



NOTE: *There was no meeting for March. Report includes March & April.*

April 21st, 2020

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Concerns/Complaints**

- Parking-lot potholes @ Rite Aid, Dollar General and Goodwill (In progress)
- Addressed traffic control question & stop sign issue (resolved successfully)
- Sewer grate issue at Wood & Penn (resolved successfully)
- Burn barrel question (resolved successfully)

- **Public Relations**

- Attended Route 28 Presentation (February)
- Attended Porter Township monthly meeting (March)
- COVID-19
 - Published video/paper press release to newspaper, website & social media
 - Published quick updates to website & social media as 'daily' changes occurred
 - Published 'Thank You' letter to newspaper, website & social media
 - Published 'Social Distancing Activities' for businesses, churches & residents
 - Interviewed w/ Leader-Vindicator for Bear Hunt activity
- Attended meeting with Superintendent to coordinate efforts w/ School District

- **Economic Support**

- Sent letter of support to Redbank Valley Trails Association for grant to fix washout
- Created flyer & Facebook event
 - To support local businesses & churches during COVID
 - Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, Sidewalk Chalk Walk, Teddy Bear Hunt, & Geocaching
- Working w/ Stewart & street committee to establish neighborhood blight committee

- **Love Your Neighbor**

- Worked alongside RV Church Association to coordinate community prayer chain and delivery of groceries & medical supplies for senior citizens & shut-ins during COVID

- **5G Technology**

- Working with firm out of Pittsburgh to investigate economic impact of 5G technology

- **Clarion County Planning Department**

- Asked me to serve on 10-year strategic plan steering committee

New Bethlehem Borough fosters business, community, and personal growth within the borough while maintaining the small town appeal and family friendly environment that makes New Bethlehem a great place to work, live and raise a family.



CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT & MAYOR OPEN BUSINESSES BEFORE THE GOVERNOR?

- Council along with myself contacted our solicitor, head of the Mayor’s Association, County Officials, State Representatives, Congressman, Senators and other neighboring communities:
- *“The Borough’s Disaster Declaration has nothing to do with the closing of local business. All commonwealth businesses fall under the governor’s order. You (the Mayor) have no jurisdiction or ability to override the governor and reopen local businesses. The governor made the order. Consequently, he is the only one who can lift it. As a small business owner, I understand and feel the frustration. However, there is nothing that you, I, or anyone else can do on a local level to reverse the standing order.”*

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Huge thank you to NB Fire Company, specifically Ed Goth & Barry Fox
- Obtained PPE (personal protective equipment) and hosted meeting to prepare for COVID
 - Donated several masks to Police & Street Department
- Abstain from all TRP business

RVMA REPORT

- Major waterline break; resolved successfully
 - Thank you to Roger, Chris, RVMA Employees, NB Fire Company Ed Goth & Barry Fox and especially to the Shick Family (water buffalo)!!
 - Cottage Hill had a pump burn out; replacing that pump
 - RVMA Board attended phone conference meeting to ensure fiscal sustainability
 - Robocall Emergency system worked fantastic – updating emails & phone numbers

THE MAYOR’S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that affect local businesses and friends of New Bethlehem Borough. And continue to remind us that all we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your holy name, Amen.”