

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026**

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

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Dawn Geschwindt, Joe Farley, Guy Mohr

Commissioner Meck called the June 8, 2026 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 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 May 11, 2026 Commission meeting to discuss a threatened litigation matter concerning the interpretation of the minimum manning provision in the collective bargaining agreement.

APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Steingraber made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the May 11, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The May 2026 Treasurer's report was given by Alysia Fredericks –

Money Market = \$274,007.20	Tompkins VIST = \$65,071.87
Checking = \$86,737.31	NNO = \$4,710.30
<u>Payroll = \$9,516.46</u>	
Total Budgeted Balance = \$370,260.97	

Commissioner Meck asked what we received a refund for in the amount of \$11,642.00 (Line Item 310.07). Office Manager Fredericks said that she believes it was a refund we received from MRM Trust Workers Compensation Fund, but she will check her records to verify. Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Steingraber to approve the May 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	VEHICLE STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	ARRESTS
Maiden creek	900	92	85	54	5
Ontelaunee	612	61	56	31	5
Leesport	402	56	57	14	0
Administrative	31				
Other	2				
TOTAL	1947	209	198	99	10

CRASHES: 52 - Maiden creek: 26 (9 reportable, 14 non-reportable, 3 hit and run)
Ontelaunee: 19 (5 reportable, 13 non-reportable, 1 hit and run)
Leesport: 7 (2 reportable, 5 non-reportable, 0 hit and run)

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Chief Holben went over some important information from the month of May at NBRPD:

- The use of paper log sheets was discontinued.
- NBRPD created autism backpacks funded by a generous donation from V&M Towing.
- Night shift officers have begun placing door hangers as they check businesses overnight.
- The “Big Boy” train will be coming through Leesport on July 2nd. This is a once in a lifetime event and Leesport is expected to see thousands of visitors in attendance.
- Officer Dillman and Officer Venegas led additional firearms training for the department.
- Tomorrow, June 9th, will be the first community connect event in Leesport at the Bethany EC church from 4-6pm. This is an opportunity for residents to meet the officers.
- There were 4 aggressive driving details held in May, resulting in 42 citations, 2 warnings, 2 truck inspections and 1 truck placed out of service.
- There were 3 DUI checkpoints that NBRPD assisted with.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Donna Culp asked what was going on at Main Street in Blandon. Commissioner Meck answered that it was a super load traveling through the area.

Joe Farley asked if there are any plans in place to deal with large groups of teens on motorbikes stopping traffic and causing chaos, which has occurred in larger cities. He also mentioned the “teenage takeovers” that have happened in other areas. Chief Holben said nothing has occurred in our area. Joe Farley then said there have been issues near Ida Red with kids on dirt bikes. Commissioner Steingraber encouraged Mr. Farley to call when this is occurring and to have as much information as possible, such as clothing description, bike description, and direction of travel.

Guy Mohr, who resides at the corner of Hannibal Lane and Calais, spoke about the trucks cutting through the development. Chief Holben said that officers have been monitoring this area and have stopped multiple trucks. Mr. Mohr said that there are a lot of trash trucks from Berks Transfer cutting through. Chief Holben said he could send a letter to local businesses about the truck restrictions in the neighborhoods.

There was then some discussion about electric scooters and e-bikes. Chief Holben said he would make a Facebook post with some information about the laws surrounding this mode of transportation.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Meck asked if there was any update on the electric bill issues. Officer Manager Fredericks said that the accounts have been successfully switched and the NBRPD is being correctly billed for their usage. Chief Holben and Fredericks said that we have the total dollar amount that NBRPD has paid to Met Ed since 2007, but we do not know the townships total.

NEW BUSINESS:
Consider motion to approve a 2 year subscription to PowerDMS for a cost of \$6,994.95 for Year 1 and \$6,264.30 for Year 2: This document management system would electronically store all documents, training certificates, SOP's, contracts etc. **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Steingraber** to approve this subscription. All commissioners voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

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Consider motion to authorize Chief Holben to send 3 officers to FTO school in 2026: **Commissioner Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to make this authorization. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Consider motion to approve the implementation of a voluntary 457 plan for all NBRPD employees: **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Steingraber** to approve this implementation. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Consider motion to authorize a 3 step tier system for Officer Curilla of patrolman 5th class, Patrolman 3rd class, and Patrolman 1st class, due to his prior full-time police experience: **Commissioner Steingraber** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Strause** to authorize a 3 step tier system for Officer Curilla. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Consider motion to authorize the use of Disruptive Conduct Reports for incidents occurring at rental properties within the borough of Leesport: Commissioner Strause said that Leesport is in the process of going through their ordinances and this is one that is being reviewed. There was no action taken on this item.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Nothing

ADJOURN: **Commissioner Strause** made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Steingraber** to adjourn the meeting. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alysia Fredericks
NBRPD Office Manager

CC: NBRPD Commission & Alternates
Diane Hollenbach, Maiden Creek Township Manager
Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary
Colin Macfarlane, Solicitor