

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2023**

**ATTENDING:** Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Dave Franke – Maiden creek Commissioner, Gary Hadden – Ontelaunee Commissioner, Josh Meck – Maiden creek Alternate, Jim Moquin – Leesport Alternate, Chris Gerber – Solicitor, Chief Jim Keiser, Alysia Fredericks – Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** Eric Bauman, Donna Culp, Dean Moyer, Pat Moyer, Scott Eaken, Mike Schittler, Kris Schittler

Commissioner Franke called the March 13, 2023 Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Hadden** to approve the amended agenda. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** **Commissioner Franke** stated that there will be an executive session held at the end of the meeting, with no action to be taken afterwards.

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:** **Commissioner Hadden** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to approve the February 2023 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The February 2023 Treasurer’s report was given by Alysia Fredericks as follows-

|                   |              |               |              |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Money Market      | \$469,502.12 | Tompkins Vist | \$159,901.28 |
| General Checking  | \$102,070.66 | NNO           | \$11,606.39  |
| Payroll           | \$3,263.43   |               |              |
| Total Budget Bal. | \$574,836.21 |               |              |

**Commissioner Hadden** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to approve the February 2023 Treasurer’s report as presented. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried. **Commissioner Hadden** suggested that we inquire about getting an increased interest rate on the money market account. **Commissioner Franke** asked that we speak to the bank about what our insured amounts are, since the FDIC insured amount is \$250,000.00 and we are considerably higher than that. **Commissioner Hadden** said we might need to split our money market account into two separate accounts. **Alysia** will discuss these concerns with Fleetwood Bank and update the commission accordingly.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Keiser read the activity report for February 2023.

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| TOWNSHIP       | CALLS      | CITATIONS  | WARNINGS   | CONTACTS   | ARRESTS   | HOURS OF SERVICE |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Maidencreek    | 299        | 107        | 90         | 157        | 5         | 36.68 per day    |
| Ontelaunee     | 178        | 74         | 79         | 142        | 8         | 19.27 per day    |
| Leesport       | 57         | 9          | 10         | 14         | 2         | 4.73 per day     |
| Administrative | 17         |            |            |            |           |                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>551</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>15</b> |                  |

FUEL: 1053.246 Gallons

MILEAGE: 9,380

FINES COLLECTED

**Maidencreek - \$4021.19    Ontelaunee - \$2814.47    Leesport - \$156.57    TOTAL \$6992.23**

**CRASHES: Maidencreek - 14 (7 Reportable/6 Non Reportable/1 Hit & Run)  
Ontelaunee - 18 (8 Reportable/9 Non Reportable/1 Hit & Run)  
Leesport - 7 (5 Reportable/2 Non Reportable/0 Hit & Run)**

**Chief Keiser** mentioned that the amount of time Leesport received in February was very low. He has made efforts to devote more time to Leesport, including a traffic detail that was conducted on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There are also various traffic OT assignments that will be held in March/April, funded through the Highway Safety Network. These assignments will be focused on Leesport and Ontelaunee. **Commissioner Hadden** said that all of 73 until you reach the 222 bypass is a constant source of speed violations. He said that the Ontelaunee Road crew can paint lines for speed timing wherever the department would like them. **Chief Keiser** discussed the importance of radar and that Pennsylvania is not permitted to utilize radar. He said that there are many spots that are not feasible to conduct speed timing using our current equipment (Enradd, stopwatches).

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Eric Bauman, Maidencreek Township, asked if there were any progress updates on the left turning arrow at 73 and 222. **Commissioner Franke** said that he heard that PennDOT is not considering it at this point, but will re-evaluate in the future.

Dean Boyer, Maidencreek Township spoke about a boat that was parked on Colonial Court. He said that he was initially concerned with the lack of response from both the township and the department, but was pleased with the officer response to the situation today, March 13<sup>th</sup>. **Chief Keiser** said that the parking complaint was handled by an officer on the date of the initial call. The officer did not call the complainant because there was no call back requested and a parking complaint would not require the officer to do so. An abandoned vehicle sticker is placed on the "vehicle" and that gives the owner a 10 day window to remove the vehicle. Pat Moyer, Maidencreek Township, said that the

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Officers' who were out today to address the situation were very nice. She questioned whether the 10 day window would be from the date of her initial call or from today. Chief Keiser said he would talk to the officers who responded today to follow up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ethics Statements:** Admin. Assistant **Alysia Fredericks** reminded the commissioners and alternates to complete and submit their ethics statements to her.

**National Night Out 2023:** Admin. Assistant **Alysia Fredericks** said that the 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting would be held in the next few weeks. We will be joined by Bern Township this year. Commissioner Hadden and Chief Keiser attended the most recent Schuylkill Valley school board meeting. The school will once again serve as host for our event and waive all facilities/grounds fees. **Commissioner Franke** suggested that we also reach out to the Fleetwood School District, in regards to student volunteers for the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Chief Keiser** shared that he has no updates as far as the new police vehicles are concerned. He is still waiting on a progress report from the dealership. We are also still waiting on the holsters and the handguns that were ordered from the Officer Store. The department already has a qualification and training program set up for when we receive the handgun order.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

In regards to the parking tickets that we have been discussing, **Commissioner Hadden** wanted to make sure that the slightly different verbiage on the Maiden creek ordinance compared to that of the Ontelaunee and Leesport ordinances would not be a problem. **Solicitor Gerber** advised that would not be an issue, but we need to wait for Maiden creek to enact their ordinance at their next meeting before presenting and adopting a resolution at the commission meeting. **Commissioner Hadden** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** for Chief Keiser to set up and purchase the parking tickets. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** **Commissioner Franke** said that we would be having an executive session, but no official business or actions would be taken after the session so we can adjourn the meeting at this point.

**ADJOURN:** **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Hadden** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Alysia Fredericks*  
NBRPD Administrative Assistant

CC: NBRPD Commission & Alternates  
Hunter Ahrens, Maiden creek Township Manager  
Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary  
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary  
Christopher Gerber, Solicitor