

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2024**

**ATTENDING:** Dave Franke – Maidencreek Commissioner, Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Chuck Grebloski – Ontelaunee Commissioner, Josh Meck – Maidencreek Alternate, Josh Steingraber – Ontelaunee Alternate, Jim Moquin – Leesport Alternate, Chris Gerber – Solicitor, Chief Jim Keiser, Alysia Fredericks – Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** Eric Bauman, Donna Culp, Joe Farley, Robert Wood, Jr.

Commissioner Franke called the January 8, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence occurred during the reorganization meeting that preceded the regular meeting. Commissioner Franke said that the meeting would be starting off with an executive session.

Meeting was resumed at 7:00 PM.

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

**FOR THE RECORD:** Nothing

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:** Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Franke to approve the December 11, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Grebloski abstained. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The December 2023 Treasurer’s report was given by Alysia Fredericks –  
 Money Market = \$474,347.38                      Tompkins VIST = \$122,057.69  
 Checking = \$36,381.80                              NNO = \$11,019.51  
Payroll = \$2,771.43  
 Total Budgeted Balance = \$513,500.61

**Fredericks** also mentioned that she provided copies of the Compiled Financial Statements and Agreed Upon Procedures for the fiscal year of 2022 to each of the commissioners prior to the start of the meeting. These were prepared by Long Barrell, Certified Public Accountants.

**Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to approve the December 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

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

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>CALLS</b>	<b>CITATIONS</b>	<b>WARNINGS</b>	<b>CONTACTS</b>	<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>HOURS OF SERVICE</b>
Maidencreek	265	66	71	116	1	26.4 Per Day
Ontelaunee	182	57	42	74	1	22.1 Per Day
Leesport	55	19	9	20	0	5.8 Per Day
Administrative	23					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2</b>	

FUEL: 1,035 gallons

MILEAGE: 9,418 miles

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CRASHES: 33 - Maiden creek: 20 (9 reportable, 6 non-reportable, 5 hit and run)  
Ontelaunee: 11 (6 reportable, 5 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)  
Leesport: 2 (1 reportable, 1 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)

Vehicles #2 and #3 are back from Savage 61 and have new engines and front axles.

Chief Keiser also prepared a 2023 – Year in Review report. 2 NBRPD officers were given the Life Saving Award for their efforts during the flooding in Maiden creek Township. Another officer saved a man’s life the Saturday before Christmas. In personnel, a new officer was hired at the end of October and 2 officers were promoted to the position of corporal. New handguns were issued in 2023 – the Glock Model 45 with Aimpoint ACRO. It was also approved to purchase upgraded Tasers, which will be issued in 2024. In technology, the department implemented a new computer evidence system.

2023 Statistics: NBRPD officers responded to 7,407 calls for service and provided 21,307 hours of service between the 3 municipalities. While patrolling and responding to calls, officers drove 112,649 miles. 105 arrests were made and 2,069 traffic citations were issued. Fines received from citations and arrests for 2023 totaled \$69,844.39 with the following municipal breakdowns: Maiden creek - \$29,526.80, Ontelaunee - \$27,093.22 and Leesport - \$13,225.17.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Donna Culp asked if the department received any of the new vehicles, yet. Chief Keiser said that we will discuss the fleet updates under Old Business. Joe Farley asked if there would be any extra measures in place for the upcoming elections. Chief Keiser responded that uniformed police officers are not allowed to be at the polls.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fleet Update – In 2023, NBRPD was approved to purchase 3 vehicles. We have received the 2023 white Ford Explorer, which has already been up-fitted, but still needs to be decaled. The 2023 black Ford Explorer has also arrived, but needs complete up-fitting and decals. The Ford F150 is being up-fitted and we should have that by the end of January. Once all vehicles have been completely up-fitted and have graphics, they will be on the street. Once this occurs, we will be placing 3 vehicles up for auction on Municibid. Sgt. Showalter did have an accident a few nights ago, so his vehicle is currently out of service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Consideration of Motion to Tender Offer of Employment – **Commissioner Franke** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to tender an offer of employment as a full-time police officer to Jeffrey Yordy subject to a one-year probationary period at an annual salary of \$86,178.12 with a start date of January 23, 2024. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Commissioner Franke said that with the addition of Officer Yordy, NBRPD will have a full complement of officers.

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**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grebloski 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  
Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Township Manager  
Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary  
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary  
Chris Gerber, Solicitor