

**MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WAYNESBORO  
September 17, 2025**

**Mayor Ben Thomas.** I attended the Borough of Greencastle's monthly meeting to collect on a bet I made with with Mayor Ben Thomas. Because Waynesboro beat Greencastle in football, Mayor Thomas had to wear a Waynesboro Indian sweatshirt for the entirety of the meeting. Victory was sweet.

**Police Recruitment and Retention.** On August 26, I swore in police officer Christopher Miller. Please welcome Officer Miller to the department and our community. This brings WPD's total number of officers to 18. We currently have two openings with multiple retirements coming in the near future. Recruitment and retention is currently a main focus of the police department.

**Saturation Patrol.** On August 26, WPD conducted a saturation patrol and conjunction with Pennsylvania State Police and other law-enforcement agencies. They conducted 47 traffic stops, and took one person into custody for a warrant and wrote some traffic citations. There's a growing concern and reports from Waynesboro residents about automobiles and motorcycles speeding and running stop signs. We are addressing those concerns with the tools we have available, and will be conducting unannounced saturation patrols in the future.

**Franklin County Municipal Summit.** On September 5, I attended the Franklin County Municipal Summit with Jon Fleagle and Mike Cermak. Many important topics were discussed, but the one that stood out most to me was the persistence of the district attorney's office and drug task force in arresting and prosecuting drug dealers. One of the recent task force operations led to a Waynesboro area man being arrested for manufacturing and selling and selling ghost guns. The DA's office emphasized that whenever you have drug dealers, you almost always have guns. We will continue to fight the good fight with the district attorney and the Franklin County Drug Task Force.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dade Royer, Mayor