**Present** – Commissioner Gary Hadden – Ontelaunee Township, Commissioner Joseph Rudderow - Maidencreek Township, Granville Sandridge – Leesport Borough Commissioner, William Klein – Ontelaunee Alternate Commissioner, Chief Scott Eaken, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, Solicitor Ms. Rahman, and Charles Berger – Leesport Borough Alternate.

**Guests:** Diane Hollenbach, Karen Chandler- Reading Eagle, Rick Weand, Kathy Weand, District Attorney John Adams, Brian Horner, Debbie Shantz, Scott Shantz, Brenda Eaken, William Eaken, Louise Eaken, Jessica Swartz, Ryan Swartz, Sean Showalter, David Drazenovich, Steven Hoptley,

Robert Wood, Cristina Wood, Karl Moyer, Kim Naja-Nykwest, Sandra Weiser-Pascavage,

Gary Hadden opened the NBRPD Commission Meeting 11:15 AM and proceeded to call a recess.

During the recess, a light luncheon was served in celebration of Chief Scott W. Eaken’s

retirement April 2, 2017.

Gary Hadden opened NBRPD Commission Meeting the business meeting at 12:10 PM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**For the Record:** This meeting is being audio recorded for the NBRPD Commission.

**MINUTES**

**February 13, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the

February 13, 2017 Commission Meeting. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the February 2017 Treasurer’s report that included the fund balances, year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and bill payments. Granville Sandridge made a motion, seconded by Joseph Rudderow approving the February 2017 Treasurer’s report as presented and to pay all bills. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Eaken read the February 2017 Activity Report and arrests filed;

2/07/17 DUI .136 - Evansville Road & Maidencreek Road, Maidencreek Twp.

2/07/17 DUI .244 - Snyder Road, Ontelaunee Twp.

2/11/17 Theft, Resisting Arrest, DC - Buck Rubs, Ontelaunee Twp.

2/12/17 Crash/Drug Related – Redner’s Lot, Maidencreek Twp.

2/12/17 DUI .176, Speeding - Pottsville Pike North, Ontelaunee Twp.

2/15/17 Gun Burglary (2015) – Trailer Drive, Ontelaunee Twp.

2/16/17 Speeding Vehicle chase - Rt 222 North, Dries Rd., Snyder Road, Ontelaunee & Maidencreek Twp.

2/22/17 DUI .120, Speeding – Allentown Pike North to Schaeffer Road, Maidencreek Twp.

2/23/17 Domestic/Served Warrant – Main St, Leesport Borough

2/26/17 DUI .099, Speeding – Pottsville Pike South – Leesport Borough & Ontelaunee Twp.

2/26/17 Possession/DUI – Cornerstone Drive, Maidencreek Twp.

**CHIEF’S REPORT *Continued*;**

2/27/17 DUI .101, Suspended, 15 scofflaw warrants – Allentown Pike North, Maidencreek Twp.

3/03/17 DUI (refused), Suspended, 3rd DUI, - Pottsville Pike North, Leesport Borough

3/07/17 Theft – Guldin Road, Maidencreek Twp.

3/09/17 H&R Crash, Suspension – Pottsville Pike South, Ontelaunee Twp.

3/12/17 DUI .135, Speeding – Pottsville Pike & Orchard Rd., Ontelaunee Twp.

3/13/17 Possession/Drug Paraphernalia – Guldin Road, Maidencreek Twp.

Additional;

1. Department completed mandatory update training
2. Department completed First Aid, CPR and Taser training
3. Sgt. Showalter and Cpl. Wood are registered to attend POSIT training in May
4. Requested authorization to purchase (1) Bullet Proof Shield - $2,147.80
5. Requested authorization to purchase (14) Tactical Flashlights to attach to hand guns - $1,553.37

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chief to purchase (1) Bullet Proof Shield - $2,147.80 and (14) Tactical Flashlights for the Officers’ hand

guns - $1,553.37. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

The Police Commission, upon Chief Eaken’s recommendation promoted Cpl. Robert Wood to a Sergeant. Granville Sandridge made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden to promote Cpl. Robert Wood to the Sergeant’s position effective immediately. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Granville Sandridge commented that Leesport Borough is very pleased (no complaints) with Northern Berks Regional Police Officers and their service to protect and serve the community. The citation count has improved however; he stressed that it is not all about the fine money it is about public safety.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NBRPD Pension Fund**

Ruth Manmiller presented the Commissioners Conrad Siegel Actuaries’ recommendation to

amend the Mortality Assumptions for the 2017 actuarial valuation report. Recommendation;

Change Prior Assumption “RP2000” to “IRS 2017 Static Combined Table for Small Plans.”

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chairman to sign the approval form to proceed with amending mortality assumption rate. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Eaken reflected on his years as an officer and then Chief of this regional police department. Northern Berks Regional Police Department has become a model for other areas, generating numerious enquiries about the process. He warns them to keep in mind that when forming a regional police department “ it is for the long term, not your term.” This department existed 16 years!

He pointed out that when he became the Chief in June of 2001 a huge budget deficit was realized; which became his first order of business. The next year the Commission and the municipalities received a factual budget required to operate and over the years he saved the tax payers over 1.7 million dollars.

Chief Scott Eaken thanked the Commissioners and the NBRPD Officers for their support.

**“Standing Ovation”**

William Eaken, Chief Eaken’s father thanked the Commissioners for backing him, his wife who accepted his 24/7 position and “the voice of Northern Berks” Ruth Manmiller assisting Scott to successfully fulfill his public position. He closed with, “his mother and father are very proud of him.”

**“Gift Presentation”**

Commission Chairman Gary Hadden added that in addition to the gift he just received the Commission is honored to let him keep his service revolver.

Chief Eaken was overwhelmed and grateful for the Commission’s generosity.

Joseph Rudderow praised the Chief for what he has done for the police department, while being a great steward of the tax payer – really appreciated!

Granville Sandridge commented on his relationship with the Chief and the guidance of his parents.

Det. Sgt. Horner congratulated the Chief, adding that it was an honor to work for him.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** 12:40 PM -2:05 PM Personnel and hiring a Chief.

**ADJOURN**  Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge to adjourn the meeting at

2:05 PM. All Commission members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller

NBRPD Secretary

CC: Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors

Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors

Leesport Borough Council

Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Township Secretary

Ontelaunee Township Secretary

Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary

S. Whitney Rahman, Blakinger Thomas, P.C.