

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026**

ATTENDING: Josh Meck – Maiden creek Commissioner, Ronald Strause – Leesport Commissioner, Josh Steingraber – Ontelaunee Commissioner (*note – arrived late – Alternate Ronald Tobias was the voting member for Ontelaunee until Steingraber arrived), Diane Hollenbach – Maiden creek Alternate, Marty Goetz – Leesport Alternate, Ronald Tobias – Ontelaunee Alternate, Chief Wayne Holben, Solicitor Colin Macfarlane, Office Manager Alysia Fredericks

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Guy Mohr

Commissioner Meck called the August 10, 2026 Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

FOR THE RECORD: There was an executive session held after the adjournment of the July 13, 2026 Commission meeting to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVE MINUTES: Alternate Tobias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Strause to approve the July 13, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting minutes. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Money Market = \$387,717.97	Tompkins VIST = \$65,075.13
Checking = \$100,097.18	NNO = \$4,710.30
<u>Payroll = \$3,619.61</u>	
Total Budgeted Balance = \$491,434.76	

Commissioner Meck brought up that we had budgeted for the hire of 2 officers in 2026 and asked if that money was still available under the budget line item 502 "Patrol Officers". Alysia Fredericks clarified that the money is actually under the budget line item 502.1 "Probation". Fredericks also mentioned that we will be choosing 2 budget workshop dates for the month of September.

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

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

TOWNSHIP	CALLS	VEHICLE STOPS	CITATIONS	WARNINGS	ARRESTS
Maiden creek	898	46	39	20	2
Ontelaunee	604	26	35	15	1
Leesport	33	22	17	9	0
Administrative	25				
Other					
TOTAL	1850	94	91	44	3

CRASHES: 39 - Maiden creek: 19 (2 reportable, 15 non-reportable, 2 hit and run)

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Ontelaunee: 16 (5 reportable, 10 non-reportable, 1 hit and run)

Leesport: 4 (0 reportable, 3 non-reportable, 1 hit and run)

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

- We are in the process of setting up PowerDMS and will be going live in Sept/Oct.
- We submitted a grant to the PCCD to enhance technology and to strengthen our recruitment efforts.
- We are currently assisting the ARRO company with a traffic study of Gernants Church Road.
- On July 5th, we attended Maidencreek Family Fun Day. On July 29th, we had our second community connect event in Ontelaunee Township.
- We received a donation from Keystone 4x4
- On August 31st, we will be holding our community connect event in Maidencreek Township from 5-7pm, with treats provided by the Blandon Rita's Italian Ice.
- On July 3rd, we assisted with a DUI checkpoint in Hamburg.
- On July 7th, our department conducted a joint truck detail with Lehigh County, resulting in 26 violations.
- On July 31st, there was aggressive driving enforcement conducted on North Centre Ave in Leesport, resulting in 10 vehicles stopped and 12 violations.
- Concerns addressed during the month included issues at the Graffiti Bridge. NBRPD conducted 8 directed patrols and 4 foot patrols with no issues. A complaint came in regarding trucks on the 100 block of Shackamaxon St. Most of the trucks were from Perdue, so Chief Holben contacted their transportation manager for assistance with this issue.

Commissioner Meck asked if we are having any problems with fleet vehicles. Chief Holben said that we are looking to replace the Chief vehicle this year and another vehicle in 2027.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Donna Culp asked if the budget workshop meetings will be advertised. They will be advertised in the Reading Eagle.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on DA's contribution to the LPR project: The DA's office contributed \$14,600 this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permission for Chief Wayne Holben and Det. Sgt. Robert Wood to attend the CODY Connect Conference on September 13, 14, 15, and 16, at a cost not to exceed \$750 total for both to attend:
Commissioner Strause made a motion, seconded by **Commissioner Steingraber** to approve the CODY conference attendance, not to exceed \$750. All commissioners voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Solicitor Macfarlane noted that we would be holding a brief executive session after adjournment to discuss personnel matters.

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Commissioner Meck mentioned that a Maiden creek resident has noticed and appreciates an increased police presence in the township. He also mentioned that he attended the PSATS conference and will send a summary of important information to the commission.

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 6:16 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