

City leadership needs to demonstrate transparency

The Bethlehem Gadfly George Floyd killing January 4, 2021

6 quote roughly, “If one of us suffers, we all suffer.”

Also be reminded that it is our past Bethlehem police Chief that kept the BPD use of force policies/procedures secret even from city council until finally they were revealed — in June, 2020? — after the great pressure created by the powerful and obviously necessary national and local protests following Mr Floyd’s killing this past May.

And Ex-Chief DiLuzio recently, following his resignation, was recognized for his service.

So let’s also recognize that to lead our City there is a great onus on leadership — the BPD, Council, and the Mayor — to demonstrate transparency in its behavior, past, present, and future.

Answering correspondences from citizens is one place to start!

Proactively informing the public of any progress in city/police-public dialogue would go a long way toward building transparency and trust.

And what about acknowledging the LACK of Council/Mayor discussion of appropriate funding of the police budget prior to its approval, even after its demand from the citizenry?

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