

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

ATTENDING: Josh Meck – Maiden creek Commissioner, Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Chuck Grebloski – Ontelaunee Commissioner, Dave Franke – Maiden creek Alternate, Martin Goetz – Leesport Alternate, Chief Jim Keiser, Solicitor Colin Macfarlane, Administrative Assistant Alysia Fredericks

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Angel Toro, Anthony Vaillant

Commissioner Grebloski called the February 10, 2025 Commission Meeting to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

Commissioner Grebloski announced that the commission would be having an executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel.

Commissioner Grebloski called the meeting back to order at 7:03 PM.

FOR THE RECORD: There was an executive session held after the adjournment of the January 13 commission meeting to discuss personnel.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meck to approve the January 13, 2025 Reorganization Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried. Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meck to approve the January 13, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The January 2025 Treasurer's report was given by Alysia Fredericks –

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| Money Market = \$282,406.28 | Tompkins VIST = \$65,045.93 |
| Checking = \$13,250.31 | NNO = \$9,406.46 |
| <u>Payroll = \$2,643.05</u> | |
| Total Budgeted Balance = \$298,299.64 | |

Fredericks also mentioned that the Commissioners were provided copies of the compilation and the agreed upon procedures that were done for the 2023 financial year by Long Barrell & Co, LTD, Certified Public Accountants.

Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meck to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Keiser read the January 2025 activity report.

| TOWNSHIP | CALLS | CITATIONS | WARNINGS | CONTACTS | ARRESTS | HOURS OF SERVICE |
|--------------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Maiden creek | 365 | 55 | 49 | 96 | 2 | 27 Per Day |

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| Ontelaunee | 278 | 63 | 44 | 88 | 4 | 27 Per Day |
| Leesport | 88 | 13 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 6 Per Day |
| Administrative | 19 | | | | | |
| Other | 28 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 778 | 131 | 103 | 203 | 6 | |
| FUEL: 1,096 gallons | | MILEAGE: 10,189 miles | | | | |
| CRASHES: 53 - Maiden creek: 22 (7 reportable, 14 non-reportable, 1 hit and run) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Ontelaunee: 24 (12 reportable, 11 non-reportable, 1 hit and run) |
| | | | | | | Leesport: 7 (4 reportable, 3 non-reportable, 0 hit and run) |

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

First Response Emergency Lighting – Breach of Contract – **Commissioner Grebloski** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** that the Northern Berks Regional Police Department, in conjunction with the Berks County District Attorneys’ Office and any other District Attorneys’ offices pertaining to this issue, pursue charges against the owner of First Response Emergency Lighting, Darrell Cornett Jr. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried. **Commissioner Meck** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to take any and all necessary actions in working with any District Attorneys’ offices to investigate any associates of Mr. Cornett in this matter. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Yordy – Completion of Probation Period – **Commissioner Meck** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Grebloski** to approve Officer Yordy as a full-time non-probationary officer. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Vaillant – Decision on Outside Employment Grievance – **Commissioner Grebloski** said that Officer Vaillant is interested in seeking outside employment as a part time police officer. Officer Vaillant asserts that this other job would not interfere with his duties as an NBRPD officer. Commissioner Grebloski questioned what Officer Vaillant would do if he made an arrest for his part-time job and court would fall on a day he was scheduled at Northern Berks and vice versa. Officer Vaillant answered that court would be during the daytime and his employment is in the evenings. Commissioner Grebloski asked what would happen if Officer Vaillant was injured while on patrol at his other job? He also asked what would happen if Officer Vaillant received disciplinary action at his other police job that would then effect his full time position with Northern Berks? Solicitor MacFarlane clarified that Commissioner Grebloski and the commission believe that secondary employment as a police officer creates a risk and a conflict. Corporal Toro explained that the part time police position that Officer Vaillant is seeking would be a few hours here and there to enforce traffic. If there was ever an issue between work and court, he could request a continuance. Corporal Toro understands the risk of injury with a part time police position, but believes such concerns should have been stated in the CBA. The current CBA features plain language that doesn’t explicitly state that Officer Vaillant cannot seek outside employment. The commissioners stated

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that there is a greater risk of severe injury and danger involved in being a full time police officer in one department and a part time police officer in another department. **Commissioner Grebloski** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to deny Officer Vaillants' grievance requesting secondary employment as a part time police officer and to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to that effect. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Coporal Toro formally requested that the original copy of the grievance be filled out and returned with the letter from the solicitor.

Commissioner Strause stated that if ICE would happen to come into our jurisdiction, he wants it on the record that NBRPD will cooperate with federal agencies.

ADJOURN: **Commissioner Meck** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:29 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
Colin Macfarlane, Solicitor