

# Putting the heat on City Council (2)

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🦋 Latest in a series of posts about the Bethlehem Police 🦋

## Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance

(Gadfly sorry that he can't make the print larger)

**WAKE UP & SMELL THE COFFEE, BETHLEHEM!**  
There's a little SEATTLE brewing in our hometown.

**UPDATE**

**YOUR BUCKS**  
COFFEE

**ANTI-POLICE RADICALS want to DEFUND and ABOLISH the Bethlehem Police Department BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL Agrees with most of their Demands**

**SEPTEMBER SURPRISE**  
Police Department Dismantling Begins

**WARNING: MARXISTS MONITOR YOUR CONVERSATIONS**

Lehigh Valley Stands Up  
This is what the power of the people looks like! It was incredibly clear that the police chief was not acting in the best interest of every Bethlehem Resident. Let this be a lesson. Racism and bigotry will not be tolerated by the people. Whether it's on social media, in policy, or in private conversation, you are holding you accountable. And we will replace you. #DefundThePolice

**Bethlehem Police Chief Mark DiLuzio to retire after repeating offensive Facebook posts**

**CANCEL CULTURE**

**PROFESSOR, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY**  
Hearing, hearing, hearing! Thanks to all of you who called in and enabled to create the heat!

**Let's grab the power!**

**MARXIST POWER GRAB**

**Olga's Ultimatum**  
ON JULY 7, 2020, Councilwoman Negrón refused to vote in favor of the Community Engagement Initiative resolution unless Councilman Reynolds deleted the first 3 paragraphs which THANKED the Bethlehem Police Dept and the Mayor for their help with the safety of the local Black Lives Matter and 8 to Abolition protest marches. "I heard a lot of feedback on this resolution that when I first read it, especially the first three paragraphs, I find incredibly disturbing. No need to included none of that in there."

**Willie's World**  
My Community Engagement initiative (CEI) is not just about our police dept...an analogy is it's like counting to 10. The police get involved when you get to 10... we as a city can't have a conversation about 10 without also talking about 1 through 9... disparities in education, health care, mental health, transportation, economic opportunities, housing discrimination, racism, the list goes on and on and on..."  
" Councilman J. William Reynolds

**At the July 7, 2020 Bethlehem City Council Meeting  
Anti-Police Radicals Demanded Police Defunding**  
LISTEN FOR YOURSELF: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=fx6Z-dBNNCo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fx6Z-dBNNCo)

"We demand the defunding, dismantling and abolition of the Bethlehem Police Department."  
"We are protesting the very existence of the police...and all related racist systems... there needs to be a complete dismantling of policing as it stands." - # to Abolition  
We are not asking for a better relationship between the cops and community. You need to defund the police...". - *Black Lives Matter*  
"This is about how taxpayer money gets spent and we don't think the police should have a voice in that..." - *Lehigh Valley Stands Up*  
"...the Mayor and his administration should not be involved in deciding who participates in these decisions." - *Lehigh Valley Stands Up*  
"We don't need another committee of white people." - *Lehigh Valley Stands Up*  
"We don't need any more community discussion... black activists, black scholars & black abolitionists have had these conversations for decades. We just need your money, frankly."  
"...you are asking the community to form a relationship with... [the Bethlehem Police Department] an evil and inanimate system." - # to Abolition  
"We demand an apology from the police." - # to Abolition & Lehigh Valley Stands Up

**City Council Then Passed a Resolution Tailored to Activists' Demands  
Without Hearing From Anyone Else in The Bethlehem Community**

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Comments begin - minute 1:15:35  
"I have the same goals as a lot of what has been said today. That was my idea behind my resolution [Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)]... [The CEI] is designed to create public pressure to change the city and our police department." - Councilman Willie Reynolds - *Running for Mayor 2021*



Comments begin - minute 1:26:55  
"I also agree with many of the things said...After [Black Lives Matter] marches in the city... Mr. Reynolds and I agreed to give [activists] a mechanism... to make changes to our Police Department and to address systemic racism... [Activists] are the ones who are going to navigate this process...in all areas including housing, education, economic disparities, you name it..."  
- Councilwoman Grace Crampsie Smith - *Up for Re-Election 2021*



Comments begin - minute 2:07:24  
"You were heard tonight... I didn't understand what 'defund the police' meant...Our power of the budget is huge here. We start our budget talks in the fall...and we are the people who approve the police budget...if we're going to have meaningful change, and that includes how we budget the money for the police, that's got to start happening now."  
- Councilwoman Paige Van Wirt



Comments begin - minute 2:13:00  
"People have been speaking up and we are not listening...After listening to so many voices tonight, I believe...we need action! People are telling us what they want...what they need...we have to listen and we have to do what they are asking us to do." - Councilwoman Olga Negrón - *Up for Re-Election 2021*

**WHEN CONFRONTED BY CONCERNED CITIZENS  
COUNCIL RESORTED TO EVASION, DENIAL & MISDIRECTION**  
August 11<sup>th</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meetings

WILLIE REYNOLDS HAS DECIDED YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY HE WANTS TO HEAR FROM UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO SAY THAT YOU BELIEVE SYSTEMIC RACISM IS REAL. BLACK LIVES MATTER IS ALREADY HAVING THEIR OWN MEETINGS. HE WANTS BLM TO TELL HIM WHAT TO DO

August 11<sup>th</sup> - "It is important that City Council and City Hall doesn't organize or control all these meetings... the host organizations will set the agenda, chair the meetings and control when questions are asked by attendees, etc..."  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Comments begin minute 1:33:15  
September 1<sup>st</sup> - "There are a lot of organizations that are already having wonderful conversations... on discrimination. We need to allow groups and organizations to structure the conversations in the manner that they want but at the same time encourage City Council, the Mayor and Police Officers to attend those conversations as either participants or listeners."  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - Comments begin minute 3:03:45  
- Councilman J. William Reynolds wants to be Mayor

SHE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED? SHE NEEDS TO RE-READ BLM'S & HER OWN STATEMENTS. SHE CLAIMS SHE'S NOT FOR ELIMINATING POLICE BUT SHE WROTE THE RESOLUTION THAT GIVES RADICAL MARXISTS DIRECT INFLUENCE OVER CITY POLICY AND POLICING.

August 11<sup>th</sup> - Comments begin minute 2:03:53  
"...It is very discouraging to have false contentions used to infuse fear and anxiety in others. No one in Bethlehem City Council ever said they want to or will eliminate our Police Department. This is ludicrous and it is unfortunate that innocent citizens in our city have had fear and anxiety instilled in them needlessly due to these false accusations."  
- Councilwoman Grace Crampsie Smith - *Up for Re-Election 2021*

COUNCILMAN WALDRON CONFUSED ABOUT WHERE THE TRUTH BEGINS AND HIS CAREER ENDS  
"...nobody on council has called for the abolition or defunding of the police department...there's a lot of misinformation going around."  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Minute 2:12:04  
- Councilman Adam Waldron - *Up for Re-Election 2021*

★ One Councilman Corrected His Fellow Council Members - August 11<sup>th</sup>  
"I just want to clear the record. I heard it earlier that no one on council had suggested defunding the police...but there was talk about defunding the police department. I just want to clarify that."  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Comments begin minute 2:13:30  
- Councilman Bryan Callahan

DOUBLE SPEAK  
WORD GAMES  
TRUTH

## KEEP BETHLEHEM SAFE HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO



- **JOIN US. BECOME A PART OF OUR GROWING COMMUNITY OF CONCERNED CITIZENS.** Follow our Facebook page and reach out to us. Find out what you can do to help keep Bethlehem safe: [www.facebook.com/LVGoodNeighbors](https://www.facebook.com/LVGoodNeighbors)
- **SIGN OUR "DEFEND THE BETHLEHEM POLICE" PETITION WE NEED TO SURPASS 10,000 SIGNATURES AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO IT - SIGN IT & SHARE IT**  
<https://www.change.org/DefendBethlehemPoliceDepartment>  
DO NOT DONATE MONEY TO CHANGE.ORG! NO ONE IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE A DIME OF IT.
- **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL AT ANY MEETING DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS? EMAIL THE CITY CLERK TO RESERVE YOUR TIME TO SPEAK**  
[cityclerk@Bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:cityclerk@Bethlehem-pa.gov)
- **Email City Council:** Tell them you value Bethlehem Police  
[onegron@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:onegron@bethlehem-pa.gov) – Olga Negrón  
[pvanwirt@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:pvanwirt@bethlehem-pa.gov) – Paige Van Wirt  
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## CONCERNED?

GET INFORMED & STAY INVOLVED  
10 THINGS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO DO



1. **VOTE – Are You Registered? (DEADLINE: OCT. 19, 2020)**  
<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>
2. **SIGN OUR "DEFEND THE BETHLEHEM POLICE" PETITION WE NEED TO SURPASS 10,000 SIGNATURES AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO IT - SIGN IT & SHARE IT**  
<https://www.change.org/DefendBethlehemPoliceDepartment>
3. **CALL THE MAYOR – Mayor Bob Donchez (610) 865-7100**
4. **E-MAIL CITY COUNCIL (see other side)** →
5. **ATTEND/WATCH AN ONLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Calendar>
6. **SPEAK AT A CITY COUNCIL MEETING (610) 997-7963**
7. **SEND US CANDIDATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETHLEHEM CITY COUNCIL & SCHOOL BOARD**
8. **SPREAD THE WORD - CANVAS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND GO DOOR TO DOOR – TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS**
9. **ATTEND A RALLY OR A FUNDRAISER**
10. **CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND STAY INFORMED**  
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