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MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE BOARD

June 24, 2026

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (7:00 PM)

Chairman Ryan Colombo called this Northern Regional Police Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Prior to discussing new business agenda items, the motion was made by Audrey Mackie and seconded by Jack Donahue to amend the June Police Board Agenda to include discussion and possible action on defining the Building Project Committee. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Ray Kendrick, Richland Township Alternate Ann Miller, Donna Snyder, Dan Dimond, Ryan Colombo, J. Tracy, Jason Bragunier, Audrey Mackie, and Jack Donahue. Also in attendance were Chief Bryan DeWick, Captains Jeff Jones and Matt Blough, and Solicitor Jonathan Whalen.

There were eleven members of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Township resident Earl Bragunier addressed the board. He stated that he did not believe his comments from the February board meeting were reflected in the minutes and asked whether meetings were recorded for public access. He reiterated his concerns about the lack of white road lines on Sunset Drive, drivers not obeying the "slow" signs, and requested speed enforcement in the area once more. He stated that a resident had authorized the police to use his driveway for patrol but noted that he had only seen two patrol vehicles on his road over the last two months. Mr. Bragunier also shared concerns from Marshall Township residents regarding the building project, particularly that the public was not made aware of discussions or able to vote on project discussions. He also expressed concern about additional fees and taxes due to new construction. He requested deer crossing signs and stated that he had requested a copy of the study from Marshall Township regarding a speed study on his road to compare to his own findings but never received it. Finally, he asked that the public be notified of police patrols in the area and asked about signage related to speeding fines, specifically in the case of accidents. Chief DeWick suggested that Mr. Bragunier meet with him and requested a copy of the letter authorizing the police to use the resident's driveway. Chief DeWick also responded that accident reconstruction is not conducted for minor accidents. Mr. Bragunier concluded that speed enforcement was his primary concern and offered his assistance with directing traffic, as a Marshall Township constable.

Marshall Township resident Marianne Salzman also addressed the Board. She stated that, although there were white lines on Markman Park Road, she had not seen police officers enforcing the speed limit in her area. She stated that she had reported the issue to the NRPD but had not seen any improvement. She also stated that she had filed a police report regarding an incident where she was

nearly forced off Pearce Mill Road while riding her bicycle, and the driver threw a cigarette in her face. Ms. Salzman felt her concerns were dismissed and was unaware of any follow-up. She reiterated her concern for public safety and shared that more concern and traffic enforcement were needed.

MINUTES OF THE MAY BOARD MEETING

The motion was made by Ray Kendrick and seconded by Dan Dimond to approve the Board meeting minutes from May 27, 2026. Board members Audrey Mackie and Richland Alternate Ann Miller abstained from the vote. Motion carried with seven aye votes.

REPORTS

CHIEF REPORT

Chief DeWick presented his report and reflected on the recent successful active shooter drill at Hance Elementary School, which involved the school district, neighboring police departments, the SWAT team, and the majority of the NRPD force. Chairman Ryan Colombo confirmed that the Chief's Report included speeding citations and warnings, and Chief DeWick also added that they were on the website.

The motion was made by Jason Bragunier and seconded by Audrey Mackie to approve the Chief's Report for May 2026. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

J. Tracy presented the Treasurer's Report and reported that department remained in a strong financial position, with current revenues and operating expenses in line with expectations. He noted a slight increase in police services expenses, which Chief DeWick confirmed was typical for this time of year.

The motion was made by Donna Snyder and seconded by Ray Kendrick to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2026. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

No public comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON NEW STATION PROJECT

Chief DeWick reported that BHA had finished their design and development phases and had presented the designs to the municipal managers. He then invited the managers to the podium. Pine Township Manager Jason Kratsas requested that the Police Board recognize the "Building Project" Committee on behalf of the municipal managers to ensure they remain involved in project management. Chairman Ryan Colombo asked if this motion would include permitting the committee to speak and sign contracts with BHA. Chief DeWick responded that the members of the committee needed to be identified before any motions were made. Discussion followed regarding Chief DeWick and the municipal managers' involvement, as well as the question of who served as project manager.

Richland Township Manager Brian O'Malley stated that this topic was discussed at a previous meeting, and the managers had taken the information back to their individual boards. He explained that the municipalities had been preparing a joint resolution to designate the Building Project Committee as the project manager while remaining mindful of the department's operational needs. Chief DeWick stated that a member of the NRPD should serve on the Building Project Committee as well. Discussion followed.

Manager Jason Kratsas stated that BHA did not recognize the Building Project Committee, and that their contract was with the Police Board, which is why the managers were requesting to define the

NRPD requesting police services, noting that St. Barnabas was willing to fund police coverage if the NRPD accepted. He commented that Valencia Borough's remaining option for police services was the Pennsylvania State Police, and that the area had only 400 residents.

Board member Donna Snyder commented on the department's current staffing shortage, and Chief DeWick agreed, stating that although the borough was small, it would still require additional resources. Ray Kendrick stated that in light of the concerns expressed by Marshall Township residents, he did not support taking on Valencia Borough, and Chief DeWick agreed. Ray Kendrick and Chief DeWick also discussed Mars Borough and Adams Township declining their request for assistance. Board member Jason Brgaunier commented that if the NRPD were to provide services for Valencia, they could be structured similarly to Seven Fields Borough but agreed that the NRPD did not have enough resources at this time to do so. Board member Dan Dimond asked if Valencia Borough had considered private security, and Chief DeWick replied that they already have it, and in the event of an emergency, the NRPD would assist. He confirmed that while the department would like to assist, it wasn't feasible. Ryan Colombo concluded that the discussion did not need to come to a vote.

UPDATE ON OFFICER TESTING AND HIRING PROCESS

Captain Blough announced that 43 applicants responded to the department's nationwide recruitment efforts, including candidates from as far away as Colorado and South Carolina. After applications, qualifications, and agility testing, 14 candidates remained prior to reviewing the results of the verbal exam. Captain Blough emphasized that the department had been working since 2020 to reach a staffing level of 46 officers and currently only had 41, with one on medical leave and anticipating one anticipating retirement. Jason Bragunier noted that the NRPD previously conducted hiring tests every few years, but now once every few months. Chief DeWick added that they may ultimately hire only one or two officers from these hiring rounds. Captain Blough stated that the department continued to lose new candidates out of the few produced by the academy and some qualified candidates to other departments.

Ray Kendrick informed the public that the NRPD issued more than 300 citations last month and stated that the officers were doing their job as best as they could with current staffing shortages. He acknowledged that some areas patrolled less frequently, but that this issue applied throughout the department's jurisdiction. Chief DeWick mentioned that the department tracked speeding hot spots including Markman Park Rd and Sunset Drive but also noted that one of their main traffic officers retired in February 2026 and had not yet been replaced. Marshall Township resident Ms. Salzman asked if she could obtain a report showing citations issued on Markman Park Road over a one-month, six-month, and one-year period. Chief DeWick replied that she could send him an email and emphasized once more that there were 50 square miles of roadway to cover and that the officers were patrolling the area as much as possible.

MOTION TO IDENTIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE

The motion was made by Ray Kendrick and seconded by Audrey Mackie to identify the Building Project Committee members as Chief DeWick and the municipal managers. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH BUCHART HORN

committee and asking for input in the project's management. Board member Jack Donahue commented that he viewed the township managers as responsible for taking the NRPD's requirements and seeing the building project to completion. Chief DeWick replied that the department's requirements and the managers' views of the requirements were not aligned. Board member Ray Kendrick stated that he believed the municipalities should have input on the requirements presented by the NRPD, as they were funding the project. He suggested that the managers present the requests to their individual municipalities and determine what they could afford.

Discussion continued regarding financial commitment. Chief DeWick stated that the Police Board had previously recognized and accepted the project proposal as presented, at approximately \$13.6 million and that the municipalities had committed to \$10 million, with the NRPD pursuing grants and outside funding to cover the remaining costs. He also mentioned concerns regarding transparency and stated that he had been excluded from some project meetings. Board member Audrey Mackie stated that the municipal managers should be involved in discussions with BHA, and Chief DeWick replied that the architects had communicated with the managers and had been transparent with project updates. He pointed out that the only discrepancy was that the managers did not have direct decision-making authority with BHA, as the agreement was between the architects and the Police Board. Audrey Mackie stated that the township managers and NRPD should both be a part of the committee in order to keep the project moving with transparent communication. She also stated that she believed that the Police Board had previously approved the building rendition, not a specific dollar amount and expressed concerns that the project had advanced this far without a finalized budget or financial commitment from the municipalities. She suggested that the Board formally recognize the Building Project Committee as consisting of the Chief of Police and the township managers, and requested that every municipality know their financial commitment before the July Board meeting, noting that project costs would increase with time.

Chief DeWick reminded the Board that the majority of the NRPD's project requests were necessities. He also reiterated that the municipalities had previously discussed a commitment of \$10 million as well as the NRPD's intent to secure grant funding for costs exceeding that amount, adding that they needed a confirmed figure to do so. He announced that Saxton & Stump, Econ Partners, and BHA would all speak at the July Board meeting as well.

Solicitor Jonathan Whalen stated that to define the Building Project Committee, a motion had to first be made to amend the June Police Board agenda. Chairman Ryan Colombo then suggested motions to identify the members of the Building Project Committee and authorize the committee to communicate with BHA.

UPDATE ON DISCUSSION WITH SEVEN FIELDS BOROUGH REGARDING POTENTIAL FUTURE EXTENSION OF POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

The agenda item was moved to executive session for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON VALENCIA BOROUGH REGARDING POTENTIAL CONTRACTED POLICE SERVICES, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

Chief DeWick informed the Police Board that Valencia Borough officials had again approached the

ARCHITECTS

The motion was made by Audrey Mackie and seconded by Ray Kendrick to authorize the Building Project Committee to communicate with Bucharth Horn Architects. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

No comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Donna Snyder and seconded by Jack Donahue to adjourn into the executive session. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The time was 7:44 PM.

The motion was made by Jason Bragunier and seconded by Jack Donahue to adjourn the executive session. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The time was 9:01 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Audrey Mackie and seconded by Donna Snyder. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.



Recording Secretary - Julia Reginelli



Chief Bryan DeWick