

**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE
BOROUGH OF WAYNESBORO
JULY 16, 2025**

Officer Jose Velazquez. Chief Ramsey, Kim Green, Sgt. Ziegler, and I attended the graduation of Officer Josuay Velazquez in Harrisburg on June 23. I swore him in on June 26 with a large group of his family in attendance. Please welcome Officer Velazquez if you see him around the Borough.

Homelessness. Chief Ramsey, Community Liaison Kay Martin, and I met recently. Kay reported that between March 2024 and June 2025, Waynesboro had 78 cases of homelessness that she addressed. She also discussed the mental health problem that continues within the Borough. There are many challenges, most of which is the lack of services provided through the county and state. I plan to meet with county commissioners to discuss Adult Protective Services and the Office of Aging to address this problem in the near future.

Human Services. I met with Morgan Hovermale, Executive Director of Waynesboro Community & Human Services. Last year they distributed 127,000 pounds of food to over 600 households and provided almost 12,000 bags of food through their backpack program to 301 children in the Waynesboro Area School District. The backpacks feed children who do not have food to eat over weekends. They also provided over \$140,000 to almost 200 households to help with rent, utilities and other miscellaneous financial needs. They have a clothing bank which serves 715 households with 6000 visits, and provides over 1000 infant diapers per year. They serve a vital need in our community.

State Rep Chad Reichard. I had a meeting with State Representative Chad Reichard. We discussed many topics, but two pieces of legislation that he reported to me are:

- HB 1425 is the bill to mirror the FDA's vape registry and create some enforcement opportunities. It passed the House and is in the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- The legislation to remove the civil service requirement for boroughs to utilize a civil service commission hasn't been introduced yet. The proposed legislation would be for municipalities with 10 or less officers, which wouldn't help us as we have 20 when we have a full complement. I requested he advocate for a bill with no maximum for the number of officers. This legislation is also being advocated by the PA State

Association of Boroughs, of which we are a member. A side note,
Townships do not have a civil service requirement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dade Royer, Mayor