

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

ATTENDING: Dave Franke - Maiden creek Commissioner, Ron Strause - Leesport Commissioner, Gary Hadden - Ontelaunee Commissioner, Josh Meck - Maiden creek Alternate, Chief Jim Keiser, Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks

GUESTS: Donna Culp

Commission Alternate Meck called the October 24, 2023 Budget Workshop to order at 5:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

2024 Draft Budget - Discussion: Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks distributed packets of information to assist with the discussion of the 2024 Draft Budget. The budget was broken down into the following sections: personnel, insurance, operating costs, vehicle maintenance, and headquarters. The costs for personnel are largely determined by the current contract. Under the insurance section, the most significant area of increase was under medical insurance, as healthcare costs are increasing nationwide. Under operating costs, it was decided to increase the equipment replacement/repair budget to enter a 5 year payment program to fund the replacement of all department Tasers. The vehicle maintenance section included \$60,000.00 for the purchase of a new vehicle in 2024. No significant changes under the headquarters section. After all sections of the 2024 draft budget were discussed in detail, Fredericks will make all the proposed changes and then present the revised draft budget at the November 13, 2023 police commission meeting.

ADJOURN: **Commissioner Hadden** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:35 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