

# Coroneal report at Council last night

The Bethlehem Gadfly City government May 6, 2020

 Latest in a series of posts on City Government 

## Mayor Donchez (**video min. 18:00**):

- 577 coronavirus cases/19 deaths
- all city workers have masks
- supply chain for city supplies good
- 1 worker tested positive, now back to work (**how good is that!**)
- almost everything functioning at 100%
- yard waste open
- recycling closed
- Memorial Pool construction begun again
- Golf course open and busy
- decision of pool openings coming soon, waiting on guidelines from governor
- tax extensions as announced before
- Wind Creek kicking in \$\$\$\$
- BPA back in normal operation, 18 furloughed workers
- arrangements for housing homeless, 1 positive case
- Small Business Relief Fund: \$300,000 (150 awards of \$2000), 188 applicants, chance of supplemental funds

## Business Administrator Evans (**video min. 23:12**):

- **Income:**
- Real Estate Tax, Earned Income Tax, Casino = 62% of budget
- Fairly good shape there, though EIT will lag
- very tentative = \$4.5m loss of revenue
- **Expenses:**
- thorough review (detailed by Mr. Evans) = approx \$1.6m reduction

- **Deficit:**
- \$4.5m loss of income minus \$1.6m cut in expenses = possible deficit c. \$3m
- **How handle the deficit:**
- freeze 2021 budgets, ask depts. to cut 5-10%, give each dept. a \$\$\$ amount