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, Clarence Davis, Jr., Karen Chandler- Reading Eagle.

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

Pledge to the Flag

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

Gary Hadden reported; an Executive Session was conducted 9/27/2016 and a Special Meeting was conducted 10/4/2016 for personnel issues.

**MINUTES**

**September Commission Meeting**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the September 12, 2016 Commission Meeting. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

**October Special Meeting**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge approving the October 4, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried

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

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Eaken read the September 2016 Activity Report and reported arrests made since August

Commission meeting;

9/15/16 DUI .100, Careless Driving & Speeding – Rt 61 & Apple – Leesport Borough

9/16/16 Stolen Vehicle recovered – Faith Drive – Maidencreek Twp.

9/19/16 Robbery, Terroristic Threats, Reckless Endangerment – Miriam Ave. – Leesport Borough

9/24/16 Hit & Run, Resulting an Injury, Suspended License, Rt 61 & Ashley Way – Ontelaunee Twp.

9/24/16 DUI (drugs), No Registration, Paraphernalia, Controlled Substance – Rt73 & Orchard – Maidencreek Twp.

9/27/16 DUI .184, Damaged Pole causing power outage – Centre Ave. – Leesport Borough

9/29/16 Simple Assault, Terroristic Threats, Harassment – Adams Rd. – Maidencreek Twp. (individual Tased)

 Officer Shinkus was commended for maintaining control of the situation.

9/30/16 Possession, Paraphernalia – Miriam Ave. – Leesport Borough

10/1/16 Robbery, Possession, Marijuana – Miriam Ave. – Leesport Borough

10/1/16 DUI .173 - Park Road & Girard Ave. - Maidencreek Twp.

10/2/16 Indecent Assault, Disorder Conduct, Simple Assault – Buck Rubs – Ontelaunee Twp.

10/8/16 DUI .159, Speeding – Rt61 South & Orchard Lane – Ontelaunee Twp.

Training Report

9/13/2016 – Cpl. Wood – CLEAN Computer Training

9/27,28,29/2016 – Sgt. Mohl - Crash Reconstruction Seminar

10/20/2016 & 11/16/2016 – All Officers will attend a one day course on dealing with Mental Health,

Office of Aging, Autism, and Disabilities they may encounter during their duty.

10/25 & 26/2016 – Sgt. Showalter – Heroin Class

11/3/2016 – Sgt. Mohl, Det. Sgt. Horner, Sgt. Showalter, Cpl. Wood – Leadership

12/6/2016 – All Officers – Safe Driving Seminar

Equipment

Tasers are obsolete and replacement will begin in the near future. Estimates cost per officer is $1,000.00.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Benecon Health**

The Chief, Angel Toro, Brian Horner, Ruth Manmiller and Diane Hollenbach met with Benecon representative, Robin Richardson September 22nd. It was agreed Ruth would forward officers’ information to Benecon for a health care coverage quote identical to the Capital Blue Cross Plan

eliminated in September.

 Items of concern: Renewal Date – 1/1

 New Rates – 10/1

 Length of plan – 3 years

 Usage and Life Orientation vs. Age Banded - Regulate Costs

 Implement a wellness plan for the officers

**Chiefs of Police Agreement**

The Solicitor is waiting for the Chiefs of Police to accept her language changes to the agreement. Upon approval, the Commissioners will sign the amended agreement to move forward in the search for a new Chief of Police for Northern Berks Regional Police.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 Budget**

The Chief presented the 2017 DRAFT Budget for the Commissioners to review.

* Joseph Rudderow commented that 90% of the budget is a result of the Collective

 Bargaining Agreements and only 10% for operation.

* The Chief suggested to the Commission be pro-active in maintaining a Collective Bargaining Agreement for more than three years.
* The Commission recognized and thanked the Chief for maintaining a realistic budget and his management resulting in a budget savings for the past eight years.
* Gary Hadden cautioned in future years EPA regulations will not allow for on-sight car washing and would be a consideration for future budgets.
* Commissioners questioned decisions made in the past pertaining to remaining budget funds.
* The Commissioners agreed to discuss the 2017 DRAFT Budgets with their respective boards. It is hopeful that the 2017 Budget could be adopted at the November Commission meeting.
* The Chief encouraged anyone that has questions pertaining to the budget or any other police matter to call or stop by. The Chief will distribute the DRAFT Budget to each municipalities

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Joseph Rudderow asked how the promotion of the two officers is proceeding. Chief confirmed the transition with additional responsibilities for the promoted officers is going well; there are other issues pertaining to the promotions that still need to be worked out. The Chief hopes to schedule a departmental meeting in the near future with ALL officers in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 12:02 PM -12:50 PM**

Joseph Rudderow made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge to retain Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C. as special council on an as needed basis. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.”

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

12:51 PM. All Commission members 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.