**ATTENDING:** Gary Hadden-Ontelaunee Commissioner, Heidi Fiedler-Maidencreek Township Commissioner, Granville Sandridge-Leesport Commissioner, Ron Strause-Leesport Alternate, David Franke - Maidencreek Township Alternate, Kim Berger-Ontelaunee Township Alternate, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, Chief Horner and Christopher Gerber-Solicitor.

**GUESTS:** Donna Culp, Eric Bauman, Kenneth Stoudt, Bill Klein, James Holmgren, Heather Schoener, Scott Eaken, James Cecchini, Mark Lacina, Robert Wood,Jr., Francis A Scott,

Harold Wagner, David Reichlein, Angel Toro.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Hadden called the August 10, 2020 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Moment of Silence**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – July 13, 2020**

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commission Sandridge to adopt the July 13, 2020 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting minutes. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – July 28, 2020**

Commissioner Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commission Sandridge to adopt the July 28, 2020 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Fiedler abstained since she didn’t attend this meeting. Commissioner Hadden and Commissioner Sandridge voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  Ruth Manmiller read the July 2020 report. The Commissioners receive all reports via email prior to the meeting. Commissioner Sandridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler approving the July 2020 Treasurer’s report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

**MARCH**

Money Market $280,167.22

General Checking $ 18,105.12 Tompkins Vist $295,689.62

Payroll $ 22,082.97 NNO $10,338.55

Total Budget Bal. $320,355.31

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Horner read the Department Report for July 2020. This report was provided to all Commissioners by email.

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

Maidencreek 314 69 90 144 5 24.38 per day

Ontelaunee 186 85 110 185 2 22.66 per day

Leesport 62 37 61 95 3 9.16 per day

Administrative 36

**TOTAL 598 191 261 424 10**

**Fuel 1157.77 MILEAGE 10,799**

**Fines Collected**

**Maidencreek $2,671.20 Ontelaunee $4,891.32 Leesport $2,618.38**

**TOTAL $10,180.90**

**Chief Commented;**

1. (2) Dodge Durangos have been delivered. It should take about 1½ months to prepare for service.
2. 7/16/2020 A County Wide Commercial Motor Vehicle Detail was conducted citing for CMV traffic violations and equipment failures. 42 CMV and 21 Regular vehicles stopped. Highest speed recorded was 112 mph.
3. Hiring process will be started within the next few days; choosing dates, times and type of testing. NBRPD should look at hiring at least 3 officers. Two to replace already retired officers and Officer Hoptley who will be retiring in October.
4. The Corporal/FTO position will be posted this week, still working on the specifications. Instead of promoting an officer up to the sergeant position, I’m looking at promoting to a Corporal position.

The Solicitor cautioned the Commissioners to review and approve the advancement requirements for the Corporal’s position prior to the Chief’s posting.

Commissioner Fiedler commented that it would be appropriate to give a plaque and badge to any retiring officer in the future. She questioned the status of Michael Cardona’s badge. If there is a question of payment, Michael Cardona and or the FOP are willing to pay for the badge.

Chief Horner commented that he disagrees with Commissioner Fiedler’s request for Michael Cardona’s receipt of a retirement badge. The Commission met all of Michael Cardona’s demands in his retirement agreement and now he wants to come back with additional demands. The only badge that was given out was to Sgt. Mohl and it was his old beat up badge – no retirement badge. NBRPD doesn’t use the metal badges anymore due to officers’ safety and cost.

Angel Toro confirmed that he spoke with the FOP solicitor who confirmed that the FOP would purchase the badge for Michael Cardona upon receipt of a letter from the NBRPD Commission.

Commissioner Hadden questioned if all of Michael Cardona’s demands had been met in his agreement? If so, no more!

Commissioner Fiedler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sandridge for future retirees to receive a plaque and a badge and include a badge for Michael Cardona. All Commissioners voted, “Aye” Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:16PM -6:53PM**

Litigation

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

**James Cecchini**, **Maidencreek Township** commented on an article in the 6/1/2020 edition of the Penn Record relative to the 7 justices who reversed the decision of the Commonwealth Court and remanded the case to that court, with instructions to reinstate an arbitrator’s award in the Charles Hobart case. Since the Chief is looking for officers, why not rehire Charles Hobart to fill one of the vacancies? He is sure the legal fees the department has and will incur due to this issue will increase the legal expenditures this year by $20,000.00-$30,000.00.

He added that the actions of Commissioner Hadden on the parking lot after the July Commission Meeting were totally unsatisfactory.

**David Reichein, Centre Township** commented that everyone in this room is guilty of some type of sin and are no different than Charles Hobart. Yes, he made a mistake but it’s time to move on. He is a good person and was a good cop. He messed up.

**Mark Lacina, Maidencreek Township** commented he is new to the activities in Maidencreek Township and warned the Commissioners that their actions are a reflection on the community. It’s good we have new people that come in and shake things up. This meeting seems to be going pretty good.

**Harold Wagner, Leesport Borough** urged the Commissioners to start working together and stop the bickering. We must work together for the betterment of the community because all this bickering just costs money – tax payers’ money. Let’s start fresh – clean slate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Internal Affairs Policy IA**

The Solicitor asked the Commissioners if they had any questions or wanted to discuss anything relative to the draft copy of an updated IA Policy that was distributed last month. The Solicitor feels this updated version will allow for more transparency through the proper chain of command when a complaint is received and how discipline will be handled. The Solicitor will move forward with a final document for the NBRPD Officers Association to review.

Commissioner Fiedler wants to move forward on the IA Policy to replace the outdate policy.

Chief Horner commented that the current IA Policy is not outdated; the current one which came from an accredited police department was adopted in 2017.

The Solicitor will forward the final draft to the Chief for him to forward to the NBRPD Association and/or FOP. Hoping there are no problems this issue can be completed 7-10 days.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NBRPD LEASE AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Hadden presented a four year lease agreement between Ontelaunee Township and NBRPD Commission which will expire at the end of 2020. There will be no rent increase. He asked that everyone review prior to the September meeting so action can be taken to accept a new four year lease agreement.

**ADJOURN**

Commission Hadden made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler to adjourn the Commission meeting at 7:11 PM. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

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