**ATTENDING:** Chairman Gary Hadden-Ontelaunee Commissioner, Heidi Fiedler-Maidencreek Township Commissioner, Granville Sandridge-Leesport Commissioner, Ronald Strause-Leesport Alternate, and Diane Hollenbach - Maidencreek Township Alternate, William Klein-Ontelaunee Township Alternate, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, and Christopher P Gerber-Siana Bellwoar Law Offices - Solicitor.

**GUESTS:** Francis A Scott, Diana Rollins, David J Reimer,Sr.,David Reichlein, Scott Zechman, Joshua Knoblauch, Cory Deily, Marge Rumbaugh-Reading Eagle, Kim Berger, Fred Harrison, Robert Hoffmaster, Eric Bauman, Sean Showalter, Anthony Spero, Casey Tiderman, Matthew James, Vince James, Brenda Eaken, Scott Eaken, Joan Campbell, Jeffrey Davon, Linda M McCaslin, John D McCaslin, Angel Toro, Lisa M Meredeth, Pat Dougherty, James Miller, Brian Horner, Michael Lenhart, Ricky Moyer, Kenneth Stoudt, Chad Moyer, Robert Wood, Jr., Jeremey D. Schoener

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Hadden called the September 9, 2019 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:01PM - 3:40 PM**

**RE: Legal and Personnel**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to retain the services of Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys Law Firm per their engagement letter to conduct an investigation. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Christopher Gerber, Solicitor asked meeting attendies to be respectful during the comment portion of this meeting. He assured everyone that reasonable steps are being taken to run a lawful meeting. So when making a comment, stay away from attacks and be respectful to each other, not as I have seen on TV.

David Reichlein claims has known Brian Horner for years and even recommend and supported him for the Chief’s position. You will hear all positive comments about Brian Horner today and that is the Brian Horner I love too. But the Brian Horner as a Chief - he can no longer support him.

Scott Zechman criticized Brian Horner’s work as a detective. When discussing the trouble his son was in with Brian Horner; he trusted Brian Horner to show some leniency because he convinced his son to turn himself in. Instead he “threw the book” at his son which landed him in state penitentiary.

Scott Eaken, former Chief of NBRPD asked the Commission and/or Solicitor why are we here today? I would appreciate an official statement, rather than hearing comments threw the rumor mill, the internet and/or Leesport Facebook page. What is the status of the Chief? I understand that he is on extended personal leave.

The Solicitor stated the Commission can’t share any information with the public at this time. It would be entirely inappropriate to discuss personal matters in public. We are working towards a resolution while keeping the integrity of the process. That is the reason for the public meeting today to retain a law firm for the investigation and to make sure all rights are being protected. At the end of the day the community is safe.

Dane Miller, as a former school principal he knows that people come and go and that has to be expected however; he has learned over the years when you have someone good, you should try to retain them. He added that as a Schuylkill Valley School Board member, and having worked with several Chiefs he would put Brian Horner at the top of the list. This man has served this community honorably and will be a tough person to replace. So chew on that!

Eric Bowman commented that he has known Brian Horner for over 25 years not only as an acquaintance but professionally. He came to my home to help us work through some problems. while being very professionally. He is a good person and loves his community. Seems to me there is a vendetta going on here.

Fred Harrison questioned why Commissioner Hadden left the meeting so abruptly without an explanation. He added he has no problem with Brian Horner. When his son was in trouble, I too brought him to the department to discuss my son’s problems. When my son’s situation and restitution was resolved; Detective Horner read him the riot act. Which he deserved!

The Solicitor confirmed Commissioner Hadden had leave due to a work issue and shouldn’t read any more into it.

Robert Hoffmaster, the former Leesport Mayor and NBRPD Commissioner knows Brian as detective and as a Chief and he is doing an excellent job. Like Dane Miller said he is doing an excellent job – the school loves him. This is bad, it seem like this is a witch hunt.

Cory Diely stated he knows Brian Horner both professionally and personally for 15 years and he does an excellent job. In my job, I deal with numerous police chiefs and I would put him at the top of the list. He does an awesome job. He has merit and integrity which the community supports him without a doubt. This seems like a personal vendetta and I hope it can be resolved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:52 PM – 4:00 PM**

The Solicitor called for another executive session.

Dane Miller asked if there would be action taken after the executive session.

The Solicitor stated he wasn’t sure but that this executive session would be short.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Fielder concluded the meeting by announcing that they are committed to protecting the public and the police officers.

Commissioner Sandridge assured the attendees that the department is running a usual. We have a great police force that is working hard and this legal matter is not hurting the community.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, CC: Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Manager to distribute to Supervisors

Ruth Manmiller Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township Secretary to distribute to Supervisors NBRPD Secretary Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary to distribute to Council

Christopher Gerber, Siana Bellwoar,