

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE  
COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2025**

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

**GUESTS:** Donna Culp, Ruth Manmiller, Scott Eaken, Dawn Geschwindt, Eric Bauman, Mark DeBlasi

Commissioner Grebloski called the April 14, 2025 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 Meck to approve the agenda. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

**FOR THE RECORD:** There was an executive session held after the adjournment of the March 10 commission meeting to discuss pending litigation/personnel issue re: Officer Vaillant's Grievance Appeal.

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:** Commissioner Meck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the March 10, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Money Market = \$281,434.91           | Tompkins VIST = \$65,049.09 |
| Checking = \$14,040.49                | NNO = \$9,392.68            |
| Payroll = <u>\$2,643.05</u>           |                             |
| Total Budgeted Balance = \$298,118.45 |                             |

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Keiser read the March 2025 activity report.

| TOWNSHIP       | CALLS | CITATIONS | WARNINGS | CONTACTS | ARRESTS | HOURS OF SERVICE |
|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Maidencreek    | 387   | 83        | 45       | 99       | 1       | 28 Per Day       |
| Ontelaunee     | 317   | 103       | 63       | 139      | 9       | 26 Per Day       |
| Leesport       | 100   | 22        | 5        | 22       | 4       | 7 Per Day        |
| Administrative | 24    |           |          |          |         |                  |
| Other          | 33    |           |          |          |         |                  |
| TOTAL          | 861   | 208       | 113      | 260      | 14      |                  |

FUEL: 1,089 gallons      MILEAGE: 9,306 miles

CRASHES: 32 - Maidencreek: 15 (5 reportable, 10 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)  
Ontelaunee: 12 (1 reportable, 9 non-reportable, 2 hit and run)  
Leesport: 5 (2 reportable, 3 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)

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**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:**

MOU for Patrol of Schuylkill Valley High School during Remainder of '24-'25 School Year – Alysia Fredericks reported that the MOU went into effect at the end of March. Officers are working 8 hour shifts in the SVSD approximately 3 times a week.

Supervisor Vehicle – Alysia Fredericks reported that the supervisor vehicle, which had been involved in a hit and run incident, is repaired and back in service.

New Vehicle Purchase – Alysia Fredericks reported that the vehicle that was approved for purchase during the March meeting has been delivered and will be the next vehicle to be upfitted.

Municipal Auction Results – Alysia Fredericks reported that the Dodge Charger sold for \$8,310.00 and the Ford Explorer sold for \$5,100.00.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Retirement Badge Presentation – Officer Mark DeBlasi - Commissioner Grebloski stated that the Northern Berks Police Commission would like to congratulate Officer DeBlasi for his 33 years of distinguished service. Chief Keiser presented a certificate of appreciation and a retirement badge

Consider Motion to Tender Conditional Offer of Employment to Broc Termini – Tabled

Distribution of the Compliance Audit of the Northern Berks Regional Police Pension Plan completed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General – Alysia Fredericks distributed the Compliance Audit to the commission.

New Vehicle Graphics – Consider motion to spend up to \$1,300 on custom vehicle graphics to be completed by Sign Pros – **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Meck** to spend up to \$1,300 on graphics from Sign Pros. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Presentation of LPR Projects and Quotes – Chief Keiser said that the department would like license plate readers at 3-4 intersections in the jurisdiction. The LPR's take a picture of the plates and store the information. This aids in investigations and is helpful with locating vehicles involved in a multitude of crimes. The software will say if it is a stolen vehicle, has expired registration, etc. The department currently has access to other departments' cameras, but does not currently have any cameras within its own jurisdiction. Det. Sgt. Wood obtained quotes from Flock, Motorola and PlateLogiq (VIPR). This project will require considerable funding and NBRPD would like the permission of the commission to ask local businesses to help financially, as it will benefit them as well. Chief Keiser will also ask John Adams (District Attorney) if his office has any funds available for this project. Commission Alternate Marty Goetz suggested that the prices and budgeting stay with the municipalities for this project so it remains under the domain of the police department and the municipalities. LPR's have been a topic of conversation already within Maiden Creek Township.

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Commission Alternate Dave Franke said that call volume and traffic volume are both going up so this is the next step to keep up with these increases. He asked Chief Keiser to attend the next Maiden Creek Township meeting to continue the discussion on this topic.

Fence Installation – Consider motion to spend up to \$8,000 on the installation of fencing for an onsite police impound area to be installed by Fence & Deck Pros – Tabled

National Night Out 2025 – Alysia Fredericks announced that the event will occur on Tuesday, August 5 from 6-9PM at the Berks County Fairgrounds.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Commission Alternate Dave Franke said that Maiden Creek Township has received complaints about excessive speed on 73 and complaints about issues at the basketball court. They are looking into ways to address the basketball court issue.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meck to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:33 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