

**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE
BOROUGH OF WAYNESBORO
August 20, 2025**

Dean Horst. I met with the president of Franklin County Commissioners Dean Horst. We discussed tourism and potential funding for projects through use of the county's pillow tax, which is specifically collected for economic development by giving tourism grants. Jason and I subsequently met with **Janet Pollard** from Franklin County Visitors Bureau to discuss funding options for projects. I thanked commissioner Horst for the county's partnership with Waynesboro PD and the drug task force. We are seeing very positive results from their work. We also discussed the need for improvement in the county's APS (adult protective services) and Franklin County Area Agency on Aging. Those services have not been provided efficiently according to reports.

John Joyce. Chief Ramsey and I met with our US Congressman John Joyce. Congressman Joyce is a strong advocate for law and order in our communities. He is very committed to helping Waynesboro receive federal funds to battle crime and improve emergency services. We will be meeting in the future to discuss specific needs for the Borough.

National Night Out. National Night Out on August 5 was a huge success. We had hundreds of attendees at the event and dozens of vendors and exhibitions. I would like to thank the Waynesboro Police Department for sponsoring the event, and a special thanks to Kim Green for her organizational efforts which made the event so successful.

Ride Along. I recently conducted a ride along with police officers Rowe and Anderson from 8pm till midnight. This adventure was eye opening to say the least. Not only do our officers put themselves in harm's way as part of their daily routine, they are also trained to skillfully negotiate, and diffuse tense situations. A big thanks to Officers Rowe and Anderson.

Community Clean Up Day. LCBC Church will be conducting a volunteer Community Cleanup Day on Nov 1 with a focus on outdoor cleanup at distressed properties in the Borough.

Mayor Ben Thomas. I hosted Greencastle Mayor Ben Thomas as a guest at the Waynesboro Rotary Club. The Waynesboro Indians football team plays at Greencastle this coming Friday, August 22nd. Mayor Thomas and I made a bet that the losing team's mayor must wear the winning team's sweatshirt at their next Council meeting for the

duration of the meeting. I do not want to wear a Blue Devils sweatshirt in this chamber so, GO BORO!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dade Royer, Mayor