

NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

March 10, 2014 7:00 PM

Present Commissioner Claude Beaver - Maidencreek Township, Commissioner Gary Hadden - Ontelaunee Township, Glen Moyer - Leesport Borough, Charles Berger – Leesport Alternate, Chief Scott Eaken, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, and Solicitor Whitney Rahman.

Guest Ronald Mohl

Claude Beaver opened the March 10, 2014 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 – February 10, 2014 Commission Meeting

Glen Moyer made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden, to approve the February 10, 2014 Commission meeting minutes. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ruth Manmiller presented the February 2014 Treasurer’s Report that included the fund balances, the year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions and payment of bills. Glen Moyer made motion, seconded by Gary Hadden, to approve the February 2014 Treasurer’s Report. All Commissioners voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

CHIEF’S REPORT

The Chief read the February 2014 Activity Report and commented on the following;

- 2/10/14 DUI .244, Speeding, Driving Under Suspension – Leesport Borough
- 2/25/14 DUI .175, 61 North Bellman’s Ch. Rd. to Mohrsville exit - Ontelaunee Township
- 3/09/14 DUI/Heroin, MVA – Maidencreek Road, Maidencreek Township
- 3/10/14 Domestic, Simple Assault, Harassment – Maidencreek Township

There is continued investigation on credit card fraud at local business as more victims report the discovery on their charge accounts – Ontelaunee Twp.

Chief thanked all municipalities for declaring “Snow Emergencies” during the recent winter storms. Residents are becoming familiar with the practice.

Thanked Leesport Road Crew for their assistance during an early morning ice storm.

A lengthy discussion between ensued as a result of Glen Moyer’s questions pertaining to the hours of service and percentages.

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Claude Beaver to discontinue reporting the hours of service in the monthly activity report. Claude Beaver & Gary Hadden voted, “Aye.” Glen Moyer voted, “No.” Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

On behalf of the Northern Berks Regional Police Association, Ronald Mohl asked the Commission when they would replace Sgt. Reichlein – not a sergeant just an officer. Reichlein has not been replaced and we are currently down three officers. We are down that officer since last year.

Claude Beaver reported that it was going to be done after the DCED Study was completed. Although I'm not sure what will happen tonight. The DECD Study was contingent upon a budget being passed. At this time I'm not sure where that is at.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Budget

In response to the budget decision left on the table during the February Commission Meeting, Claude Beaver questioned if a 2014 budget was going to be adopted this evening. Claude Beaver asked Glen Moyer if he had discussed the budget issue with Borough Council. Glen Moyer stated he had and they are not interested. "No thanks"

Claude Beaver: then we will proceed with the 2013 Budget and no DCED Study.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 205 – Actuarial Report for 2013

Ruth Manmiller explained that an actuarial report is completed every two years. It confirms the funding and spending necessary to maintain a health pension fund to be prepared for retiring officers. Our actuary Tom Zimmerman confirmed that the NBRPD Pension fund is 91% sound and is not distressed.

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer authorizing the Chairman to sign the 2013 Actuarial Report. All Commissioners vote, "Aye."

Additional Police Vehicles

Chief Eaken asked the Commission to consider purchasing (2) additional vehicles. Chief stated that (1) vehicle was included in the 2013 Budget and has been ordered. He added that he is running out of time to order additional vehicles. Since the general consensus was to adopt the Option 2 of the 2014 Budget which included (3) vehicles; we would be right in line. The Commission will be operating with the 2013 budget with no funds being returned, so utilizing the remaining funds will be cost effective in the long run.

Glen Moyer stated we are still operating under the 2012 budget because a 2013 budget was never been adopted. Why adopt a budget if you're not going to following it? If we are operating under the 2013 budget, additional vehicles are not in the line item in the 2013 budget.

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Upon research, the Secretary found the 2013 budget was adopted December 28, 2012 during a Special Meeting.

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Claude Beaver authorizing the Chief to order (2) additional Police Vehicles utilizing funds from the Vist Money Market. Claude Beaver & Gary Hadden voted, "Aye." Glen Moyer voted, "No." Motion carried.

Executive Session 8:08 PM - 8:37 PM

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer to accept the ruling in the Templin settlement. All Commissioners voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Glen Moyer made a motion, seconded by Gary Hadden authorizing the Chairman to sign the Berks County Communications Radio System Agreement. All Commissioners voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Gary Hadden made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 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
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