

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 12, 2023**

ATTENDING: Dave Franke – Maiden creek Commissioner, Gary Hadden – Ontelaunee Commissioner, Jim Moquin – Leesport Alternate, Josh Meck – Maiden creek Alternate, Chris Gerber – Solicitor, Det. Sgt. Robert Wood - OIC (Officer in Charge), Alysia Fredericks – Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Eric Bauman, Donna Culp, Paul Miley, Amanda Miley, Officer Gregory Falk

Commissioner Franke called the June 12, 2023 Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. He announced that there would be an executive session held after the adjournment of tonight’s meeting, with no action to be taken afterwards.

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

FOR THE RECORD: Nothing

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

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

Money Market	\$522,390.61	Tompkins Vist	\$159,917.40
General Checking	\$17,844.92	NNO	\$9,735.80
Payroll	\$61,758.47		
Total Budget Bal.	\$601,994.00		

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by **Alternate Moquin** to approve the May 2023 Treasurer’s report as presented. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORT: Det. Sgt. Wood read the activity report for May 2023.

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maiden creek	312	82	72	125	2	28.7 per day
Ontelaunee	209	62	74	116	3	21.3 per day
Leesport	90	72	20	45	0	7 per day
Administrative	35					
TOTAL	646	216	166	286	5	

FUEL: 1137.68 gallons

MILEAGE: 10,299

CRASHES: Maiden creek – 12 (4 Reportable/7 Non Reportable/1 Hit & Run)

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**Ontelaunee - 13 (3 Reportable/9 Non Reportable/1 Hit & Run)
Leesport - 12 (4 Reportable/8 Non Reportable/0 Hit & Run)**

On May 30, 2023, Officer Dillman conducted a truck detail with other departments and agencies on South Centre Avenue at Peach Street. Statistics from this 5 hour detail, which ran from 7am until noon were:

- 40 trucks inspected
- 63 violations
- 28 citations
- 10 vehicles put out of service
- 1 driver put out of service

This detail involved both Level 1 and Level 3 inspectors, along with state and federal agencies.

Jim Moquin, Leesport Borough Alternate, thanked Det. Sgt. Wood for placing the speed signs on Main Street. He also reported that the crooked sign pole across from the church has been fixed and requested a speed sign to be moved there in the future. Commissioner Franke asked if the department still has the machine that does traffic counts. Det. Sgt. Wood said that we do, but it no longer takes a charge. Our current speed signs do traffic counts, but do not differentiate between types of vehicle. Commissioner Franke asked for a sign to be moved near the fire company on Wesner Road in Maiden creek Township. He said Maiden creek is hoping to get some additional speed signs through a grant. Det. Sgt. Wood stressed the importance of getting solar signs versus battery operated. There was also discussion about mounts, so that the signs can be easily moved from location to location. In regards to speed timing, the Chief sent out emails to see where the officers would like lines painted.

The officers have been issuing our new parking tickets. There have not been any complaints and people are paying on time. Most people were unaware of the violation, so the tickets are a good way of educating.

Josh Meck, Maiden creek Alternate said that he is noticing issues in regards to e-bikes and scooters. There are more on the roads lately and it might be good to put some information on Facebook in regards to rules for operating them.

Glock Training/Qualifications Update: Det. Sgt. Wood discussed the recent Glock training that was set up by Officer Dillman. The training and qualifications were done at the Muhlenberg range. Officer Falk was the first officer to complete the course, due to being a member of BCERT. It was a full day of training and all of the officers found it very educational and beneficial. Everyone did exceptionally well with the course. Commissioner Hadden asked about our ammunition supply. Our ammunition is fully stocked and stored in our armory. Donna Culp asked if we will have training every year. Det. Sgt.

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Wood said that Chief Keiser would like to hold multiple trainings throughout the year. Jim Moquin said it seems as if the officers are very pleased with the new Glocks. Commissioner Hadden asked if the department still uses the range at the quarry. Det. Sgt. Wood said that we do, but this specific training required the use of multiple lanes, which the Muhlenberg Range has and ours does not. It would be nice if we could look at a new range location for our department in the future, but for now we have a nice relationship with Muhlenberg and are able to utilize their range when running more advanced courses.

Commissioner Franke asked if the department still uses the ENRADD. Det. Sgt. Wood said that Officers Dillman and Drazenovich often set it up and utilize it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dress Uniforms: Officer Falk and Chief Keiser went to Tactical Wear in Lancaster and looked at various pieces that would comprise a dress uniform. The department does not currently have dress uniforms. The patrol uniform that the officers wear for all of their shifts is all that the department currently has. When attending various ceremonies, events, funerals, the only option is to wear this patrol uniform. Chief Keiser put together an option for a Northern Berks dress uniform and Tactical Wear prepared a quote. At this point in time, we would need to order uniforms for 13 officers, coming to a total of \$7,863.70. Going forward, dress uniforms would be ordered after an officer completes probation. The commissioners voiced that they are in favor of dress uniforms, as the department is a representation of the municipalities.

Alternate Moquin made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Hadden** to purchase dress uniforms for all of the current department officers. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Applications/Hiring: Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks said that the deadline for turning in employment applications has passed and we had a good amount of completed applications returned to the department. The next step will be to decide on a date to conduct interviews. After that, the background checks will need to be completed.

Parking Tickets Update: Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks said that they are being issued and paid in a timely manner. Checks will probably be distributed to the municipalities on a quarterly basis.

National Night Out 2023 - Updates from June Planning Meeting: Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks said that there was a meeting held on June 7 and the next meeting will be held on July 5, 2023. It is shaping up to be a great event again this year.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Paul and Amanda Wiley of 66 Loose Lane, Leesport (Ontelaunee Township) spoke about speeding issues that are occurring on Loose Lane. Det. Sgt. Wood said that one of the digital speed signs could be moved there. Paul Miley said that the speeding is occurring in both directions. Commissioner Hadden said that the township cannot put speed bumps on the road and it is too short of a stretch to place the ENRADD. There is more traffic and more residents, especially from the Harvest development. With permission from the Miley's, it was agreed that an officer will utilize their driveway to sit and have a presence in the area.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing

ADJOURN: **Commissioner Hadden** made a motion, seconded by **Alternate Moquin** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

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