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

**Guests:** Diane Hollenbach, Det. Sgt. Horner, Joseph Blackbern – Chiefs of Police Association,

Angel Toro, Karen Chamber- Reading Eagle, Clarence Davis, Sr.

Gary Hadden called the April NBRPD Commission meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Pledge to the Flag

**For the Record:** This meeting is being audio recorded by the NBRPD Commission and audio/video

Recorded by the Northern Berks Regional Police Association.

**PA Chiefs of Police Association Presentation**

Joe Blackhurn of the PA Chiefs of Police Association presented options for the

Commissioners to consider should they decide to utilize their services for hiring a Police Chief. He provided estimated costs ($5,000.00 +), how they proceed with the application process, reviewing applications and conducting interviews. Everything will be determined by the criteria set by the Commissioners and ultimately the decision will be theirs. Joseph Rudderow questioned if the Commissioners would be allowed to sit in on the final interviews. Joe Blackburn said the Commissioners could sit in on the final interviews however; to listen and observe only – no questioning. Gary Hadden questioned the lead time to complete the search. Joe Blackburn estimated a three month time period to complete the Chief of Police search. He stressed the difference between “hiring within the department” and “hiring from the outside.” Hiring within will provide an individual with an understanding of the department and its operations. Hiring from the outside will provide a new individual with new ideas. It will all be determined by the Commissioners decisions. The Commissioners thanked Joe Blackburn for his time and excellent presentation

Brian Horner, Sgt. Detective with Northern Berks Regional Police expressed interest in being considered for the position of Chief of Police. He questioned if representatives of the Chiefs of Police Association interviewed candidates within the department prior to posting the application.

Joe Blackburn confirmed the only internal interviews the Chiefs Association conducted was requested by the Commission/Supervisors and there was more than one candidate within the department.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** **11:27AM - 12:06PM**

No Action – Personnel Issues

**MINUTES**

**May Commission Meeting Minutes**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the May 9, 2016 Commission Meeting minutes. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the May 2016 Treasurer’s report that included the fund balances, year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and bill payments. Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the May 2016 Treasurer’s report as presented and pay all bills. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**CHIEF’S REPORT**  Chief Eaken read the May 2016 Activity Report and reported 15 arrests made since May

2016 Commission Meeting;

5/11/16 Traffic Stop, w/PSP assistance - found crystal meth and weapon.

5/13/16 Domestic, Simple Assault, Harassment - Cactus Road, Maidencreek Twp.

5/13/16 Burglary from home – Marden Dr., Maidencreek Twp.

5/13/16 Domestic Assault – Ashley Furniture, Ontelaunee Twp.

5/20/16 Domestic in Vehicle – Pottsville Pike to Indian Manor Drive – Leesport Borough

5/22/16 DUI/Drugs/Paraphernalia/Controlled Substance, driving in the center lane –

Allentown Pike & Rt 73, Maidencreek Twp.

5/22/16 Speeding, DUI/Drugs/Paraphernalia/Controlled Substance – Pottsville Pike & Cherry St, Ontelaunee Twp.

5/28/16 H&R, Driving under Suspension – Pottsville Pike & Wall St., Leesport Borough

5/30/16 Speeding, False ID, Paraphernalia - Operator & Passenger had crystal meth, syringes –

Pottsville Pike & Snyder Road, Ontelaunee Twp.

5/31/16 DUI, Suspended License, 2 scofflaws, driving in the center lane –

Allentown Pike & Evansville Road, Maidencreek Twp.

6/05/16 DUI .094, Suspended License (2X), False ID – Ashley Dr. & Pottsville Pike (Rt61) – Ontelaunee Twp.

6/08/16 DUI/Heroin & Meth possession - McDonald’s parking lot, Ontelaunee Twp.

6/08/16 (4) Thefts from Vehicles – various locations in Maidencreek Twp.

6/12/16 Simple Assault/ Harassment – Blandon Fire Co. pavilion, Maidencreek Twp.

6/12/16 DUI – Rt 72 at the Lake Ontelaunee Dam Breast, Ontelaunee Twp.

*Additional;*

5/15&16/16 (4) Officers attend Incident Command Training

5/19/16 Chief attended a Transportation Meeting (RATS) to discuss pending highway and bridge construction

5/27/16 Active Shooter Training conducted at the SV Middle School.

6/10/16 Assisted with Security and Traffic during the Schuylkill Valley Graduation

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Angel Toro, NBRPD Association questioned;

1. The health care notice of changes the officers received and how the Commission plans to proceed. Will the Commission include the Association in the search process?

The Solicitor commented that the Commission just became aware of the changes and have not had change to discuss the issue. She is certain that if the Association wanted to be involved with the search and decision for future health care, they could.

1. What is the status of the Commission’s promotions within the department for a Sergeant or Street Supervisor? There currently are 6 rotations and one Sergeant it is imperative that an individual is promoted for this position.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Gary Hadden is concerned for the Schneider employees who walking along Pottsville Pike (Rt 61) and/or crossing Pottsville Pike (Rt61). The Chief told the Commissioners that in the past an officer has visited Schneider Electric to warn their employees of the dangers in crossing the highway at this point. He will assign an officer to remind them once again.

Joseph Rudderow asked if the Speed signs had been ordered/purchased? The Chief is negotiating

a better price.

Health care information will be provided June 22, 2016, 10:00 AM at the Maidencreek Township Building.

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

12:31 PM. 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.