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Is Bethlehem City Council worried?

From our editor-at-large, John Spartan

Did anybody else catch the Bethlehem City Council meeting last night? Did City Council members seem rattled to you? Usually when liars are confronted with the truth they get defensive. People in power that get caught in lies become even more defensive. "How dare you question me?" And the usual attempts to "claim the moral high ground" nonsense we get from politicians. Bethlehem City Council is rattled and that means they're worried.

Are they worried because citizens caught them making public statements that clearly favored defunding the police? Are they worried because they got caught trying to deny the statements they publicly made? Perhaps they are worried because they severely miscalculated how many law and order citizens (Democrats and Republicans) live in Bethlehem and how massively they outnumber the anti-police activists. It's hard to say for sure right now but as they say... the truth is out there.

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It will be interesting to see when City Council meetings are open to the public again. Will the City Council still request the police to provide council members security at the meetings? Will the City Council request police to protect them from the very citizens they work for? And by police, I mean the same men and women they've spent the last several months denigrating.

It's a rather funny irony though, politicians pushed for body cams to keep police accountable and honest... but now we truly see that politicians are the ones who should be constantly recorded doing their jobs.



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You are absolutely correct. They were back peddling and trying to retract statements made at earlier meetings. As Callahan said go back and watch and hear for yourself. One you say it it is out there in this day and age. The constant arguing with each other and the patting each other on the back is comical to watch but hurting the residents that live here. So far this council and administration has continued the ways of cutting city workers and services, and raising taxes for things that are earmarked and never followed through with or sunshine. Take the .75 mill tax hike for an ems station and a fire truck. It passed, no station was built and they closed a fire house. That tax then the next year went to fund the 911 center, not what it was passed for. Unfortunately they didn't fight and merged with the county because city council and the admin had no clue what they were doing and we as residents lost a valuable resource. But that tax is still there, why. And now we look at a 12.7 sewer increase, a 5% tax increase a loss of 4

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Firefighter/EMTS that respond to medical, fires, accidents and any other calls for service including ducks from a drain to the elderly person that blew a fuse. These politicians are career politicians that have lost their way and need to be shown that at the polls. So in the midst of a pandemic when other municipalities are trying to help their residents, visitors and employees, the good ole city of Bethlehem wants to defund the police, cut 4 firefighter/emts and 2 people in the city call center while raising rates to a combined 17.7%. Can we say out of touch and its shame we are stuck with them but we can change that at the polls. Dont forget to keep in mind some of these people have their eye on the mayors position, lord help us if certain ones would win, we will continue our downfall.



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