**Present** Commissioner, Rodney Younker - Ontelaunee Township, Commissioner, Joseph Rudderow III - Maidencreek Township, Commissioner Glen Moyer - Leesport Borough, Alternate Charles Berger – Leesport Borough, Chief Scott Eaken, and Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, Whitney Rahman - Solicitor.

Joseph Rudderow opened the July 8, 2013 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Ontelaunee Township Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**FOR THE RECORD**

This meeting is being audio and video recorded by the NBRPD Association. Signs posted on camera stand. Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors posted signs as to notify the public of video recording as well.

**MINUTES – June 10, 2013 Commission Meeting**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer, to approve the June 10, 2013

Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting Minutes as amended. Amended minutes will be emailed to all Commissioners and Solicitor. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

Ruth Manmiller presented the June 2013 Treasurer’s Report that included the fund balances, the year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions. Rodney Younker made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer, to approve the June 2013 Treasurer’s Report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

The Chief reported on the monthly activities and provide information on the following;

6/25/2013 - Fire call – found grow house – Cornerstone Drive, Maidencreek Twp.

6/25/2013 - Domestic/Shots Fired – Barlet Road, Maidencreek Twp.

6/25/2013 - Ontelaunee Resident arrested for attempted robbery

The Chief pointed out that ALL municipalities lost patrol time as a result of not replacing the retired officer, three officers out on sick leave and vacations. Once again, a lengthy discussion ensued on hours of service, call volume and how each municipality arrived at their respective percentage payments to be part of the regional police department.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** – none

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Replacement Officer**

Joseph Rudderow stated Maidencreek Township is still interested in replacing the retired officer and had made motions to that effect previously that died for a lack of a second. He asked if there any chance that the feelings have changed? Glenn Moyer said, “No.” Rodney Younker said, “No.”

**Funding Decision**

No decision, funds will remain in the Vist Money Market Account.

**Auction Report**

Joseph Rudderow purchased two sets of Stinger Spike Strips for $352.00 at the Berks Lehigh Police Department Auction on June 15, 2013. $30,000.00 had been designated by the Commission to make purchases at the Auction.

**DCED (D**epartment of **C**ommunity and **E**conomic **D**evelopment) **Police Study**

Joseph Rudderow asked his fellow Commissioners if they had discussed the idea of having a comprehensive police department study including all three municipalities completed by DCED, so more informed decisions can be made currently and in the future. There is no cost to the Commission for this study and the vote to move forward must be unanimous.

Joseph Rudderow stated Maidencreek Township is interested in a comprehensive study of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

Rodney Younker stated Ontelaunee Township is interested in a comprehensive study of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department.

Glen Moyer stated Leesport Borough is not interested in a comprehensive study of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department because the borough had a study conducted earlier. The borough knows what it needs - reduce hours of service and not replacing an officer.

Discussion of opening the Charter to adjust municipalities’ percentage was discussed. The Chief noted that the percentage has been adjusted two times as a result of changing data related to calls for service.

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, and seconded by Rodney Younker to move forward with the

DCED Study of the Northern Berks Regional Police Department. Joseph Rudderow and Rodney Younker voted, “Aye.” Glen Moyer voted, “No.”

**Retired Police Vehicle**

Rodney Younker made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer to donate retired police vehicle #3 to the Leesport Fire Company. Motion carried. Glen Moyer delivered the request letter from the Leesport Fire Company to the Police Department. Joseph Rudderow abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

**Resolution – 2013-4 Recording Policy**

Glen Moyer made a motion, seconded by Rodney Younker to adopt a recording policy for the Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meetings. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**Tape Recording of Commission Meetings**

Glen Moyer made a motion, seconded by Rodney Younker authorized the Secretary to purchase a tape recorder not to exceed $100.00 to be used at Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meetings. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Necessary Equipment**

The Chief asked permission at the June Commission meeting to purchase necessary equipment for the Officers (Spike Strips, Ballistic Shields, Entry Tools, JAMAR Traffic Counter, and Ammunition) and possibly replacing Sgt. Mohl’s Tahoe with a truck, spending approximately $50,000.00. He presented proposals he obtain for each item as follows;

Traffic Counter $ 3,522.00

Entry Tools (11 sets) $ 1,650.00

Ballistic Shields (4) $ 5,200.00

Ammunition $ 3,848.00

**TOTAL $14,220.00**

Rodney Younker made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer authorizing the Chief to purchase a traffic counter, 11 sets of entry tools, 4 ballistic shields, and ammunition utilizing $15,000.00 from the Vist Money Market Account. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Rodney Younker made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer to amend the previous motion to: not to exceed $15,000.00. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

The Chief reminded the Commissioners that Sgt. Mohl’s Tahoe is aging and accruing mileage and should consider replacing. He feels he can obtain an extended cab, pick-up truck for approximately $35,000.00.

**ADJOURN**

Rodney Younker made a motion, and seconded by Glen Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** **(9:00 PM - ?) – Personnel, Litigation**

Prepared and Submitted By,

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