

**NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 5, 2026**

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

GUESTS: Donna Culp, Sandy Pascavage, Bill Dillman, Guy Mohr, David Reimer Sr.

Commissioner Meck called the October 5, 2026 Budget Workshop to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Chief Holben presented a revised version of the 2027 Budget built around 16 law enforcement personnel and 1 office staff member. Additionally, an attachment comparing 2 versions of this budget was distributed. The first version was referred to as “wants” and the second version contained a reduced budget, referred to as “needs”. After going through each potential revision in this attachment, the commissioners asked for the following items to be changed:

- 524 Public Relations: Reduce this item to \$1,000.00
- 532 Recruitment: Reduce this item to \$3,500.00 by removing the cost of sending a recruit to the police academy.
- 533 Radios: Reduce this item to \$30,680.64 by not purchasing a base station or an extra radio.
- 536 Equipment: This item will also be reduced by looking to have AED’s donated rather than purchased. We will also reduce the number of rifle packages to 6, with additional packages to be purchased (if necessary) in 2028.
- 553.04 Vehicle Wash/Clean: Reduce this item to \$800.00
- 556 New Vehicle: Reduce this item by not purchasing a new vehicle in 2027.

Commissioner Meck said that Item 500 Chief Salary should be revised to factor in a 4% raise. 506 Secretary will remain the same, but the commission would like to contribute \$3,500.00 to a 457 plan for the secretary.

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 7:15 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