**ATTENDING:** David Franke-Maidencreek Township Commissioner, Ronald Strause-Leesport Commissioner, Gary Hadden Ontelaunee Township Commissioner, Diane Hollenbach - Maidencreek Township Alternate, Kim Berger - Ontelaunee Township Alternate, Chief Jim Keiser and Ruth Manmiller– Administrative Assistant

Ruth Manmiller provided the Commissioners and Alternates with a year to date budget report to compare current costs with the proposed budget, the account balance sheet from the September

Treasurer’s report and an estimate for a possible refund to the municipalities at the end of the year.

She further explained;

1. When the dissolution of the Northern Berks Regional Police failed the Commissioners decided to continue operations using the 2020 Budget – Plan C $2,728,105.34.
2. The 2021 Budget was presented 10/12/2020 but was never discussed or adopted.
3. The **DRAFT** Budget for 2022 is $2,859,953.98 which includes body cameras to be synced with car cameras and a vehicle.
4. In order to reduce the budget and monthly contributions, Ruth suggested removing the body cameras to be synced with car cameras and a vehicle from the budget. This would reduce the 2022 Budget to $2,747,241.98 (less than the 2020 budget)
5. The body cameras to be synced with car cameras and a vehicle could still be purchased using Thompkins VIST Money Markey funds. Any funds received from the District Attorney would be returned to this account.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donna Culp questioned if the vehicle and cameras could be purchased with the remaining 2021 funds.

The Commission thanked her for her question and assured her they are working towards the best solution to provide the department with necessary equipment and still issue a refund to the municipalities at the end of the year.

Commissioner Hadden questioned the Chief if there is a need for another police vehicle. The study indicated we have too many vehicles. The Chief wanted a vehicle in the budget to keep the fleet sound. Ruth reminded the Commission; when ordering a police vehicle that police vehicles it may take 4-6 months for delivery. A recent proposal for a Ford SUV is $35,275.00; this does not include lights, radios or decals.

Scott Eaken questioned the fuel estimate for the 2022 budget; but did agree that it should be enough.

The Commissioners had a brief discussion on the Minicibid process to sell the two Chevy Impalas and possibly some of the emergency lighting in storage.

Ruth asked the Commission, if they agreed with her suggestions to lower the DRAFT 2022 Budget would they consider adopting at the November Commission meeting.

The Commission asked Ruth to make the adjustments to the 2022 Budget reflecting her suggestions and provide copies prior to the November meeting. Also, include wording to reflect the use of Thompkins VIST Money Market funds to purchase body cameras to be synced with car cameras and a vehicle (if necessary).

Budget workshop ended at 6:58PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:58PM -7:30PM**

No action

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth M Manmiller

NBRPD Administrative Assistant

CC:

NBRPD Commission & Alternates

Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Township Secretary

Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary

Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary

Christopher Gerber, Siana Law, LLP