

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 9, 2026**

ATTENDING: Josh Meck – Maiden creek Commissioner, Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Josh Steingraber – Ontelaunee Alternate, Martin Goetz - Leesport Alternate, Diane Hollenbach – Maiden creek Alternate, Chief Wayne Holben, Solicitor Colin Macfarlane, Office Manager Alysia Fredericks

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Dawn Geschwindt, Robert Wood, Guy Mohr, Scott Eaken

Commissioner Meck called the March 9, 2026 Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

FOR THE RECORD: There was an executive session held after the adjournment of the February 9, 2026 commission meeting. This session was held to discuss personnel.

APPROVE MINUTES: Alternate Steingraber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the February 9, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The February 2026 Treasurer's report was given by Alysia Fredericks –
Money Market = \$176,771.38 Tompkins VIST = \$65,066.95
Checking = \$24,169.43 NNO = \$5,035.30
Payroll = \$3,746.33
Total Budgeted Balance = \$204,687.14

Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Alternate Steingraber to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Commissioner Meck asked if we had recovered all of our assets from the previous vehicle upfitter. Fredericks answered that he reimbursed us what we were owed for the work that was not completed and we also had our equipment returned.

DEPARTMENT REPORT: The February 2026 activity report was distributed to the commission.

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	CONTACTS	ARRESTS	HOURS OF SERVICE
Maiden creek	364	70	52	83	4	34 Per Day
Ontelaunee	246	40	26	48	1	19 Per Day
Leesport	93	18	14	31	1	9.5 Per Day
Administrative	15					
Other	18					
TOTAL	736	128	92	162	6	

FUEL: 896 gallons

MILEAGE: 8,102 miles

CRASHES: 56 - Maiden creek: 35 (10 reportable, 21 non-reportable, 4 hit and run)

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Ontelaunee: 19 (7 reportable, 12 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)
Leesport: 2 (1 reportable, 1 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Guy Mohr of 12 Calais Drive said that he was at the Ontelaunee Township meeting last Thursday and was told to voice his complaint at the police commission meeting. He has concerns about the amount of truck traffic cutting through the development off of Snyder Road.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief of Police – Ratification of Execution of Employment Agreement – Commissioner Meck introduced Wayne Holben as the new Chief of Police. He was sworn in at Magistrate Strands office this morning. Chief Holben said that he has over 25 years of law enforcement experience and is originally from West Reading. He and his wife grew up in this community and have raised 2 daughters here. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Alternate Steingraber** to ratify the execution of the Chief of Police Employment Agreement. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Commissioner Meck read an email that he received from Joann Chabrol thanking the department for the compassion that they showed her and her son on 11/20/25 when her husband was involved in a fatal crash. She specifically recognized Det. Sgt. Bob Wood, Officer Parks and Officer Shinkus.

Commissioner Meck also thanked the Sergeants for stepping up and running the department during the time period without a Chief.

ADJOURN: **Alternate Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, “Aye”. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:17 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