## NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE **COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 8, 2024**

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

**GUESTS**: Mike Schittler, Heather Hanna

Commissioner Franke called the April 8, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alternate Steingraber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the agenda. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Nothing

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by Alternate Steingraber to approve the March 11, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March 2024 Treasurer's report was given by Alysia Fredericks -

Money Market = \$562,176.44

Tompkins VIST = \$65,029.62

Checking = \$15,813.20

NNO = \$11,019.51

Payroll = \$2,771.43

Total Budgeted Balance = \$580,761.07

Alternate Steingraber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the March 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maidencreek	439	101	103	166	3	32 Per Day
Ontelaunee	236	55	72	116	7	27 Per Day
Leesport	105	26	23	34	1	7 Per Day
Administrative	e <b>68</b>					
TOTAL	848	182	198	316	11	
FUEL: 1,292 gallons		MILEAGE: 11,945 miles				

CRASHES: 49 - Maidencreek: 22 (4 reportable, 17 non-reportable, 1 hit and run)

Ontelaunee: 24 (8 reportable, 14 non-reportable, 2 hit and runs)

Leesport: 3 (0 reportable, 3 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)

Chief Keiser also separated the arrests into Part 1 and Part 2 crimes, as suggested by Commissioner Grebloski at the March meeting. Maidencreek was all Part 2 crime, Ontelaunee had 1 drug arrest – a Part 1 crime and the rest were Part 2 crimes and Leesport was all Part 2 crimes.

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**Alternate Steingraber** asked about the status of the fleet. **Chief Keiser** said that 1 vehicle is still at the upfitters waiting on parts. He said that there is nothing left in the budget for another new vehicle to be added during 2024, but that the department would like to purchase 1 or 2 new vehicles in 2025.

**Alternate Steingraber** asked how staffing is. **Chief Keiser** said that Officer Venegas just came off of FTO and we are fully staffed.

**Alternate Steingraber** asked how the monthly call total of 848 stacks up historically as compared to the past 3 years. **Chief Keiser** said that it doesn't appear to be a drastic increase, but he does not have the numbers in front of him and will research this for the next meeting.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**: Heather Hanna of Ontelaunee Township introduced herself as a candidate for the PA House Legislative District 5. She has attended the township meetings and wanted to attend a police commission meeting as she has a lot of respect for police. **Commissioner Franke** said that there is a lack of police/fire/EMS representation in Harrisburg. Ms. Hanna said that police officers are trained to do specific things and the public is now expecting police officers to do things that they are not trained for, which is asking for too much.

**Alternate Meck** said that he received a phone call from Maidencreek TV & Appliance in regards to illegal dumping that is occurring on their property. **Chief Keiser** stressed the importance of calling these types of complaints in to dispatch so that they can be properly documented and responded to.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ethics Statements - Need to be handed in by the end of April.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>National Night Out 2024 – new venue</u> – **Alysia Fredericks** said that the event will be held at the Berks County Fair Grounds, located at 1216 Hilltop Road, Leesport. This is a significantly larger event space, which will enable us to continue to grow the event. It also offers multiple covered spaces, which will offer weather protection.

**2024 IACP Conference – Boston**: **Chief Keiser** prepared a list of expenses for hotel, registration and flights, which equals \$3,500.00. A lot of the hotels had already reached booking capacity for the conference, so the cost of the available hotel is a bit higher than anticipated. This price does not account for meals or transportation while at the conference. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Alternate Steingraber** for Chief Keiser to attend the 2024 IACP conference in Boston, MA with expenses not to exceed \$4,200.00. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Out of Service vehicle - **Alternate Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to sell an out of service Ford Explorer to Maidencreek Township for \$1. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing

<u>ADJOURN:</u> Alternate Steingraber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:26 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