**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.

**Guests:** Diane Hollenbach, Det. Sgt. Horner, Christian Leinbach, Pastor Steve Buerer,

Cory Deily – Redner’s, Jordan Jensen – Redner’s, Angel Toro, Clarence Davis, Sr. – Leesport Tax Collector, Karen Chandler- Reading Eagle.

Gary Hadden called the July 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.

Christian Leinbach and Pastor Steve Buerer representing Schuylkill Valley Bible Chapel invited the Norther Berks Regional Police Department to their First Responder recognition services on September 11, 2016. He explained their congregation are planning this event for “local” emergency personal (Surrounding Fire Companies and Ambulances, State Police, and Northern Berks Regional Police) who would respond to emergencies in this area.

**MINUTES**

**June Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Solicitor asked for a correction to the June minutes, Business From the Floor; Page 2, Second paragraph, number 1 to read: *If the Association wanted to make a presentation to the Commission, that would be fine.*

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the June 13, 2016 Commission Meeting minutes with the corrections noted. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the June 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 June 2016 Treasurer’s report as presented and pay all bills. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

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

2016 Commission Meeting;

6/18/16 DUI .142 Rt222 & Schaeffer Road, Maidencreek Township

6/18/16 Speeding Stop - 75.9 in 45 zone – Possession and drug paraphernalia, Rt 61 & Snyder,

Ontelaunee Township

6/24/16 Traffic Light Violation/Speeding 69 in 45 zone, Rt61 & Wall, Leesport Borough

6/25/16 DUI .203 – Hit Pole, Hoch Road, Maidencreek Township

6/26/16 Domestic – Troxel Road, Maidencreek Township

6/28/16 DUI .155, Speeding – Rt61& Indian Manor Drive, Ontelaunee Township

6/29/16 DUI .Drug Intoxication and paraphernalia, Rt61 north of Huller La, Ontelaunee Township

* Numerous thefts from vehicles reported. Majority of the calls it was discovered the vehicles had not been locked.
* Pokemon Go game is causing issues at several locations with our jurisdiction
* Digital Speed Signs have arrived and have been installed and are proving to be very useful in speed control.

**TRAINING REPORT**

7/12/16 Sgt. Mohl attended Truck & Bus Enforcement Training

8/10/16 Fleetwood PD hosting an Active Shooter exercises

10/24&25/16 Officer Showalter will attend Heroin investigation in York

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ruth Manmiller read a “thank you” note received from Cindy Katzenmoyer for Sgt. Mohl’s care and concern during a recent break-in at their home.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Cory Deily, Ontelaunee Township Resident and Redner’s Security spoke on behalf of Sgt. Horner

and his interest in becoming the next Chief of Police for Northern Berks. He is dedicated to this community and department. He has letters of support from Redner’s CEO and residences from the community. Not only as a resident of Ontelaunee Township and knowing the fine work by the Northern Berks Police; he has worked with the department professionally and is very pleased. He pointed out the costs incurred by several surrounding police departments/commissions in their search for a new chief of police and wondered why the NBRPD Commission would spend monies to search for an individual when there is a qualified individual within. He also reminded the Commissioners of the problems the department incurred when the Commission went outside to hire a Chief.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joseph Rudderow stated that the Commission is still in the early stages of beginning the search for to another Chief. He suggested a workshop to begin listing the expectations for a replacement. He would like to see any and all candidates available to fill the Chief’s position. We still have some time

to make decisions.

Gary Hadden agreed a workshop meeting would be a good idea however; concerned this meeting would need to be advertised.

Granville Sandridge agreed we need to look at a salary package, benefit package and job requirements.

**Blue Cross Health Plan**

The Chief suggested a special meeting to discuss pending health insurance changes and expectations for the next Chief. The Chief continued informing the Commission of Blue Cross health insurance changes. Our existing health plan is no longer available to be renewed. A similar heath plan is being offered through Blue Cross. The broker has checked other similar health plans and found that no other plan could match it. The size of the group no longer plays a part in premium calculations, the premiums are now age banded.

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge for Northern Berks Regional Police to form an independent health plan with Blue Cross. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.”

Motion carried.

After further discussion, Joseph Rudderow rescinded his motion to; Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge on the recommendation from the Chief for Northern Berks Regional Police to form an independent health plan with Capital Blue Cross – PPO 0.0 15 PD Rx 0

to renew on 9/1/2016. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the the Chief to pursue the option of a 13 month plan (if possible) in order to make the renewal date to coincide with the budget and remain at the same price. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Angel Toro understands the health insurance changes and wants to keep the lines of communication open between the Association and the Commission in meeting the obligations of the NBRPD Contract.

**Adoption of the Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the Northern Berks Regional Police Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement guidelines proposed by Margaret Belmondo of PFM Asset Management. Solicitor has reviewed the document found that this document puts everything is order for investing pension plan funds. The final document will be presented at the August Commission meeting for signatures. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.”

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Hadden reported Ontelaunee Township will be striping the parking lot in August which may require vehicle relocation for a short time.

Joseph Rudderow, is concerned for the safety of the officers in the wake of recent violence against police. He asked if the Chief’s recommendations for additional equipment for the safety of the officers.

Granville Sandridge thanked the Chief for the officer’s efforts to control speed on route 61. He asked the Chief’s opinion of the local police using Radar.

The Chief’s comments; He feels it is disgraceful that our legislators do not allow municipal police to utilize Radar for speed enforcement. The nonsense that it would be used as a “money maker” for the municipalities is absurd. A tracking of citations issued several years ago took two years for all to be cleared or acted upon with the police department losing over $400.00. Do the legislators know that it is illegal to budget anticipated funds received through traffic citations?

Granville Sandridge notified the Commission that he sent a certified letter to the Governor of Pennsylvania and the General Assembly voicing the same concerns pertaining to radar as the Chief just mentioned.

Gary Hadden advised the Chief to provide locations where speed enforcement lines should be painted because in the near future. Ontelaunee Township and Maidencreek Township will are working together on the project and coordinate the work.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - 12:17PM – 12:41PM**

Personnel issues - No action

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

12:41 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.