting; defer to Mr. Heeter
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) |
- 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) | Attended electric cars class; purchased fire blanket & special gun
- Big Buck Contest ticket's available | Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo 2025
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- Nothing to report this month; meeting next month (meetings every other month)
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

OLD BUSINESS TODO LIST

- Sidewalk Repairs

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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