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

**GUESTS:** Francis A. Scott, Diana Rollins, Kim Berger, Kenneth Stoudt, David Reichlein, Donna Culp, Captain James Cecchini, Joan Campbell, Bryan & Susan Althouse, Mark DeBlasi, Sean Showalter, Robert Wood, Jr., Scott Eaken, Kevin Cunningham, Jennifer Hillman-Cummingham, Harold Wagner, Debbie Didyoung, Katelyn Gruber, Kevin Heebner, Eric Senkovich, Diana Shuman, Kim Brown, David Brown, Cody Maderia, Eric Bauman, Cory Deily, Danielle Mayer, Linda McCaslin, Dan McCaslin, Debra Endy, Barbara Endy, John Endy,Jr., John Endy, Robert Hoffmaster, Christina Troyer, Tim Sensenig, Daryn Zeiner, Mel Weinman.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Hadden called the October 14, 2019 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Moment of Silence**

**Executive Sessions conducted** 9/9/2019, 9/23/2019 3:40 PM & 3:52 PM (during the Commission Meeting)

**MINUTES**

**September 9, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes** Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hadden to approve September 9, 2019 Commission meeting minutes with the following correction made by Commissioner Fiedler: *Page 4 Commissioner Fiedler’s name was misspell*ed. All Commissioners voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**September 23, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge to approve September 23, 2019 Commission meeting minutes with the following corrections made by Commissioner Fiedler: *(1) Page 1 add “internal affairs” before “investigation” to the motion for the retaining Kozloff Stoudt., (2) The second executive session occurred at 3:45 to 3:52 at the request of the solicitor. (3) Delete Executive Session paragraph on page 2, (4) At 3:52 Commissioner Hadden left the meeting. Commissioner Fiedler resumed the meeting and called for public comment.”* All Commissioners voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Commissioner Hadden stated that minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

Commissioner Fiedler disagreed stating, that as you well know you left the meeting early and I had to run the meeting and I want that reflected in the minutes. There are several mistakes that need to be corrected to properly reflect what occurred.

**Executive Session 6:33PM-6:50PM**

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller presented the September 2019 Treasurer’s report that included the fund balances, year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and payments throughout the month. Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge approving the September 2019 Treasurer’s report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried. Commissioner Fiedler requested the National Night Account balance to be included in future reports.

**Engagement Letter for Financial Reporting and Accounts Review for NBRPD**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge authorizing the Chairman to sign Long Barrell, Certified Public Accountants Engagement letter for Agreed Upon Procedures for Northern Berks Regional Police accounts. Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Sandridge voted, “Aye.” Commissioner Fiedler, no comment. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge authorizing the Chairman to sign Long Barrell Certified Public Accountants Engagement letter for Preparation and Computation for Northern Berks Regional Police accounts.

Commissioner Fiedler has a problem with the engagement letters and the scope of work outlined to be performed. This is not a real audit and that is what I’m looking for. After all we are dealing with a 2.5 million budget and this does not accomplish what I think is necessary for the tax payers not only in Maidencreek, but Ontelaunee and Leesport as well. Recently the Commission obtained two proposals one of them being Herbein and Co., Inc. that would perform a true audit.

Commissioner Hadden commented that a police department is not required to the same auditing proceedings as a municipality

Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Sandridge voted, “Aye.” Commissioner Fiedler voted, “No.” Commissioner Fiedler is asking for a true audit, she can see a true picture of the police department finances. Motion Carried.

**NBRPD Pension Plan – Actuarial Assumption Changes**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge authorizing the Chairman to sign Conrad Siegel’s recommendation to change the actuarial assumptions for the January 2019 Actuarial valuation report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion Carried.

**National Night Account – Add signer/signers for the account**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge to add Joan Campbell, National Night Out Committee Member as the additional signer for the National Night Account.

Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Sandridge voted, “Aye.” Commissioner Fiedler voted, “No.” Because she feels someone on the Police Commission should be the additional signer.

**2019 State Aid**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Granville Sandridge authorizing the Chairman to sign the State Contribution check in the amount of $143,373.97 to be forwarded the NBRPD Pension fund at US Bank. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Hadden read the September Department Report.

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

Maidencreek 315 126 127 229 5 27.60 per day

Ontelaunee 183 93 119 197 6 22.85 per day

Leesport 90 50 63 94 0 11.45 per day

Administrative 26

**TOTAL 614 269 309 520 11**

**Fuel 1108.613 MILEAGE 10772.25**

**Fines Collected**

**Maidencreek $2,531.87 Ontelaunee $3,536.17 Leesport $2,355.63**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

OIC Wood received an email from Elizabeth Witters praising Officer Parks on his quick response and his friendly demeanor during their incident.

OIC Wood received an email from Dane Miller thanking Sgt. Ronald Mohl for his expert and decisive handling of a very volatile situation during the SV vs Tulpehocken soccer game.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Harold Wagner** feels the Police Department is doing what they need to do. What is going on with Chief Horner I find to be appalling. I think the real problem is Maidencreek Township got their wings clipped and now they are doing whatever they can to discredit the Chief. All these years Maidencreek got what they wanted and now the other municipalities are voicing their concern and they don’t like it. It is my understanding that Maidencreek Township and Scott Eaken wanted a State Police person to become the Chief. Another appalling issue, is how an individual who doesn’t live and/or pay taxes in any of the townships or borough can come into the Commission meeting making comments to discredit Chief Horner.

**David Reichlein** commented that he has done more for the townships and borough in all his years of service that Harold Wagner will ever do. There is a fun side to Chief Horner but there is another side to Chief Horner and until you work with him, respectfully you don’t know what you are talking about.

**Harold Wagner** asked to respond to Mr. Reichlein’s comment by stressing that he doesn’t pay taxes and should not be making any comments with regard to the police department. If an officer has a problem he needs to discuss it with the Chief to try to resolve the problem by going through the grievance procedure, not run to the FOP.

**Eric Bauman** read from his prepared statement informing the Commission that he has been a resident of Maidencreek Township for 31 years. Until recently, he has been proud to say he was a resident but since he witnessed the September 23, 2019 NBRPD Commission Meeting and viewed past NBRPD Commission videos he can no longer say that he is proud to live in Maidencreek Township because of the circus atmosphere that is being created by the hostile and antagonistic demeanor of the Maidencreek Township representative on the Commission. He is in support of bring Chief Brian Horner back; as he has given years of impressive service.

**Cory Diely** presented an on line petition he circulated with 500 viable signatures and positive comments in support of Chief Brian Horner. Chief Horner received comments of their trust, their loyalty and respect. Mr. Diely apologized to Commission Hadden and Commissioner Sandridge prior to stating that this nothing but a witch hunt and personal vendetta.

**Debra Endy** stood up and commented her personal support for Chief Horner. As a teenage, Chief Horner he took me under his wings to steer her straight so she could obtain her plan for her future. She will always be thankful for his direction and support. What is going on here is a witch hunt. Why are bring up the past? We need to better than that!

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2019-2 – Commission Meeting Policy/Conduct**

Commissioner Fiedler moved to table Resolution 2019-2 due to too many other issues that need to be addressed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 Budget**

Ruth Manmiller presented the 2020 Budget to the Commissioners and alternates and stressed the need for a Budget Workshop.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:10PM-7:45PM**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Sandridge congratulates all the officers on the fine job they are doing and thanked Sgt. Det. Wood for his efforts at OIC. Leesport residents are happy with the services the Police Officers are providing to the community. We may not know what we are doing but they sure do!

Commissioner Fiedler congratulated the officers for their excellent service they are providing to the community.

**ADJOURNED**

Meeting adjourned 7:45 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

Christopher Gerber, Siana Bellwoar Law Offices