

Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance at full throttle for the Council meeting tonight!

The Bethlehem Gadfly Budget, Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance, Police December 1, 2020

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

Lehigh Valley Good Neighbors Alliance is racing on all cylinders for tonight's meeting.

Go to their Facebook page, Gadfly encourages you!

An image like this (sorry, Gadfly can't get a print-readable image — sigh), you'll find.

And video.

And probably more since last Gadfly looked.

Promises to rock tonight at the meeting.

Paige Van Wirt

Singing
a
different
tune?



It's amazing
what 5 months
of vocal citizens
can do to hold
local politicians
accountable.

JULY 7, 2020

In response to 19 activists in a row demanding the defunding & abolishment of the Bethlehem Police Department.



"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

★ Almost 7,500 signatures on the "Defend the Bethlehem Police" petition on change.org

★ Hundreds of emails and calls from Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley residents in support of BPD

★ Thousands of "Coffee Cup" pamphlets distributed to Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley residents, exposing council's initial support and encouragement of local activists pushing to defund the Bethlehem Police.

★ Social media & radio spots to make people aware of council's actions and words

DECEMBER 1, 2020

In response to hundreds of calls and emails from concerned citizens, defending the Bethlehem Police Department.



"There is no movement to defund the police on City Council. Anyone can call in and say whatever they want - right, left, middle, whatever. But that does not mean council is acting on it. There is no movement to defund the police. None. City Council deeply respects the work of our police, as well as our firefighters, EMS and other public servants who help with our quality of life. We are thrilled with our new chief, Chief Kott, and the direction in which she is working with her force. Please watch council meeting tomorrow and Thursday's budget hearings, on [youtube](https://www.youtube.com), in order to see through a lot of the hyperbole that is happening out there on the radio and social media. Thanks for letting me know how you feel. It's important to have engaged citizens in these discussions."
- Councilwoman Paige Van Wirt

There IS a movement of radical activists pushing to defund the Bethlehem Police.

Council hears from these activists at most meetings.

Anyone who says there isn't a movement, is either willfully blind or not acknowledging the truth.

We would like to thank all of YOU who took the time to care, to speak up, to send emails, sign our petition and push back hard against their leftist agenda.

Council needs to hear common sense from Bethlehem citizens who value and support our police.

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