**ATTENDING:** Chairman Gary Hadden-Ontelaunee Commissioner, Joseph Rudderow-Maidencreek Commissioner, Granville Sandridge-Leesport Commissioner, Diane Hollenbach-Maidencreek Alternate, William Klein-Ontelaunee Alternate, Charles Berger- Leesport Alternate, OIC Brian Horner, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, and Whitney Rahman-Solicitor.

**GUESTS:** Richard Horner, Kristie Horner, Melanie Fell, Kay Reidnauer, Terry Reidnauer, Carol Stoudt, Desiree Kern, Dan McCaslin, Linda McCaslin, Karen Chandler-Reading Eagle, Kenneth Stoudt, Eric Senkovich, Mike Dietrich, Cory Deily, Gary Williams, Jerry Chonin, Brittany Bryniarski, Francis Scott, Lisa Mitchell-Berks-Mont Newspapers, Heidi Fiedler, Jim Cecchini, Jim Reichard, Kim Berger, David Franke, Susan Angstadt, Steven Henshaw-Reading Eagle, Dean Patton, Ray Horner, Linda Roshong, Robin Wertz, Lara Glenn-Hoffert, Dawn Gonzalez, Annette Howe, Jeremy Crills, Ray Serafin, Allan Sodomsky, Robin Wertz, Ricky Moyer, Chad Moyer, Austin Stern, Honorable District Justice Gauby.

**Police Officers:** Sgt. Ronald Mohl, Sgt. Sean Showalter, Sgt. Robert Wood, Officer Michael Cardona, Officer William Dillman, Officer Alan Shinkus, Officer Travis Parks, Officer Mark DeBlasi, Officer David Drazenovich, Officer Steven Hoptley and Officer Angel Toro.

**Call To Order;** Gary Hadden called the April 8, 2017 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

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

Executive Session was conducted 4/18/2017 and 4/26/2017 for personnel matters.

**MINUTES**

**April 10, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes** Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the April 10, 2017 Commission Meeting. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the April 2017 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 April 2017 Treasurer’s report as presented and to pay all bills. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

Ruth Manmiller reported she will be meeting an accountant in two weeks to discuss auditing the 2016 Financial Records for NBRPD.

**OIC’s REPORT**

OIC Horner read April 2017 Department Activity Report, arrests filed, noted accomplishments and training since 4/1/2017.

* 4/04/2017 Public Drunkenness
* 4/04/2017 DUI
* 4/05/2017 Theft of Services
* 4/05/2017 Theft of Services
* 4/08/2017 DUI, No License
* 4/09/2017 Carless Driving, No Inspection
* 4/09/2017 DUI
* 4/10/2017 DUI
* 4/13/2017 Controlled Substance
* 4/19/2017 Disorderly Conduct - Theft
* 4/19/2017 Disorderly Conduct - Theft
* 4/23/2017 DUI
* 4/24/2017 MVAR with property damage, Carless Driving

Highlights of the April 24, 2017 mandatory departmental meeting was distributed to all Commissioners.

Listed below are operational improvements and training distributed to all Commissioners;

1. Found additional leg shackles and spike strips
2. Continued to organize/Clean out
3. Conducted a departmental meeting 4/24/2017
4. Keys organized
5. Sgt. Mohl’s vehicle repaired, push bar reinstalled, front end and rear end repaired
6. Officer Dillman is researching the sale of old TASERS
7. Officer Dillman set up a secure training area for officers to practice drawing new Glock 9mm with new holster
8. Car Wash service canceled 4/17/2017 – Cars will be washed at Magic Suds - $1.00 cheaper
9. TRAINING
10. Central Task Force Training – Richmond Elementary 6/15&16
11. Entire Department received OCA Training from Berks County 911 Center
12. Sgt. Wood & Sgt. Showalter will complete POSIT training this week
13. Looking into selling some shot guns that are not being used in order to purchase a new AR15
14. NBRPD will provide security at SV graduation
15. Consider upgrading the decals
16. Still working on insurance for the shooting range
17. Radio Maintenance assessed the equipment in the garage – Light Bars will be posted on *Municibid.*

*\*municibid will conduct an on-line auction for equipment and put the successful bidder in contact with the Police*

*Department to finalize the purchase. Ruth will photograph items to proceed with advertising*

15. Ammo trade was completed

16. Stat Board installed

17. Researching new style badges for the officers and ordered a new Chief’s badge.

18. Received 2 Tint meters from the North Central Hwy Safety – 90 day free test period as long as the stats are

provided while using the equipment.

**Department Staffing**

OIC Horner distributed the 2014 PA Department of Community Affairs study conducted for the Norther Berks Regional Police which at that time; recommended a need for 14 officers. Currently

NBRPD staffing level is at 12 officers. He also provided a graph that outlined each officer’s anticipated date for eligible retirement. Within the next 4 years, 5 officers will have met the requirements to retire. He stressed that the Commission should really consider the staffing issues.

He mentioned that the Officers are very busy and have stepped up in all operations of enforcement and organization of the department. Looking at the stat board; calls, citations and arrests have increased. OIC Horner is very proud of his officers and thanked them for all their hard work.

He also recognized Secretary Ruth Manmiller for her assistance in keeping things moving forward.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – 11:20 AM – 11:35 AM Personnel

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chief’s Agreement**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge to hire Brian Horner as the next Chief of Police for the Northern Berks Regional Police Department and authorize the Chairman to sign the employment agreement. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion Carried.

Brian Horner thanked the Commissioners, his family and everyone who came out today in support of his promotion. He mentioned he has learned so much over the years from the officers and retired Chief Eaken. He is very proud of the officers and in a few moments they will all take an Oath of Office as he considers his promotion as a “New Beginning” for Northern Berks He wants unity and

by working together there will be a brighter future.

Gary Hadden and the Commissioners congratulated Brian Horner and wished him success as he works to improve the police department.

Brian Horner acknowledged his family sitting in the first two rows by thanking them for all their support over the years, being here today and he loves them very much.

Joseph Rudderow explained the hiring process the Commissioners worked through to find a new Chief; and today we see that Brian Horner persevered and he is our new Chief.

Granville Sandridge wished the officers well in working with the new Chief.

At this time the Honorable District Justice Gauby administered the Oath of Office to Richard Brian Horner as the Chief of Northern Berks Regional Police. Prior to the oath District Justice Gauby commented that he is privileged to administer this oath of office today as he has known Brian for years and he is a fine officer.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DUI Enforcement Agreement**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chairman

to sign the DUI Enforcement Agreement. This allows NBRPD to conduct Roving Patrols and DUI Check Points. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion Carried.

**Speed Enforcement Agreement**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chairman

to sign the North Central Highway Speed Enforcement Agreement. This allows NBRPD to conduct

Speed Enforcement. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion Carried.

**New Officer**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chief to begin the process to conduct a search for a new officer. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion Carried.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS**

All the Northern Berks Regional Police Officers were sworn in by Honorable District Justice Gauby. Chief Horner recognized all the officers for the excellent work and dedication to the department and stressed that this is a new beginning for everyone.

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge adjourning the meeting at 11:47 AM. All Commissioners 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.