NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MAY 13, 2024

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

GUESTS: Robert Wood, Jr.

Commissioner Franke called the May 13, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 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 Grebloski made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to approve the April 8, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Money Market = \$416,928.36

Tompkins VIST = \$65,031.21

Checking = \$41,779.96

NNO = \$10,822.51

Payroll = \$62,057.60

Total Budgeted Balance = \$520,765.92

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

DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Keiser read the report for April 2024.

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maidencreek	381	89	62	117	9	34 Per Day
Ontelaunee	323	125	64	141	4	28 Per Day
Leesport	120	41	23	47	1	7 Per Day
Administrative	106					
TOTAL	930	255	149	305	14	
FUEL: 1,273 gallons		MILEAGE: 11,381 miles				

CRASHES: 41 - Maidencreek: 19 (7 reportable, 9 non-reportable, 3 hit and run)

Ontelaunee: 19 (7 reportable, 8 non-reportable, 4 hit and runs) Leesport: 3 (2 reportable, 1 non-reportable, 0 hit and runs)

Chief Keiser also researched the number of calls in 2024 versus 2023. The department is up 36% in call volume as compared to last year at this time. January was up 12%, February was up 39%, March was up 49% and April was up 36%. Some of the increase in call volume is due to Berks DES requiring officers to call in all of their traffic stops for officer safety purposes. We also have 2 new officers, which generates more traffic stops, vehicle contacts, etc. **Chief Keiser** said that we are still

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waiting on the upfitting to be completed on the supervisor vehicle. Also, the truck will be getting lights on the side for extra visibility.

Chief Keiser then reported the type of crimes for April – Maidencreek had 4 Part 1 crimes and 7 Part 2 crimes, Ontelaunee had 1 Part 1 crime and 6 Part 2 crimes, Leesport had 1 Part 1 crime and 2 Part 2 crimes.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Detective Sergeant Wood spoke about the online supervisor course that he attended through Northwestern University from March 4 – April 26. He said that the course required a lot of critical thinking and was very well worth the cost. He worked with officers from all over the country on assignments and problem solving exercises. He wanted to thank the commission for the opportunity. Chief Keiser said that the professor actually called him to say what an asset NBRPD has in Det. Sgt. Wood. Sergeant Showalter will also be taking the course later this year.

Alternate Josh Meck asked about whether or not the department is planning on purchasing new cars in 2025. Chief Keiser said we should consider 2 new vehicles next year. Meck said to take a look at the budget and if we are trending under budget, we could possibly act on a new vehicle sooner. The department is looking to switch over to all Ford vehicles, so Chief Keiser will contact Manderbach for vehicle prices.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>National Night Out</u> – The new yard signs that advertise the event say "First Tuesday in August". This will enable us to save money by reusing the signs from year to year. This year, we have a website for the event. Interested businesses and groups can visit northernberkscountyNNO.com and complete their registration electronically.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chief Keiser reminded everyone that there are a lot of motorcycles out, so be aware and keep grass clippings out of the roadway.

<u>ADJOURN:</u> Commissioner Grebloski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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