

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2024**

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

**GUESTS:** Eric Bauman, Donna Culp, Mike Schittler

Commissioner Franke called the March 11, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**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 Grebloski to approve the February 12, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The February 2024 Treasurer’s report was given by Alysia Fredericks –  
Money Market = \$390,608.02                          Tompkins VIST = \$69,097.90  
Checking = \$15,911.92                                  NNO = \$11,019.51  
Payroll = \$2,771.43  
Total Budgeted Balance = \$409,291.37

Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grebloski to approve the February 2024 Treasurer’s Report as presented. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Alternate Meck asked if everything is on track YTD budget wise. Fredericks answered that we are right on pace with the budget for the year. Equipment replacement/repair is running high as this is a tough budget item to anticipate, but there are other budget items that are trending under budget, so we are still fine.

Commissioner Franke had a question about VASCAR. Chief Keiser said that the department uses VSpec. Officer Yordy has recently gotten certified on the stopwatch and ENRADD. Chief Keiser said that NBRPD, Muhlenberg, and Bern Township PD’s would like to collaborate with a State Trooper with radar to run a speed detail.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Keiser read the report for February 2024.

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maidencreek	369	56	80	132	3	30 Per Day
Ontelaunee	264	51	68	112	6	27 Per Day
Leesport	83	16	21	32	1	7 Per Day
Administrative	51					
TOTAL	767	123	169	276	10	

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FUEL: 1,121 gallons                      MILEAGE: 10,157 miles  
CRASHES: 44 - Maiden creek: 19 (10 reportable, 9 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)  
                  Ontelaunee: 21 (9 reportable, 11 non-reportable, 1 hit and runs)  
                  Leesport: 4 (2 reportable, 2 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)

**Chief Keiser** said that two of the new vehicles have been deployed. The F-150 has lighting on the tailgate, but additional lights will be installed over the wheel wells to increase visibility/safety. The new company that we have used for the upfitting of the vehicles has been very helpful. The black Explorer is currently getting decals and will then be sent to be upfitted.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** **Commissioner Grebloski** asked if the reported arrests could be broken down further to describe the type of crime committed. This is something that he, as a supervisor, would like to know. Chief Keiser said he will provide more detail for the arrests.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Commissioner Franke** said that Maiden creek Township is interested in one of NBRPD's out of service vehicles for their road crew. Chief Keiser said that out of service Vehicle #1 is the better of the two Explorers and is ready to be sold. Franke said that the road crew would be able to remove all of the decals and turn the light bar to yellow, as it will be a municipal vehicle. The commission would need to agree on a price for the sale of the vehicle from NBRPD to Maiden creek Township. The municipalities will discuss it at their respective meetings. This will be put on the police commission agenda for April.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2024 IACP Conference – Boston:** **Chief Keiser** said that the conference will be held October 18-22 and he would like approval to attend the conference. A rough look at costs for the hotel and flight are about \$2,500. If he is approved to attend, he will do more research on prices and will have an amount to be approved at the April commission meeting. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to approve Chief Keiser to attend the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Boston, MA. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

**Ethics Statements:** **Alysia Fredericks** reminded the commission to hand in their ethics statements, if they have not already done so.

**National Night Out 2024:** **Alysia Fredericks** said that the participating Chiefs and a few members of the committee will be having a meeting to discuss/approve a venue for the 2024 event. Due to the increasing size of the event and the collaboration of multiple departments, we need to obtain a larger event space with sufficient parking. While Schuylkill Valley High School campus was an ideal location and centrally located, it has become increasingly difficult to accommodate all of the participating businesses, non-profits, first responders, etc, while having enough parking. We are hoping to find a venue that provides ample space and parking to fulfill the growing needs of the event, as each year it has gotten larger.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Nothing

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**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Grebloski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Alysia Fredericks*

NBRPD Administrative Assistant

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