

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
February 14, 2022 6:00 PM**

**ATTENDING:** Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Heidi Fiedler – Maiden creek Commissioner, Gary Hadden – Ontelaunee Commissioner, Josh Steingraber – Ontelaunee Alternate, James Moquin – Leesport Alternate, Christopher Gerber – Solicitor, Chief Jim Keiser, Ruth Manmiller and Alysia Fredericks – Administrative Assistants

**GUESTS:** Mike and Kris Schittler, Eric Bauman, Harold Wagner, Scott Eaken

Commissioner Strause called the February 14, 2022 Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

**AGENDA:** Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to approve the agenda as presented for the meeting. All commissioners voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** Nothing for the record.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES:** Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to approve the January 10, 2022 Reorganization Meeting minutes as presented. All commissioners voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:** Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to approve the January 10, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes as presented. All commissioners voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**JANUARY 2022 FUND SUMMARY**

Money Market	\$435,714.89	Tompkins Vist	\$180,682.16
General Checking	\$22,776.25		
Payroll	\$19,733.18	Total Assets	\$658,906.48
Total Budget Bal.	\$478,224.32	NNO Account	\$7,599.07

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to approve the January 2022 Treasurer’s report as presented. All commissioners voted “aye”. Motion carried.

**ACTIVITY REPORT:** Chief Keiser read the activity report for January 2022

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maidencreek	302	71	73	116	1	27.93 per day
Ontelaunee	201	73	67	114	1	21.37 per day
Leesport	93	20	27	42	0	8.45 per day
Administrative	11					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>2</b>	

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**FUEL – 1243.247 gallons**

**MILEAGE – 10329**

**Fines Collected: \$3,106.67**

**Maidencreek - \$1,581.23**

**Ontelaunee - \$1,252.99**

**Leesport - \$272.45**

**CRASHES: Maidencreek – 26 (8 Reportable/18 Non-Reportable)**

**Ontelaunee – 11 (3 Reportable/8 Non- Reportable)**

**Leesport – 1 (0 Reportable/1 Non-Reportable)**

The chief also reported that he converted the data into percentages to determine that Leesport accounted for 15%, Ontelaunee 37% and Maidencreek 48%. This included pro-active patrols and calls for service.

**Josh Steingraber, Ontelaunee Alternate** questioned whether vehicle contacts and arrests were included in the calls for service. Chief Keiser clarified that those numbers are in addition to calls for service.

Chief Keiser gave a brief update on the body cameras. They are on a delay, which means it will be 20 weeks before we get the technology here and then train the officers.

Chief Keiser also wanted to mention that Officer Dillman is back as of 2/14/22 after being out since Thanksgiving. He stated that this will be a big help with scheduling flexibility and enabling officers to attend mandatory trainings.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Municibid – Car 10 and Car 12**

Secretary Alysia Fredericks asked if the commissioners and alternates had a chance to look through the packet of information regarding Municibid and everyone had done so. She stated that the NBRPD has traditionally had a junkyard take the old cars for a profit of about \$600. We are currently looking to place the 2 out of service Chevy Impalas (Cars 10 and 12) for online auctions on Municibid. In order to sell the cars on Municibid, we would need to have the decals removed. The company who installed the decals would charge a fee of \$800 to remove them. If we use this company to remove the decals, we would need to factor in that fee when determining the reserve bid amount to set on Municibid in order to make more of a profit. We do not want to be selling a car for less of a profit than we would get by just having the car taken to the junkyard.

**Commissioner Fiedler** stated that removing the decals has to occur even if we are just taking the out of service cars to the junkyard.

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**Josh Steingraber, Ontelaunee Alternate** stated that the removal fee quoted by the decal company was incredibly high. The only word that would need to be removed is "POLICE" and we should be able to look into other options, including removing the words ourselves that would be more cost effective. He stated that he isn't trying to burden the department with more work, but if we have a heat gun, it can be done on-site for a reduced cost. He believes that Muncibid is a great idea.

**Harold Wagner, Leesport Borough** stated that the word "police" AND the name of the township needs to be removed from the vehicles.

**Commissioner Fiedler** agreed that we should find someone to do the decal removal for less of a cost. Also, used car prices are up by 40% over last year and we should be able to get a great offer by utilizing Muncibid.

**Harold Wagner, Leesport Borough** said that he knows a man in Bethel who could remove decals. He stated that using a heat gun can be messy.

**Commissioner Hadden** said that he was aware of a material that can be used to spray onto the decal and remove it. He also offered the use of the bays in the Ontelaunee Township garage to warm the cars up and remove the decals on site.

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to authorize the staff to list Car 10 and Car 12 on Muncibid. All commissioners voted "aye". Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2-2022 is a Resolution to authorize a signer for the PennDot PCIT Website. This designates that Detective Sergeant Robert Wood will be the Northern Berks Regional Police Department's point of contact for this website.

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to adopt Resolution 2-2022. All commissioners voted "aye". Motion carried.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Commissioner Hadden** mentioned that Joseph Farley resigned from the Maiden Creek Board of Supervisors. However, he is still listed as being the police commission alternate. Commissioner Fiedler, Maiden Creek Township will contact Mr. Farley to see if he will officially resign from the commission.

**Commissioner Strause** announced that the commission would be going into executive session and that the public attendees could choose to stay or leave at this time, seeing as how there would be no action taken afterwards.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:20 PM – 6:35 PM**

No action

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**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. All commissioners voted "aye". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Alysia Fredericks*

NBRPD Administrative Assistant

CC:

NBRPD Commission & Alternates

Maidencreek Township Secretary

Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary

Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary

Christopher Gerber, Solicitor