

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission
Held on July 28, 2009**

1. Charlie A. Tupper called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Charles A. Tupper led the pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Present – Charles A. Tupper, Don L. Bosserman, Steven J. Speers, and Nancy Z. Garber. Absent – Gerald G. Cole.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Consent Calendar:
 - a. Approval and ratification of the minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting.
 - b. Accept and ratify the Treasurer's Report for the period of June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, subject to audit.
 - c. Approve payment of all bills via Bill List #15-2009 in the amount of \$ 26,535.35; and Bill List #16-2009 in the amount of \$ 21,596.11; and Bill List #17-2009 in the amount of \$ 24,611.64; and ratify payment of all payrolls for the period of June 20, 2009 through July 17, 2009, inclusive, in the amount of \$ 82,375.92, which represents two pay periods.

A motion was made by Steven J. Speers and seconded by Nancy Z. Garber to approve the Consent Calendar as written. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

5. NRLCPC Contract – Period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012:

Mr. Charlie Tupper stated the new contract is exactly the same as the contract we are functioning under right now with an extension of three years. This contract is the old contract with the arbitration award being incorporated into it. There is no change to the current contract.

A motion was made by Don L. Bosserman and seconded by Steven J. Speers to approve the NRLCPC Contract for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

6. NRLCPC “Use of Force” and “Mental Health Emergency” Policies:

Mr. Tupper stated these amendments were put together by a number of persons with expertise in this field and recommended going along with these changes. Chief Gatchell noted that county mental health retardation is more actively involved in giving fundamental health emergency procedures. Chief Gatchell stated he is finding that assistance and cooperation from government and hospitals is waning when law enforcement petitions to have someone committed on an involuntary commitment, the hospitals say they can't handle it and refer them to another hospital. This new policy will guide officers through this commitment process.

A motion was made by Steven J. Speers and seconded by Nancy Z. Garber to approve both policies as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

7. Advisements/Updates:

- **DUI Checkpoint Detail:** Chief Gatchell noted Saturday, July 18, the County DUI Enforcement came in and we conducted a DUI checkpoint with the Northwest Regional Police Department. One may have never been conducted in our jurisdiction. The County recruited officers throughout the County and covers the overtime. The County's rate is higher than the State rate and our rate is higher than the County rate. We had three arrests and three others that were borderline. This is an issue to be concerned about. The checkpoint was conducted on PA Route 230 at Weaver Memorial.
- **Civil Proceedings – Invoices for Officers Court Appearance:** Chief Gatchell stated he has seen an escalation of law firms and attorneys for domestic situations having their clients calling the police for every

little thing so they get it on record and then subpoena the police for child custody cases and civil cases that is driving the overtime budget “out of the water”. Chief Gatchell indicated the Department has started invoicing the law firms for the overtime to try to offset some of these costs.

- Citizen Academy: Chief Gatchell noted he and Chief O’Connell have met and discussed the benefits of doing a community relations event at the Academy where citizens who are interested could come to training classes on different areas of law enforcement, such as how evidence is collected and familiarize the public with what the police are looking for in different situations. Mid-January is when this event is looking to be implemented if there is enough interest.

8. Correspondence:

- a. Calls for Service – June 2009.
- b. Police Activity Report – June 2009.
- c. Overtime Report – June 2009.
- d. Police Cruiser Mileage Chart – June 2009.

9. Other business:

Elizabethtown Fair – Ms. Nancy Z. Garber asked if NRLCPC had been requested to assist. Chief Gatchell indicated no one has been in formal contact at this time.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission to be held on August 25, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Mount Joy Township Municipal Building, 159 Merts Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

10. A motion was made by Steven J. Speers and seconded by Nancy Z. Garber to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Forry
Secretary
Northwest Regional Lancaster
County Police Commission