# NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2024

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

**GUESTS**: Donna Culp, Dr. Ed Hanna, Alexandre Snyder

Commissioner Franke called the October 14, 2024 Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Before breaking to executive session, Commissioner Franke allowed members of the audience to present their business to the commission. Dr. Ed Hanna, campaign chair for Heather Hanna District 5 read a statement prepared by Ms. Hanna in regards to concerns she had with the distribution of political literature and signs at the National Night Out event. Commissioner Franke said that we will make sure that we address these concerns prior to the 2025 event.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session was held from 6:06 PM – 7:40 PM to discuss personnel.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>: Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Grebloski to approve the agenda. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Nothing

<u>COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:</u> Commissioner Grebloski made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the September 9, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Money Market = \$323,969.20

Tompkins VIST = \$65,039.37

Checking = \$45,006.19

NNO = \$10,278.36

Payroll = \$2,678.05

Total Budgeted Balance = \$371,653.44

**Fredericks** noted that the pension contribution from the state in the amount of \$150,997.32 was received and deposited into the money market account on 9/25/24. A check in the same amount was written and sent to the NBRPD pension fund.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Keiser reported the number of calls for service per municipality for September 2024. A full activity report for the month was distributed to each person in attendance. **TOWNSHIP CALLS CITATIONS WARNINGS CONTACTS ARRESTS HOURS OF SERVICE** 

Maidencreek	329	77	65	108	3	30 Per Day
Ontelaunee	321	62	50	83	6	28 Per Day

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Leesport	96	15	26	35	1	7 Per Day
Administrative	25					
Other	64					
TOTAL	835	154	141	226	10	
FUEL: 1,172 gallons		MILEAGE: 9,899 miles				

CRASHES: 25 - Maidencreek: 13 (8 reportable, 5 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)
Ontelaunee: 10 (3 reportable, 6 non-reportable, 1 hit and run)
Leesport: 2 (0 reportable, 2 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)

Chief Keiser mentioned that the officers are stopping for jake break violations in Maidencreek Township. NBRPD officers assisted with highway closures for the Trump visit to Reading. The department also responded to a major incident at the Schuylkill Valley High School. Commissioner Franke asked if OT assignments could be posted to focus on specific concerns in Maidencreek Township. He said the Township would compensate for these "details". If this is something the department could do, he will bring it to a township meeting for approval. Chief Keiser said yes.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

National Night Out 2024 Recap – There will be a meeting with all of the involved Chiefs to discuss some pros and cons of the 2024 event. Overall, most of the feedback from attendees was positive. Everyone seemed very pleased with the new location.

<u>Budget Workshop Dates</u> – We will be holding budget workshops on October 24 and November 6 at 6 PM in the Ontelaunee Township meeting room. These dates will be advertised.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

<u>Approve 2025 MMO – Police Pension</u> –**Alysia Fredericks** explained that the MMO or Minimum Municipal Obligation is the smallest amount an employer must contribute to a pension plan established for its employees. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to approve the 2025 MMO. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion Carried.

<u>Consider motion to order replacement portable radio batteries</u> – **Chief Keiser** presented the quotes that were prepared by Impact Power Technologies LLC for two types of rechargeable radio batteries. **Commissioner Grebloski** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to purchase 20 rechargeable lithium ion batteries for a total cost of \$2,245.00. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Consider motion to accept proposal for copier replacement – **Alysia Fredericks** presented a quote from S.O.S. Business Machines, Inc. to replace the current patrol room copier (11 years old) with a reconditioned CANON Color Adv iRC5535i II digital copier (35PPM). **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to purchase a reconditioned unit in the amount of \$2,600.00 from S.O.S. Business Machines, Inc. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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<u>Discussion of SRO's (School Resource Officers) and the Schuylkill Valley School District</u> – **Commissioner Franke** said that we would table this discussion until we have additional information from the school district.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing

<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 8:04 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