

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2022 6:00 PM**

ATTENDING: Ronald Strause - Leesport Commissioner, Heidi Fiedler - Maiden creek Commissioner, Gary Hadden - Ontelaunee Commissioner, James Moquin - Leesport Alternate, Joseph Farley - Maiden creek Alternate, Christopher Gerber - Solicitor, Chief Jim Keiser, Alysia Fredericks - Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Eric Bauman, Heather Schoener

Commissioner Strause called the May 9, 2022 Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

AGENDA: Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to approve the agenda. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Nothing

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to approve the April 11, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The April 2022 Treasurer's report was given by Alysia Fredericks as follows-

Money Market	\$475,384.95	Tompkins Vist	\$180,699.78
General Checking	\$20,042.26	NNO	\$5,807.74
<u>Payroll</u>	<u>\$16,165.60</u>		
Total Budget Bal.	\$511,592.81		

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to approve the April 2022 Treasurer's report as presented. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Keiser read the activity report for April 2022

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maidencreek	318	65	109	164	1	32.6 per day
Ontelaunee	220	109	106	189	2	25.03 per day
Leesport	71	20	18	30	4	5.75 per day
Administrative	10					
TOTAL	619	194	233	383	7	

FUEL: 1218.144 Gallons

MILEAGE: 10836

FINES COLLECTED: \$5120.94

Maidencreek - \$1787.82

Ontelaunee - \$2519.58

Leesport - \$813.54

CRASHES: Maidencreek - 24 (6 Reportable/18 Non Reportable)

Ontelaunee - 22 (10 Reportable/12 Non Reportable)

Leesport - 5 (0 Reportable/5 Non Reportable)

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Chief Keiser mentioned that the fines collected for Ontelaunee Township are a bit higher due to the citations issued during the speed detail.

He talked about the upcoming “blastings” that would be occurring to prep for the new warehouse along Route 61. This will require both south and northbound lanes of 61 to be shut down between V&M and the 73 intersection for 8-10 minutes, due to the dust/debris clouds that will be created. These periodic shutdowns will occur until mid-June.

The department has started receiving equipment from Watchguard to prep for the body cameras.

The ballistics shields have also arrived.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

Finalization of Retirement Badge Policy - **Solicitor Gerber** reworded the policy to state “These badges will be presented at the discretion of the Commission, as recommended by the Chief of Police” and “This policy shall apply to all Commission police officers who have retired in good standing on or after April 11, 2018.” Policy was approved at the last meeting and will now be implemented.

Parking Ordinances - **Solicitor Gerber** said that he has received the ordinances from the 3 municipalities, which will be compared for commonalities in order to make everything uniform to create a ticket book. This ticket book will say “Northern Berks” and have 3 separate boxes to be checked for each municipality.

National Night Out - **Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks** said that planning meetings have begun. The registration brochure has been created and sent to the printer. The next planning meeting will occur on Tuesday, May 31 at 6pm in the Ontelaunee Township Building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hadden spoke about Ontelaunee Township looking to purchase new projection and speaker equipment, which will add Zoom meeting capability and will improve any presentations and trainings that are held in the building. An estimate from one company for this equipment is \$58,000. Since the equipment could be used to facilitate meetings and trainings for the police department, he asked the commission if they would help fund the project. **Chief Keiser** said that there have been 3 trainings held in the township building

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since his employment with the department and the projection system would be a welcome upgrade. **Commissioner Hadden** will keep the commission informed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Hadden stated that comments made by **Commissioner Fiedler** at the April 11, 2022 commission meeting regarding a previous retirement badge being rescinded were not true. **Commissioner Fiedler** stated that her comments regarding a retirement badge were true.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Fiedler** to adjourn the meeting at 6:21PM. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alysia Fredericks

NBRPD Administrative Assistant

CC: NBRPD Commission & Alternates
Diane Hollenbach, Maiden creek Township Secretary
Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary
Christopher Berger, Solicitor