NORTHERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2010 7:00 PM

PRESENT William Klein – Ontelaunee Township Commissioner, Glen Moyer – Leesport Borough Commissioner, Joseph Rudderow III – Maidencreek Township Commissioner, Chief Scott Eaken, Ruth Manmiller-Secretary, and John Stott -Solicitor

GUESTS Charles Berger, Rodney Younker, Alexis Hahn, Kenneth Stoudt

William Klein called the November 8, 2010 Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Ontelaunee Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES – October 11, 2010

Joseph Rudderow III made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer, to approve the October 11, 2010 Police Commission meeting minutes. All Commission members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruth Manmiller presented the October 2010 Treasurer's Report that included the fund balances, the year to date budget report, and documentation of all transactions. Glen Moyer made a motion, seconded by Joe Rudderow III to approve the October 2010 Treasurer's Report, approving payments/transfers from the Money Market Accounts, Checking Account, Payroll Account and Health Benefits Account. All Commissioners voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eaken read October 2010 Northern Berks Regional Police activities report and commented on several arrests made during this time period.

Prior to moving on to other business;

Rodney Younker asked the following question; *"Who is the employer of the 14 officers of the Northern Berks Regional Police?"*
Solicitor John Stott answered, *"The Commission."*

Glen Moyer then asked, *"So the Commissioners are the employers?"*
Solicitor John Stott answered*, "Yes."*

OLD BUSINESS

Resignation – John Stott

At October's Commission meeting, John Stott announced his resignation and promised a confirmation letter to follow. His resignation letter was received and read to confirm his resignation effective 12/31/2010.

Joseph Rudderow III made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer, to accept John Stott's resignation effective 12/31/2010. All Commissioners voted, "Aye." Motion Carried.

William Klein made a motion to retain the services of Mark Marolla of the Brumbach Mancuso and Fegley Law Firm to allow for smooth transition for 2011. Mark Marolla filled in for John Stott for several Commission meetings. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Joseph Rudderow III made a motion, seconded by Glen Moyer authorizing the Secretary to advertise the RFP for legal representation in The Reading Eagle and with The Berks County Bar Association. All Commissioners voted, "Aye." Motion carried. The Commissioners will interview prospective individuals for the position in December.

2011 Budget

Chief Eaken, as requested by Maidencreek Township to reduce the 2011 budget by $80,000.00, proceeded to explain to the Commissioners how the budget reduction was accomplished. The Chief recalculated several budgetary items (overtime, holiday, pension, training, utilities, computer, and future mobile data units) and removed a new vehicle purchase from the original 2011 budget resulting in a total of $64,740.85 reduction. The remaining $15,259.15 will be accomplished by reducing the January 2011 contribution per each municipality's percentage.

For example; $80,000.00 Reduction Goal
-$64,740.85 Chief's Reductions
$15,259.15 Payment reduction by municipality's percentages

For example: Maidencreek 1/2011 payment would be $66,321.06 ($73,569.16 - $7,248.10 (47.5 %)
Ontelaunee 1/2011 payment would be $46,075.69 ($51,111.21- $5,035.52 (33%)
Leesport 1/2011 payment would be $27,226.54 ($30,202.08-$2,975.54 (19.5%)

No decision was made. The Commissioners agreed to inform their respective boards.

Kenneth Stoudt, Ontelaunee Township expressed concern that vehicle maintenance costs may increase since a new vehicle would not be purchased in 2011.

Glen Moyer, Leesport Borough questioned if the Commission would have enough funds to operate in 2011 as a result of the reductions.

NEW BUSINESS

Leesport Fire Co.

Kenneth Stoudt, Ontelaunee Township informed the Commissioners that a representative of the Leesport Fire Company had inquired about obtaining a retired Police vehicle. Chief Eaken stated that in the past Police vehicles were donated to the Blandon Fire Company and the Leesport Fire Company however; currently the one remaining Police vehicle is not worth giving.

Health Insurance

Rodney Younker, Ontelaunee Township asked if the health insurance issue was resolved and if it would be more economical to separate Northern Berks Police from Maidencreek Township to obtain a better quote. This move may help the Northern Berks budget.

Joseph Rudderow III, Maidencreek Township stated he is under the impression that staying together allows Maidencreek Township to keep their health expenses lower.

William Klein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Submitted By,
Ruth M Manmiller
Northern Berks Regional Police

CC: Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors
Leesport Borough Council
Diane Hollenbach, Maidencreek Township
Alexis A. Hahn, Ontelaunee Township
Sandra Weiser, Leesport Borough
John Stott