

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

ATTENDING: Josh Meck – Maidencreek Commissioner, Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Josh Steingraber – Ontelaunee Commissioner Diane Hollenbach – Maidencreek Alternate, Marty Goetz – Leesport Alternate, Chief Wayne Holben, Office Manager Alysia Fredericks

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Sandy Pascavage, Cody Madeira

Commissioner Meck called the September 2, 2026 Budget Workshop to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Wayne Holben and Office Manager Alysia Fredericks presented the Personnel and Insurance sections of the 2027 Draft NBRPD budget. Chief Holben stated that he would like to increase the number of NBRPD officers to 18 by hiring 4 officers during the 2027 calendar year. Chief Holben provided the commission members with a Staffing Justification for Four Additional Full-Time Officer Positions document. This staffing request addressed 8 documented operational problems: structural overtime created by call off backfill, a hiring deployment timeline of approximately one year, foreseeable retirements, officer safety, minimum staffing deficiencies and officer wellness, the absence of administrative and investigative capacity, an inability to respond proactively to resident complaints, and the department's current inability to accept additional municipalities seeking regional coverage. The 2027 draft budget was presented based around the addition of these 4 full-time positions. After discussion, the commission asked that a version of the budget with 15 officers and 17 officers be prepared and presented at the next budget workshop on September 21, 2026. During the next workshop, the commissioners will be presented with the remaining sections of the 2027 Draft NBRPD budget: Operating Costs, Vehicle Maintenance, and Headquarters.

Commissioner Meck said that the commission would be holding an executive session immediately following adjournment of the budget workshop to discuss personnel matters.

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 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alysia Fredericks
NBRPD Office Manager

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