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

**GUESTS:** Francis A. Scott, Diana Rollins – DaBrian Marketing, Kim Berger, Kenneth Stoudt, David Reichlein, Dane Miller, Angel Toro, Robert Wood, Jr., Donna Culp, Captain James Cecchini, Melissa Vaka, Cory Deily, Joan Campbell, Vickie Solberg, Bryan Althouse, Susan Althouse, Sean Showalter.

**Call to Order:** Gary Hadden called the June 10, 2019 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Moment of Silence**

**Meeting is being recorded for the minutes**

**FOR THE RECORD:**

**Executive Session 5/20/2019**

**Special Meeting 5/29/2019**

**Executive Session 6/4/2019**

**MINUTES**

**May 13, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes**  Heidi Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden approving May 13, 2019 Commission Meeting with the following corrections/additions requested by Commissioner Fielder: **Shooting Range**. Gary Hadden told Chief Horner that if the range doesn’t fit in the zoning ordinance the only way it can go in is with a zoning variance. Heidi Fiedler explained the property was in the industrial zoning district and that shooting ranges were not permitted there. Brian Horner asked if the Township would allow the officers a state of the art facility to go through if approached at a meeting. Diane Hollenbach explained that the Board of Supervisors could not waive zoning. The zoning ordinance would have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommend a change to the Board of Supervisors. A hearing would have to be advertised and held. The cost will be between $2000 and $5000 and the process could take up to six months if the Planning Commission would agree that a shooting range belongs in the Industrial Zoned District. The matter is on the June Planning Commission agenda but this type of thing can take time. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**May 29, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes**  Heidi Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden approving May 29, 2019 Special Commission Meeting with the following corrections requested by Commissioner Fielder: **SPECIAL PROJECT** – Should be **SPECIAL INVESTIGATION,** Heidi Fiedler objected to the merits and cost of this investigation and to the fact that this investigator took five months to conduct the previous investigation. **CHIEF HORNER’S CONTRACT,** Heidi Fiedler objected to approving the contract due to Chief Horner’s disrespectful conduct towards the Commission, including herself; the occurrence of two lawsuits, 10 to 15 grievances and an unfair labor practice during the last two years of his tenure. Also, she felt that a 5% annual raise was not warranted. She also stated that the contract vote should occur a regular evening meeting. Commissioner Sandridge is opposed to corrections. Commissioner Hadden voted, “Aye.” Commissioner Fiedler voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the May 2019 Treasurer’s report that included the fund balances, year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and payments throughout the month. Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the May 2019 Treasurer’s report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Commissioner Fielder asked for National Night Out finances to be included with the Northern Berks Regional Police Treasures Report. Chief Horner and Commissioner Hadden attempted to explain that National Night Out is not part of Northern Berks Regional Police budget and it is purposely kept separate because this is a free community event that is not funded by any tax payer money.

Ruth Manmiller provided June 2018 through May 2019 bank statements for National Night Out, current balance being $9,787.67. 2018 National Night Out booklet was provided as well.

**CHIEFS REPORT**

Chief Horner read the May 2019 Department Activity Report and addressed other department activities.

**CALLS CITATIONS WARNINGS CONTACTS ARRESTS HOURS OF SERVICE**

Maidencreek 306 113 119 201 3 24.38 per day

Ontelaunee 242 62 67 104 2 16.99 per day

Leesport 88 87 56 138 3 9.65 per day

Administrative 26

**TOTAL 662 262 242 443 8**

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**Fines Collected**

**Maidencreek $3,520.61 Ontelaunee $2,855.26 Leesport $2,680.28**

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**MAY/JUNE**

1. Click It or Ticket campaign
2. Several speed details conducted throughout all municipalities
3. Truck Inspection conducted 6/6/2019
4. National Donut Day 6/7/2019 – Chief provided donuts for township and borough office personnel
5. Schuylkill Valley Graduation 6/7/2019
6. Safe Graduation at Ozzy’s for Fleetwood graduates.6/6/2019-6/7/2019
7. Schuylkill Valley Elementary PTO Summer Kick Off 5/31//2019
8. Northern Berks EMS/First Responders 5/25/2019 Leesport Market
9. Website Status Meeting 6/5/2019

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

* Francis Scott, Maidencreek Township commented on how the Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meetings have taken on a circus atmosphere since January 2019 all due to the Maidencreek Township representative. He feels there is a conflict of interest having Ms. Feidler on the Commission and she should remove herself from any Northern Berks Regional Police litigation due to her past working relationship with Attorney James Gavin; FOP Solicitor. Commissioner Hadden added that it has been determined there is no conflict.

Francis Scott added that he questioned Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors at a recent Supervisors Meeting; if it was true, that they were considering pulling out of the regional police department. The Supervisors instructed him to attend a Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to have his questions answered as they were not aware of this statement. Is it true that a statement was made, if Maidencreek Township doesn’t get what they want, they will pull out of the regional police department?

* David Reichlein, Centre Township questioned the legality of turning “Right on Red” at the intersection of Snyder Road and Rt 61. Chief Horner confirmed that “Right on Red” is allowed at this intersection. David Reichlein added that he supports Chief Horner, but not the way he treats his officers. Dave Reichlein stated if Chief Horner starts treating my brothers better, he would no longer need to attend commission meetings.
* Dane Miller, Ontelaunee Township thanked the Chief for the officers’ support at Schuylkill Valley Graduation on Friday evening. Security and traffic control was handled perfectly. Dane added that the Schuylkill Valley Board is thrilled to host National Night Out celebration this year. It is amazing what you have accomplished getting National Night Out on out campus this year and for years to come.
* Cory Deily, Ontelaunee Township commented on the superb job in planning the 2018 National Night Out and it was great to see the communities come together. He feels the donation requests are low in comparison to other sponsorships he has received. On another note, he has been attending Commission meetings for some time. Maidencreek Township Commissioner Rudderow was not my favorite person but he at least always did what was in the best interest for the police department. All I see now is an angry, self-centered individual who does not have the best interests for the department, you think you are only affecting Maidencreek but you’re not; your actions are effecting Ontelaunee Township where I live and Leesport Borough.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chief Horner’s Contract**

At the May 29, 2019 Special Commission Meeting Chief Horner’s contract was accepted by the Commissioners. Commissioner Hadden voted, “Aye.” Commissioner Sandridge “Aye.” Commissioner Fiedler voted, “No”. Motion carried. Since that meeting, Chief Horner provided a “clean” copy of his contract.

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge approving Chief Horner’s approved contract retroactive from March 11, 2019 to March 10, 2020. Comment on the motion; Commissioner Feidler does not approve of Chief Horner’s contract, she feels the raise is excessive, being higher than any other Chief in Berks County. You don’t have a bachelor’s degree and your attitude here tonight and in the officer the other day is out of hand. Your officers are not even allowed to take with the Commissioners. Commissioner Feidler read a two page letter from Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors outlining their displeasure with Chief Horner’s actions. The Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors pointed out that they pay 47.5% of the annual budget and should have the right to request information and supervise police activities.

Commissioner Hadden, Ontelaunee Township pointed out he is tired of hearing how Maidencreek Township funds the regional police department for 24/7 coverage. Ontelaunee Township at 33% and Leesport Borough at 19.5 % totals 52.50% of the annual budget and we are not getting 24/7 coverage, so in reality we are funding Maidencreek 24/7 coverage demands. We are the ones getting short changed. Also, he mentioned that he was advised that if Maidencreek doesn’t get what they want they will withdraw from the regional police commission.

Commissioner Sandridge added that in review of all the reports; Maidencreek is getting their fair share of coverage, just look at the numbers in the Chief’s report. The Chief is doing a hell of a job and we are getting our monies worth.

Motion carried.

**Chief Horner’s Contract – Signature**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge authorizing the Commission to sign Chief Horner’s contract. Commissioner Hadden voted, “Aye.” Grandville Sandridge voted, “Aye.” Heidi Feidler voted, “No.” Comment on the motion: Commissioner Feidler does not approve of Chief Horner’s contract. For all the reasons I previously stated. I expect the Chief to conduct himself in a manner that does not disgrace the integrity and professionalism of the Department. He does not present himself in a respectful manner.

Chief Horner commented, “one has to show respect to receive respect.”

Motion carried.

**Resolution 2019-1 Deposition of Records**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge authorizing the Commission to adopt Resolution 2019-1 Deposition of records. Commissioners Hadden and Sandridge voted, “Aye”. Motion carried. This resolution outlines the steps to destroy meeting notes and recordings after the corresponding minutes are approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution2019-2 Meeting Policy**

Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meetings have become volatile to the point business can’t be conducted in a professional manner. Chief Horner prepared a Policy for comments and conduct during a Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Feidler objected to the tone of the policy, feeling it is over the top. Chief Horner feels Commissioner Feidler will disagree with anything that is proposed by him. After review and discussion of the pending policy, it was determined to be tabled for further discussion and corrections.

**Communications**

Commissioner Hadden asked that future correspondence between Commissioners and/or Alternates be copied to all involved. It has come to my attention that, correspondence is being shared between Alternates and select Commissioners; Ontelaunee Township is part of this Regional Commission and deserves to be copied on emails and correspondence.

Commissioner Sandridge commented that he really feels left out because he receives nothing including information from the Solicitor.

Chief Horner added that he was the one that requested the three Commissioners attend his contract negotiations with out the alternates. The alternates do not have a vote or voice; they are elected to fill in should their respective Commissioner be unable to perform their duties.

**Executive Session – 7:30 PM – 8:23 PM** – Personnel

**Audit**

Commission Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden authorizing the Administrative Assistant to obtain three proposals for a 2018 audit NBRPD accounts. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried. Commissioner Feidler felt the existing audit was unacceptable and wanted a more detailed account of the financial activity.

**Executive Session – 8:23 PM – 10:45 PM** – Personnel

**ADJOURNED**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to adjourn the l Commission Meeting at 10:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller

NBRPD Secretary

CC:

Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Township Secretary to distribute to Supervisors

Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary to distribute to Supervisors

Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary to distribute to Council

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