

Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting  
April 13, 2015 7:00 PM

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**Present:** Commissioner Claude Beaver - Maiden creek Township, Commissioner, Gary Hadden - Ontelaunee Township Commissioner, Shawn McMurtry – Leesport Commissioner, Chief Scott Eaken, Ruth Manmiller- Secretary, and Solicitor Whitney Rahman.

**Guests:** Charles Berger – Leesport Borough Alternate, Angel Toro

Chairman Claude Beaver opened the April 13, 2015 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Ontelaunee Township Meeting Room.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**FOR THE RECORD**

This meeting is being audio recorded by the NBRPD Commission and audio/video recorded by the NBRPD Association.

**MINUTES – 2015 March Meeting Minutes**

Prior to the motion to approve the minutes, Ruth Manmiller made the following correction to the minutes;

**AG385 State Form motion;**

Shawn McMurtry made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden authorizing the Chairman to sign the AG385 and AG64 forms. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” The AG64 form was signed after the March meeting, but need to be submitted by Mach 31, 2015. All Commissioners were aware of the additional form that required the Chairman’s signature.

Shawn McMurtry made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden approving the March 2015 Commission Meeting with the above mentioned correction. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.”

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ruth Manmiller presented the 2015 March Treasurer’s report that included the fund balances, year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and bill payments. Shawn McMurtry made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden approving the 2015 March Treasurer’s report as presented. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.”

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

The Chief read the March Activity Report and reported on arrests made since the 2015 March Commission Meeting;

- 3/13/15 Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment – Ashley Furniture, Ontelaunee Twp.
- 3/14/15 Drug Arrest – Turkey Hill, Leesport Borough
- 3/28/15 Speeding, Marijuana, Possession, Paraphilia – Allentown Pike & Schaeffer Road, Maiden creek Twp.
- 3/29/15 Domestic, Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment – Hoch Road, Maiden creek Twp.
- 4/01/15 Theft – Katylyn Drive, Ontelaunee Drive
- 4/08/15 DUI .304 – Turkey Hill parking lot, Maiden creek Twp.
- 4/11/15 Theft, Receiving, unauthorized use of truck – Ashley Furniture parking lot, Ontelaunee Twp.
- 4/11/15 Speeding & DUI .210 (underage) – Allentown Pike & Tamarack Blvd, Maiden creek Twp.
- 4/11/18 DUI .161 & Open Container – Allentown Pike, Ontelaunee Twp.
- 4/11/15 DUI .159 driving without headlights – Pottsville Pike & Orchard Road, Ontelaunee Twp.

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Gary Hadden reported;

1. Penn Dot will be changing the directional arrow signs both north and south bound on Rt 61 at the intersection of Rt 73 & Rt 61. Currently the directional arrow signs are confusing and a safety issue.
2. Penn Dot has adjusted the traffic light and the left turn signal timing at the Rt 61 & Snyder Road intersection.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

**NBRPD ASSOCIATION**

NBRPD Association President Angle Toro commented on the following;

1. He and the Commission Solicitor have been working together to adjust the language in the Joint Request for Certification to be acceptable to both Commission and the Association. He has a final copy ready for the Commissioners to consider signing this evening.
2. He and the Commission Solicitor have been working on the language for the upcoming (*Amended "upcoming" to "unified" at 5/11/15 Commission Meeting*) CBA and feels it should soon be ready for presentation. He is waiting on confirmation from the Association's solicitor.
3. He would like to clarify the method of dialogue between himself, the Commissioners and the Commission Solicitor. The Solicitor advised him to direct all dialogue relative to the CBA to her rather than the Commissioners. He reminded the Commissioners that as per Act 111 he is to personally (as he did) hand deliver the notice to begin Collective Bargaining.
4. He would be disappointed if he could not sit down with the Commissioners to discuss the operation of this department and to keep dialogue open between the Association and the Commission. He does understand that contractual issues should be presented to the solicitor first and will abide to their wishes.
5. He stressed that the Joint Certification will allowing the FOP #71 to provide legal representation should it be necessary during negotiations. All the members of the NBRPD Association are members of the FOP#71 as well and may be involved with negotiations. It will not be solely conducted by the representatives of the FOP #71.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Remaining \$40,852.54**

Ruth Manmiller reported the remaining \$40,850.54 has been returned to the municipalities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DROP PROGRAM**

Ronald Mohl will be entering the DROP Program effective May 16, 2015. US Bank, PFM Advisors and our Actuary have been notified.

The Chief advised the Commissioners that within the next five years there will be a drastic turn over in employment with five to six officers leaving and should be prepared to hire and train new officers.

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**WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

Due to the original WC proposal received for 2015-2016 from Murray Insurance was \$155,212.00 and then the final invoice changing to \$140,294.00; two other insurance companies were invited to submit a proposals. Only one, Penn National Insurance returned with a competitive proposal of \$127,885.00 (\$121,218.00 insurance coverage + \$6,667.00 membership fee) In addition to the savings, the company will work with us to change the anniversary date of the coverage to September, so we can prepare the yearly budget in an informative manner.

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Shawn McMurtry to change Workers Compensation Insurance coverage to Penn National Insurance per the quoted price of \$127,885.00. All Commissioners voted, "Aye."

**SOLICITOR FEE** The Solicitor informed the Commissioners of the increase in their hourly rate from \$150.00 to \$155.00. Apparently the \$5.00 increase was decided upon a year ago but was never enforced. Moving forward the hourly rate will be \$155.00.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:49 PM- 8:52 PM**

An executive session was conducted for personnel issues and to review Request for Joint Certification paperwork.

Shawn McMurtry made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden authorizing the Chairman to sign the Joint Request for Certification to allow the FOP Lodge #71 to represent the Northern Berks Regional Police Officers through Sergeants during collective bargaining as presented. All Commissioners voted, "Aye."

**ADJOURN**

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Shawn McMurtry to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth M. Manmiller*

NBRPD Secretary

CC: Maiden creek Township Board of Supervisors  
Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors  
Leesport Borough Council  
Diane Hollenbach, Maiden creek Township Secretary  
Nicole Schwenk, Ontelaunee Township Secretary  
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough Secretary  
S. Whitney Rahman, Blakinger, Byler & Thomas, P.C.