

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TOWNSHIP OF RIVER VALE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
AND
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION INC.
PASCACK VALLEY LOCAL NO. 206
RIVER VALE UNIT

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0.00 PREAMBLES

0.01 This agreement, by and between the Township of River Vale, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as "The Employer", and the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 206 (River Vale Unit), hereinafter referred to as "The PBA."

0.02 Whereas, the Employer and the PBA recognize that it will be to the benefit of both to promote mutual understanding and foster a harmonious relationship between the parties to the end that continuous and efficient service will be rendered to and by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed on this ----- day of January 1st, 2022 that the foregoing terms and conditions are agreed to by the parties which terms and conditions shall take effect the first payroll period after approval of this agreement by the Employer at its Township meeting and after full execution of the Agreement by The PBA and Employer:

1.0 PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS

1.01 The Township of River Vale hereby retains and reserves unto itself, exclusively, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon it and vested in it prior to the signing of this Agreement by the Laws and constitution of the State of New Jersey and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights:

- (a) To the executive management and administrative control of the Township Government and its properties and facilities and the activities of its employees;
- (b) To hire all employees, and subject to the provisions of Law, to determine their qualifications and conditions for continued employment or assignment and to promote and transfer employees;
- (c) To suspend, promote, demote, transfer, assign, reassign, or discharge employees, or to take any other disciplinary actions for the good and just cause according to law.

1.02 Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Township of its rights, responsibilities and authority, under New Jersey Revised Statutes, Titles 11, 40 and 40A, or under any other national, state, county or other applicable law.

1.03 The Township of River Vale agrees that all benefits, terms and conditions of employment relating to the status of Township of River Vale police officers, which benefits, terms and conditions of employment are not specifically set forth in this Agreement, shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect at the time of the commencement of collective bargaining negotiations between the parties leading to the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement.

1.04 Unless a contrary intent is expressed in this Memorandum of Agreement, all existing benefits, rights, duties, obligations and conditions of employment applicable to any police

officer, pursuant to any rules, regulations, instruction, directive, memorandum, statute, or otherwise, shall not be limited, restricted, impaired, removed or abolished.

1.05 The parties agree that during the term of this Agreement, they shall meet periodically in a good faith attempt to resolve such additional issues as may arise. Failure to meet pursuant to this clause shall not be cause for a grievance.

1.06 If agreement is reached between the parties as to any such additional issues, then, in that event, any such agreed upon language shall become part of this Agreement upon the execution of same, duly signed by the PBA President and the Township Administrator.

2.00 MAINTENANCE OF WORK OPERATIONS

2.01 The parties agree that there shall be no lockouts, strikes, work stoppages, job actions, or slowdowns during the life of this Agreement. No officer, or representative of the PBA, shall authorize, instigate, or condone such activity.

2.02 It is understood that a violation of the provisions of the article may subject any employee participating in, or condoning, such activity to disciplinary action by the Township. Such disciplinary action may include termination of employment, or any other appropriate lesser form of discipline, subject to applicable provisions of this Agreement.

3.00 EMPLOYEES' BASIC RIGHTS

3.01 Pursuant to Chapter 303, Public Law 1968, the employer hereby agrees that every employee shall have the right to freely organize, join and support the PBA and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As a body exercising governmental power under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the employee undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly, or indirectly, discourage, or deprive, or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Chapter 303, Public Law 1968, or other laws of the State of New Jersey, or the Constitution of New Jersey and of the United States.

3.02 The employer further agrees that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of his membership in the PBA and its affiliates, his participation in any activities of the PBA and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the employer, or his institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment, as prescribed by the statutes of the state of New Jersey.

4.00 EXCLUSIVITY OF PBA REPRESENTATION

4.01 The employer agrees that it will not enter into any contract or memorandum of agreement with anyone but the PBA with regard to the categories of personnel covered by this Agreement.

5.00 DUES CHECKOFF

5.01 Upon presentation to the employer of a dues check off card signed by individual employees, the employer will deduct from such employees' periodic salaries the amount set forth on said dues check-off authorization card.

5.02 Thereafter, the employer will, as soon as practicable forward a check in the amount of all dues withheld for this purpose to the PBA representative entitled to receive same.

5.03 The said PBA representative shall be appointed by a resolution of the PBA and certified to the employer by the PBA.

6.00 EXISTING LAW

6.01 The provisions of this agreement shall be subject to and subordinate to, and shall not annul or modify, existing applicable provisions of State or Federal Laws.

7.00 PBA RECOGNITION

7.01 The employer recognizes the PBA as the exclusive bargaining representative for the purpose of collective negotiations with respect to all negotiable items of employment for all employees employed by the employer's police department except those employees excluded herein (Chief and Captain excluded).

7.02 No employee shall be compelled to join the PBA but each employee shall have the option to join said PBA voluntarily.

7.03 The term "police officer" or "employee" as used herein shall be defined to include the plural as well as the singular, and to include females as well as males.

8.00 PBA REPRESENTATIVES

8.01 The employer recognizes the right of the PBA to designate representatives within the Department and alternates for the enforcement of this Agreement, provided they are members of the River Vale Police Department or their attorneys.

8.02 The PBA shall furnish the employer in writing the names of the representatives and the alternates and notify the employer of any changes.

8.03 The authority of the representatives and alternates so designated by the PBA shall be limited to, and shall not exceed, the following duties and activities:

- (a) The investigation and presentation of grievances in accordance with the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement;
- (b) The transmission of such messages and information, which shall originate with, and are authorized by, the PBA or its officers,

8.04 The designated PBA representative shall be granted time, with pay during working hours, to investigate and seek to settle formal grievances and to attend all meetings and conferences on collective negotiations with employer officials. There shall be no overtime credited under this section.

9.00 RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES

9.01 Members of the force hold a unique status as public officers in that the nature of their office and employment involves the exercise a portion of the police power in the municipality.

9.02 The security of the community depends to a great extent on the manner in which police officers perform their duties, and their employment is thus in the nature of a public trust.

9.03 The wide-ranging powers and duties given to the Department and its members involve them in all manner of contacts and relationships with public.

9.04 Out of these contacts may come questions concerning the actions of the members of the force.

9.05 These questions may require investigation by superior officers designated by the Chief of Police and the governing body.

9.06 In an effort to insure that these investigations are conducted in a manner, which is conducive to good order and discipline, the following rules are hereby adopted:

- (a) The interrogation of a member of the force shall be at a reasonable hour, preferably when the member of the force is on duty, unless the exigencies of the investigation dictate otherwise, in which event reassignment of the member of the force should be employed. If any time is lost as a result of a departmental investigation, the member of the force shall be compensated.
- (b) The interrogations shall take place at a location designated by the Chief of Police. Usually it will be at police headquarters, or the location where the incident allegedly occurred.
- (c) The member of the force shall be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation commences, including the name of the complainant. Sufficient information to reasonably apprise the member of the allegations should be provided. If it is known that the member of the force is being interrogated as a witness only, he should be so informed at the initial contact.
- (d) The questioning shall be reasonable in length. Reasonable respites shall be allowed. Time shall also be provided for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls and rest periods as are reasonably necessary.

- (e) The member of the force shall not be subject to any offensive language, nor shall he be threatened with transfer, dismissal, or other disciplinary punishment. No promise or reward shall be made as an inducement to answering questions.
- (f) The complete interrogation of the member of the force shall be recorded mechanically, or by stenographer, if so requested by him. There will be no "off the record" questions. All recesses called during the questioning shall be recorded.
- (g) If a member of the force is under arrest, or is likely to be, that is, if he is a suspect or the target of a criminal investigation, he shall be given his rights pursuant to the current decisions of the United States Supreme Court.
- (h) In all cases, and at every state of the proceedings, in the interest of maintaining the usual high morale of the force, the department shall afford an opportunity for a member of the force, if he so requests, to consult with counsel and/or his PBA representative, before being questioned concerning a violation of the Rules and Regulations, during the interrogation of a member of the force.

10.00 DATA FOR FUTURE BARGAINING

10.01 The employer agrees to make available to the PBA all relevant data the PBA may require to bargain collectively.

10.02 The relevant data noted above shall include, but not be limited to, such items as salaries and benefits enjoyed by other employee groups, the costs of various insurance and other programs, information concerning overtime worked by employees, the total number of sick days utilized by employees, the total number of injuries on duty and other data of a similar nature.

10.03 The Township shall incur no additional expense by virtue of this article. The article shall not apply to any attorney-client work product.

11.00 SALARIES

11.01 The base annual salaries of all employees covered by this Agreement shall be as set forth in Appendix "A".

12.00 WORK DAY, WORK WEEK AND OVERTIME

12.01 The normal workday tour shall be eight hours, which shall include within the eight-hour span, thirty minutes of mealtime per day, and shall include two coffee breaks per day of fifteen minutes each. On the 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. shift, an employee may elect to take a 45 minute meal break and thus waive the second coffee break of fifteen minutes. (Revised 2001)

12.02 The work schedule shall be comprised of a straight 4 on and 2 off schedule, with a total of 244 chart work days and 121 regular days off. This shall represent 1952 working hours per year, exclusive of vacations, personal days or other compensated time off. No overtime shall be earned due to any tour swap. (Revised 1995)

12.03 Work in excess of the employee's basic workweek, or tour for a day, is overtime. In accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the hourly overtime rate of an employee shall be based upon the sum of the employee's annual base salary, base salary times 6% shift premium, and longevity, divided by the number of calendar working hours in the year (1952), and multiplied by 1.5. (Revised 2014)

12.04 Deleted (1995)

12.05 Detectives will receive an additional payment of \$1000 per annum added to their appropriate base salaries. Detectives will not be utilized to avoid overtime payments to other members of the bargaining unit. (Revised 1990)

12.06 It is agreed and understood that during all meal periods and coffee breaks arising under this section that all employees will be available to respond to any call for emergency or other contingency.

12.07 (Deleted 1995)

12.08 The detective work schedule shall be 5 days on (Monday thru Friday) 2 days off. Each detective will receive 16 pay back days per year. All pay back days shall be prorated based on the date a detective is assigned to this position.

13.00 HOURLY RATE

13.01 To compute the base hourly rate of an employee, the employee's annual base salary shall be divided by the number of calendar working hours in each year. The number of calendar working hours in each year of this Memorandum of Agreement shall be 1952.

14.00 COURT TIME

14.01 Court time, as referred to in this article, shall consist of all time, excluding regular tours of duty, during which an his Agreement shall be required to attend a Municipal Court, County Court, Superior Court, Grand Jury proceeding, or other Courts or Administrative Bodies, as a direct result of his official duties.

14.02 When an employee shall be required to travel to and from any of the Courts or Administrative Bodies, as noted in this article, such travel time shall be considered and included in the computation of the amount of overtime to which the employee is entitled provided, however, that such travel time shall be computed between the employer's police headquarters and the pertinent court or administrative body.

14.03 The amount of overtime to which an employee may be entitled under this article shall be the actual time required, including the waiting time in the Court or Administrative Body, together with any applicable travel time provided, however, that the employee's entitlement to overtime under this article shall not be less than three (3) hours of overtime except for those employees required to perform court time immediately following completion of their regularly scheduled Day Tour/7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. shift. Any employee required to perform court time immediately following completion of their regularly scheduled Day Tour/7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours of overtime.

14.04 The Township shall have the right to utilize Special Officers and other civilian personnel only to provide courtroom and Township Council security and in a manner consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.10, *et seq.* Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event the Township's Court merges with the Court of another municipality or municipalities, the Township is permitted to use such personnel as deemed appropriate by the Court that the Township merges into. (Revised 2014)

15.00 TRAINING PAY

15.01 The employer agrees to compensate all employees covered by this Agreement for attending mandated training courses while not on duty. When feasible the Township can assign the training day during a regularly scheduled shift. (Revised 2018)

16.00 STANDBY TIME

16.01 Standby time shall be considered as time worked if the Township requires the employee to remain in a fixed position, by virtue of an order of the Chief of Police, or his designee.

16.02 In the event that a police officer is required to be available by phone, it shall not be considered mandatory for him to remain at such a position and, in the event that he is not able to be reached or cannot respond, he will not be subject to any censure or any disciplinary action. However, if he is required to remain in a fixed position, he will be compensated and will remain subject to the normal Rules and Regulations of the Department.

17.00 RECALL

17.01 Any employee who is called back to work after having completed his regularly scheduled shift shall be guaranteed two hours of work. (Revised 1995)

18.00 SHIFT CHANGES

18.01 The employer agrees that it will not unreasonably adjust shifts so as to avoid overtime to the employees covered by this Agreement.

19.00 LONGEVITY

19.01 In addition to all wages and benefits, each employee hired prior to January 1, 2014 shall be entitled to an annual longevity payment of 1 percent of the employee's base salary, for each three years of service with the Township. Any employee hired after January 1, 2014, shall not be entitled to longevity pay. (Revised 2014

19.02 The said payments for longevity shall be quarterly to the employee entitled to it.

20.00 UNIFORMS

20.01 01 Each new employee shall receive from the employer, free of charge, a complete uniform(s) and accessories as follows: 1 Class A short sleeve shirt, 1 Class A long sleeve shirt, 1 Class A pants, 1 whistle with chain and holder, 1 name plate, 1 tie, 1 tie clip, 1 hat with strap and band, 1 police hat shield, 1 pair dress shoes, 1 spring/fall jacket, 3 long sleeve duty shirts, 3 short sleeve duty shirts, 3 duty cargo pocket pants, 1 pair boots, 1 reflective traffic vest and gloves, 1 complete duty belt/pouches covering all duty belt equipment in basket weave or nylon, 1 rain coat with hat cover, 1 baseball style cap, 2 police badges, 1 rechargeable flashlight with charger, 1 ASP baton, 1 pair of handcuffs, 1 portable radio, 1 portable radio clip, 1 service weapon, 2 spare magazines, 1 can of pepper spray, 1 dress blouse, 1 dress white shirt, 1 Sam Browne belt, holster, ammunition pouch, and cross strap, 1 dress hat with strap and band, 1 North American Rescue individual officer trauma kit.

20.02 DELETED.

20.03 DELETED.

20.04 If the employer decided to change the uniform, or any part thereof, it shall provide to each employee, free of charge, any such changed items.

20.05 DELETED.

20.06 Any employees uniform or personal equipment, which are required by him/her in his/her capacity as a police officer, which may be damaged as a result of a single episode during the course of his/her employment, shall be replaced by the employer, with the approval of the Chief of Police, except where such damage is caused by the negligence of the employee. Any such replacements made under this section shall be made to the employee within 30 days of the reporting of same.

21.00 PBA OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

21.01 The employer agrees to grant the necessary time off, without loss of pay, to one member of the PBA or his alternate, selected by the members of the PBA, as a delegate to attend any state or national convention of the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association. Further, the employer agrees to grant the necessary time off, without loss of pay, to the PBA representative duly designated as the State Delegate, to attend the monthly PBA meeting, provided that this clause is covered by statute.

21.02 Any member holding an elected or appointed position of the PBA will be permitted to attend meetings of the PBA while on duty, provided that the department shall not incur overtime as a result.

21.03 The employer agrees to grant the necessary time off, without loss of pay, to up to 10% of the Department, to attend any convention or seminar deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police, provided that the department shall not incur overtime as a result.

22.00 VACATIONS

22.01 The vacation allowance for members covered by this Agreement shall be as follows:

(a) All employees, except those covered by section 22.01(f), who have completed six months of employment, but less than one year, shall receive five (5) working days' vacation.

(b) All employees who have completed one year of employment, but less than five years, shall receive twelve (12) working days' vacation. After the first full year of employment per anniversary date, vacation time will pro-rated to December 31st of the existing year. Beginning January 1st of the following year the employee will receive the 12 working days entitled.

(c) All employees who have completed five years of service or more shall receive twelve (12) working days' vacation, plus one additional day for each year worked in excess of five years.

(d) The maximum number of vacation days to which an employee shall be entitled is thirty-two (32) working days. Any employee hired between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2017 shall be entitled to a maximum of twenty six (26) working days. Any employee hired after January 1, 2018 shall be entitled to a maximum of 24 days (Revised 2018)

(e) All employees working less than a full year based on January 1st shall receive a proration of their vacation allowance based on the January 1st date.

(f) Any employee who is a lateral hire from another police department or who has obtained New Jersey Police Training Commission certification prior to the date of hire by the River Vale Police Department and has completed more than one year but less than five years of employment shall receive twelve (12) working days' vacation as prorated in accordance with Section (e) above. An employee who has obtained New Jersey Police Training certification prior to the date of hire but has not yet completed one year of employment shall receive ten (10) working days' vacation prorated in accordance with Section (e) above. Any employee covered by this section shall upon completion of the fifth year of employment or more receive twelve (12) working days' vacation, plus one (1) additional day for each year worked in excess of five years. The maximum number of vacation days to which an employee covered by this section shall be entitled is thirty-two (32) working days. Any employee hired between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2017 shall be entitled to a maximum of twenty six (26) working days. Any employee hired after January 1, 2018 shall be entitled to a maximum of twenty four (24) working days.

22.02 When in any calendar year, the vacation, or any part thereof, is not granted by reason of police activity, such vacation periods not granted shall accumulate and shall be granted during the next succeeding year with the approval of the Appropriate Authority, except that any employee shall be permitted to carry up to five vacation days into the next succeeding year, for any reason whatsoever at the employee's discretion.

22.03 If an employee is on vacation and becomes sufficiently ill, so as to require hospitalization for four days or more, he may have such period of illness and post hospital recuperation charged against sick leave at his option, upon proof of hospitalization and a physician's certificate.

22.04 No employee who is on vacation shall be recalled, except in a case of a full mobilization of the Department by the Chief of Police to meet a clear and present emergency confronting the employer. For the purposes of this section, any regular day or days off immediately preceding and/or following an employee's vacation shall be treated identically to vacation in the preceding sentence.

22.05 Vacations shall be selected on a rotating seniority basis, which shall be established by the Department, as is presently in use. Seniority will prevail for the purpose of picking vacations up to and including April 30. After the cutoff date of April 30, all vacations will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

22.06 Vacations will not be denied employees, in the event the request for vacation requires a replacement at the overtime rates, so long as no more than one such replacement per day, at the overtime rates, is made necessary by virtue of the vacation request. This clause remains in effect for all vacations requested prior to April 30th of the calendar year for the vacations submitted for June, July and August. This section (22.06) and this section only can be opened up for discussion at December 31, 2019. (Revised 2018)

22.07 No officer will be required to work an overtime tour for a vacation day or personal day on any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, and July 4th, Labor Day Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. (Added 2001)

22.08 In the event of a termination, resignation or retirement of an employee's employment for any reason, unused vacation time earned as of January 1st of that year shall be paid out the balance of time unless used. Any employee retiring after January 1, 2025, unused vacation time will be prorated from January 1st to the date of retirement.

23.00 PERSONAL LEAVE

23.01 Each employee shall have three personal leave days per year. For purposes of this section, an employee shall not be required to advise his superior of the reason for the personal leave days.

23.02 An employee must give the Chief of Police 24 hours' notice of his intention to take a personal leave day and must receive approval from the Chief of Police to ensure that the employer has adequate personnel on hand to perform all necessary functions.

24.00 RESERVED

24.01 (Deleted 1995)

25.00 SICK LEAVE

25.01 Each employee shall receive a sick leave benefit of sixteen (16) days annually with unlimited accumulation. Sick time shall be calculated and tracked in hours and rounded to the nearest hour in 30-minute increments. The employer reserves the right to grant additional sick leave for a major illness or accident. Such additional sick leave for a major illness or accident shall not be charged against an employee's annual sick leave.

25.02 Upon retirement, an employee shall receive no more than one half of his accumulated, but unused, bank of sick leave days and/or hours in a cash payment, at his rate of pay upon his retirement date. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 25.01 above, it is understood and agreed that no employee shall be paid more than 130 days (976 hours) of accumulated, but unused, sick leave days, regardless of how many unused, sick leave days the employee has accumulated. For purposes of calculating the number of accumulated but unused bank of sick leave time, unused sick leave shall be prorated from such employee's anniversary date through retirement date. For illustrative purposes only, if an employee were hired on October 1, 2013 and retired on April 1, 2017 (and such employee has not utilized any sick time), such employee would be entitled to a payment equal to ½ of fifty-six (56) days. Any employee hired after May 21, 2010 shall be entitled to a maximum of \$15,000 complying with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-10.4.

25.03 If any employee is out sick for three (3) consecutive work days a doctor's note is required. If any employee is out sick for seven (7) consecutive work days, the Township of River Vale may send the employee to its own doctor at the expense of the Township

25.04 If any legislative changes relating to sick leave retirement payout are made which diminish the amount to be paid by the Township pursuant to Section 25.02. The contract will be adjusted to match the payout amount to the amount required by such legislative

changes. Any new employee who is hired after such legislative changes are enacted shall be subject to such new laws regardless of the terms or payout set forth in this contract.

26.00 WORK INCURRED INJURY

26.01 Where an employee covered under this Agreement suffers a work connected injury or disability, the employer shall continue such employee at full pay, during the continuance of such employee's inability to work. During this period, all temporary disability benefits accruing under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act shall be paid over to the employer.

26.02 The employee shall be required to present evidence, by a certificate from a responsible physician that he is unable to work. The employer may require the said employee to present an additional certificate from the Police Surgeon.

26.03 In the event that the employee contends that he is entitled to a period of disability, beyond the period established by the treating physician, employed by the employer or by its insurance carrier, then, in that event, the burden shall be upon the employee to establish such additional period of disability, by obtaining a judgment in the Division of Workmen's Compensation or, by the final decision of the last reviewing court, which shall be binding upon the parties.

26.04 For this article, injury or illness incurred while the employee is acting in any employer-authorized activity shall be considered in the line of duty.

26.05 In the event a dispute arises, as to whether an absence shall be computed or designated as sick leave or as an injury on duty, the parties agree to be bound by the decision of an appropriate Workmen's Compensation judgment or, if there is an appeal there from, the final decision of the last reviewing court.

26.06 Any injury on duty, requiring time off for treatment, recuperation, or rehabilitation, shall not be construed as sick leave, or a sick leave occasion, under the terms of the sick leave policy, heretofore agreed upon by the parties.

27.00 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

27.01 Each permanent full-time employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to three days leave, with pay, upon the death of a member of his immediate family.

27.02 Immediate family shall include spouse, children, parents; brothers, sisters, grandparents of employee or spouse, and such other relatives as may be approved by the Appropriate Authority.

27.03 Such bereavement leave shall not be charged against an employee's vacation or sick leave.

27.04 Any extension of absence under this article, however, may at the employee's option, and with the consent of the Department Head, be charged against available vacation time, or be taken without pay for a reasonable period.

27.05 In the case of unusual circumstances not specifically covered in this article, bereavement leave may be granted or extended at the discretion of the Appropriate Authority.

28.00 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

28.01 All permanent full-time employees covered by this Agreement may be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed one year in addition to any leave permitted by the New Jersey Family Medical Leave Act.

28.02 The employee shall submit in writing all facts bearing on the request to the Chief of Police, or his designated representative, who shall append his recommendation and forward the request to the Township Administrator. The Township Administrator shall consider each case on its merits and any approval granted will not establish precedent for any other leave requested by that employee or other employees. The employer will not unreasonably deny an employee's request for leave of absence.

28.03 This leave may be renewed when requested and if deemed proper and approved by the employer. Approval of leave shall be granted only when the employee has used his accumulated sick leave, in the case of illness, or his vacation leave, if leave without pay is requested for reasons other than illness.

28.04 At the expiration of such leave, the employee shall be returned to the position from which he is on leave.

28.05 Seniority shall be retained but the employer shall have the right to fill the employee's position for the period that the employee is on leave.

29.00 MEDICAL CONTRACT

29.01 The employer will provide and pay for medical insurance under the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program for employees covered by this Agreement and their families. All plans recently in existence shall be maintained. Effective January 1, 2014, all active employees (excluding retired employees) shall contribute bi-weekly to the cost of medical insurance premiums through payroll deductions as stated in P.L. 2011 c. 78. The Township agrees to maintain a Section 125 Plan or comparable plan provided such comparable plan provides the same tax benefits with respect to pre-tax contributions.

29.02 DELETED

29.03 During the period of an employee's retirement, the cost of maintaining the employee's medical benefits, shall be set forth as stated in P.L. 2011 c. 78 (Revised 2014) Chapter 78 requires, with exceptions, all public employees, that retire after the effective date and receive employer paid health benefits, to make a health benefits contribution, paid to their employer as a deduction from their retirement benefit. The employee shall be responsible for 35% of the health benefits cost. If the employee

chooses to maintain such benefits, a monthly payment to the employer shall be made for such premium.

29.04 In the event that legislation is passed relieving the employer from the cost of providing medical benefits for its retired employees, under 29.01 above, the employer and the PBA unit agree to reopen negotiations to discuss, solely, the effects of said legislation upon the benefits of the retired employees, in the event that said legislation may be detrimental to the benefits of the retired employees. (Revised 1995).

29.05 DELETED.

30.00 INSURANCE

30.01 The employer will continue to provide existing insurance coverage to employees covered under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of the applicable insurance policies, protecting them, subject to the terms of the applicable insurance policies, from civil suits arising out of the performance of their duties, including but not limited to, the following: false arrest, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation of character, violation of the right of privacy, invasion of the right of privileged occupancy and the invasion of civil rights.

30.02 The employee shall be entitled to an attorney appointed through the employer's applicable insurance policy and paid by the insurer, or as the case may be, the employer (at rates not to exceed those paid to the Township Attorney), to defend him in any civil action by reason of his performance of official duties for the employer, providing that the employee is successful in the defense of said civil action. This provision does not apply to grievances or departmental charges or disciplinary proceeding, which shall be governed by NJSA 40A:14-155.

31.00 LIFE INSURANCE

31.01 The employer will continue to provide, at its own cost and expense, the existing life insurance coverage to all employees.

32.00 BULLETIN BOARD

32.01 The employer will supply one bulletin board for the use of the PBA to be placed in a conspicuous location.

32.02 The bulletin board shall be for the use of the PBA for the posting of notices and bulletins pertaining to PBA business and activities or matters dealing with the welfare of employees.

32.03 No matter may be posted without receiving permission of the officially designated PBA representative.

33.00 CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

33.01 In the event a police officer in another department in the State of New Jersey is killed in the line of duty, the employer will permit at least two uniformed police officers of the Department to participate in funeral services for the said deceased officer.

33.02 Subject to the availability of same, the employer will permit a department vehicle to be utilized by the members in the funeral service.

33.03 Police officers participating in such funeral service shall not be entitled to any compensation during the time in which they are participating in said funeral services, unless otherwise agreed to by the Chief of Police.

34.00 PERSONNEL FILES

34.01 A separate personal history file shall be established and maintained for each employee covered under this Agreement. Personal history files are confidential records and shall be maintained in the office of the Chief of Police. The Township Administrator shall maintain only employment records for each Police Department employee, which shall contain all payroll related items along with health and benefit information. This shall include but not limited to the employee's date of hire, current rate of pay (annual and hourly), current rate of longevity, current and accumulated sick leave allowance, current and accumulated vacation allowance, current personal leave allowance, and if applicable the current allowance of Detective payback days.

34.02 Any member of the police department may, by appointment, review his personnel file, but this appointment of review must be made through the Chief of Police, or his designated representative.

34.03 Whenever a written complaint concerning an officer or his action is to be placed in his personnel file, a copy shall be made available to him and he shall be given the opportunity to rebut if he so desires and he shall be permitted to place said rebuttal in his file.

34.04 All personal files will be carefully maintained and safeguarded permanently, and nothing placed in any file shall be removed there from.

35.00 MILITARY LEAVE

35.01 Military leave for employees training or serving with the National Guard, or the Armed Forces of the United States, will be granted in accordance with the laws applying to such cases.

36.00 PENSION

36.01 The employer shall make payments to the appropriate Pension and Retirement Board on behalf of the employees covered by this Agreement, based on base salary, shift premium, and longevity pay, pursuant to the statutes and laws of the State of New Jersey (Revised 1995)

37.00 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

37.01 To provide for the expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances arising with respect to complaints occurring under this Agreement, the following procedures shall be used.

37.02 For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "grievance" means any complaint, difference or dispute between the employer and any employee with respect to the interpretation, application, or violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, or any applicable rule or regulation.

37.03 The procedure for settlement of grievances shall be as follows:

(a) STEP ONE - In the event that any employee covered by this Agreement has a grievance, within ten calendar days of the event being grieved, the employee shall discuss it informally with his immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall decide the grievance within two working days after the grievance is first presented to him.

(b) STEP TWO – If no satisfactory resolution of the grievance is reached at Step One, then within two working days the grievance shall be presented in writing to the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall render a decision within five Calendar days after the grievance was first presented to him. In the absence of the Chief of Police, the grievance shall be presented to the officer in charge of the Department of determination.

(c)STEP THREE – If the PBA wishes to appeal the decision of the Chief of Police, it shall be presented in writing, to the Township Administrator within ten calendar days. This presentation shall include copies of all previous correspondence relating to the matter in dispute. The Township Administrator shall give his decision, in writing, within ten days of receipt of the written grievance.

(d) STEP FOUR If no satisfactory resolution of the grievance is reached at Step Three, and then within five working days the PBA shall appeal the matter to the Mayor. The Mayor may give the PBA the opportunity to be heard and will give his decision, in writing, within fifteen calendar days of receipt of the written grievance.

(e)STEP FIVE if no satisfactory resolution of the grievance is reached at Step Four, the employee, or the PBA, may refer the matter to PERC for the selection of an Arbitrator. The parties will pay their respective costs for arbitration, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

38.00 SAVINGS CLAUSE

38.01 It is understood and agreed that if any portion of this Agreement, or the application of this Agreement to any person or circumstance shall be invalidated by statute, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

38.02 If any such provisions are so invalidated by statute, the employer and the PBA will meet for the purpose of negotiating changes made necessary for applicable laws.

39.00 OFF DUTY POLICE ACTION

39.01 Since all police officers are presumed to be subject to duty 24 hours per day, the parties agree to the following:

(a) Any action taken by an employee on his time off, which would have been taken by an officer on active duty, if present or available, shall be considered police action, and the employee shall have all of the rights and benefits concerning such action, as if he were then on active duty.

(b) Recognizing that the employer and its residents benefit from the additional protection afforded them by off duty police officers, and further recognizing the weighty responsibility and hazards confronting such police officers, the employer agrees to pay employees an additional sum to be added to the regular and periodic payments in the following amount: one dollar per year for off duty time.

40.00 MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

40.01 Whenever an employee shall be required to use his personal vehicle in any job connected capacity, he shall be entitled to an allowance of the current rate per mile set by the Internal Revenue Service.

41.00 MATERNITY LEAVE

41.01 Maternity leaves not to exceed six months, without pay, shall be granted at the request of a female employee. This leave shall be in addition to any leave the employee takes using their own accrued time.

41.02 Maternity leaves may be extended, or renewed, for a period not to exceed six months, without pay, upon the request of a female employee

41.03 Each employee is entitled to two family days of leave for the birth or adoption of each child of the employee.

41.04 Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to limit any rights that any employee shall have pursuant to any and all State and Federal laws related to maternity/paternity leave, including, but not limited to, the Federal Family Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. § 2601, *et seq.*) and/or the New Jersey Family Leave Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11B-1, *et seq.*).

42.00 SAFETY AND HEALTH

42.01 The employer shall, at all times, maintain existing working conditions, to insure maximum safety for all employees and shall provide employees with appropriate equipment and devices toward that end.

43.00 TELEPHONE

43.01 Each employee shall be required to submit a home and cell phone number to the Department along with a personal email address and shall be required to report any changes.

43.02 The Department shall not release the employee's home and cellphone number or personal email address to anyone without an express and written authorization executed by the employee.

44.00 YEARLY CALENDAR

44.01 The monthly work schedule will be posted by the tenth day of the second month preceding said schedule (i.e. the March schedule will be posted by January 10). The only exceptions are the July and August schedules, which will be posted together, by May 15. (Revised 1995)

44.02 Vacations selected pursuant to this Agreement shall be fully shown and included upon the posting of the calendar, as set forth in this article.

44.03 Once the calendar is posted, the employer shall have the option of not granting a vacation day to an employee, if the granting of such vacation day will result in overtime to the employer by the granting of such day.

44.04 When an employee opts to take his earned overtime as a compensatory day the said option shall be posted on the calendar as soon as practicable thereafter. Any such compensatory day shall be considered as a regular day off.

45.00 NO WAIVER

45.01 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the failure to enforce any provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver thereof.

45.02 This Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed as a waiver of any right or benefit to which the employees are herein entitled by law.

46.00 UNIFORM REGULATIONS

46.01 While the parties agree that a full and complete uniform and the use thereof by the employee has an affirmative impact upon an officer's image, it is recognized that the use of the police hat, while riding in a patrol car, can cause inconvenience and discomfort to the employee.

46.02 The parties, therefore, agree that an employee may remove his uniform hat while riding in an official police car.

46.03 The tour commander may, at his option, change the uniform for the tour throughout the year. The tour commander is responsible for notifying everyone working the tour of the change of uniform. (Revised 1998)

47.00 POLICE VEHICLES

47.01 All police vehicles purchased after the execution of this Agreement shall have the same or similar equipment as presently exists.

47.02 All patrol cars shall be equipped with a UMP.40 submachine gun or similar long weapon for the use of all employees.

48.00 FACILITIES

48.01 All police quarters shall have adequate air conditioning, heating, hot water, sanitary facilities and reasonable private locker rooms.

49.00 TERMINAL LEAVE

49.01 Each employee shall be entitled to a terminal leave period of one month for every three years of service upon retirement.

49.02 During the time period that an employee is actually on terminal leave, past practices shall, except as set forth hereafter, continue and an employee shall receive in full his: salary, longevity, and shift differential (Added 1987, Revised 1995)

49.03 Deleted.

49.04 "Retirement" for the purpose of Section 49.01 is the completion of 25 years of credited services in the Police and Fire Pension System, with retirement status in effect, or a disability retirement due to an on the job injury. The necessary submittals must have been made to the Pension Division. It is understood that any disability incurred before retirement, which is not work connected, will result in no terminal leave payments to the individual. Work connected disability will result in payment of full benefits.

49.05 "Retirement" for the purposes of this section is the completion of at least 20 years but less than 25 years of service credit. Each employee shall be entitled to a terminal leave period of one month for every three years of service upon retirement. Also upon Service Retirement, each employee WILL NOT be able to continue coverage under the SHBP retired group if he/she applies for a Service Retirement. However, each employee is entitled to continue coverage in the SHBP employee group for up to 18 months after termination of employment in accordance with federal COBRA laws.

49.06 Commencing January 1, 2014, no new employees shall accrue terminal leave benefits.

50.00 SENIORITY

50.01 Traditional principles of seniority shall apply to employees covered by this Agreement. Such principles shall apply to layoff, recall, transfer and any other similar acts. Seniority is defined to mean time in rank and then time in service. Any employee's length of service shall not be reduced by time lost due to an injury or illness in the line of duty. An injury or illness in the line of duty must be certified by the police surgeon. (Revised 1995)

51.00 DUTY OUTSIDE THE TOWNSHIP

51.01 The present practice of reimbursing an employee for meal expenses on duty, when he is outside the Township, shall continue at the following amounts: breakfast -\$4.50, lunch \$7.50 and dinner \$10.00 (Revised 1990)

52.00 WORKING OUT OF TITLE/SPECIAL DETAILS

52.01 Whenever a police officer acts as a sergeant, in charge of a tour for any tour or tours, he shall receive the sergeant's hourly rate, per salary ordinance, for such tour or tours.

53.01 DELETED

53.02 The Chief of Police has the right to assign an officer to a special detail only with the officer's permission. These details include Administrative Lieutenant, Traffic Officer, and officers on loan to other agencies or any other assignment agreed upon between the contract committee and chief of police.

54.00 JOB DESCRIPTION

54.01 The job duties and responsibilities for all employees shall be those as set forth in the River Vale Police Department rules and Regulations and the River Vale Police Code. (Revised 1995)

55.0 PRIORITY FOR OVERTIME

55.01 Overtime for regularly scheduled shifts and details will be offered to regular full time employees of the Department first, in order of preference, based upon a rotating seniority roster.

55.02 There may be certain situations in which the Department, because of special skills or attributes of a particular officer, determines that it is the best interest of the employer to bypass an employee, or employees.

55.03 While this Agreement contemplates the possibilities noted in section 55.02, it is agreed and understood that such bypassed employee, or employees, must become next on the list for the purposes of the overtime roster.

55.04 The purpose of this section is to equalize overtime among employees and it shall not be defeated by the employer's selection of special persons for special details as set forth herein.

55.05 Such overtime will be offered to persons other than full time employees only if it has first been refused by each member in the seniority roster aforementioned.

55.06 The Department will establish and maintain a chart available for inspection by all employees, showing the names of all employees of the Department and the hours of overtime earned by each of them. This chart will be updated weekly.

55.07 In the event volunteers cannot be obtained to work overtime, that employee with the least number of overtime hours who is available will be directed and ordered to work.

55.08 In order to fill any overtime position of Dispatcher, the Township shall first offer such positions to dispatchers, including per diem dispatchers, so that there is a minimum number of three full time regularly schedule patrol officers manning the patrol shift at all times.

56.0 TOURS OF DUTY

56.01 The Department shall work three tours of duty per day, which shall be as follows:

- (a) Day Tour – 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- (b) Evening tour - 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.
- (c) Midnight tour- 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.
- (d) Detective tour – 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. (Revised 2001)

56.02 Employees shall be required to start their tour at 7:00 A.M., 3:00 P.M. or 11:00 P.M. as the case may be. (Revised 2001)

56.03 All members covered by this agreement shall be paid an annual shift premium of 11.33% (6.00% night differential and 5.33% holiday pay). See Appendix B (Revised 2014)

56.04 The shift premium set forth in this Agreement shall be folded into the employee's base annual salary as set forth in Appendix "A", for all purposes under this Agreement. (Revised 1995)

57.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT

57.01 This Agreement shall be effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

57.02 The undersigned certify that, (See addendum sheet for signatures) to the best of their knowledge and beliefs, this revision of the Memorandum of Agreement, between the Township of River Vale and River Vale P.B.A. Local 206, accurately depicts the

original collective bargaining agreement between the Township of River Vale and River Vale P.B.A. Local 206, and any and all amendments that have been agreed to thereafter.
(Revised 1995)

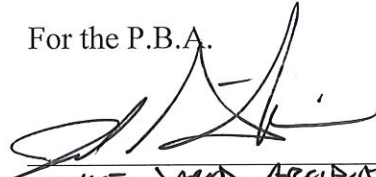
57.03 DELETED

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date written above.

ATTEST:

Karen Campanelli

For the P.B.A.


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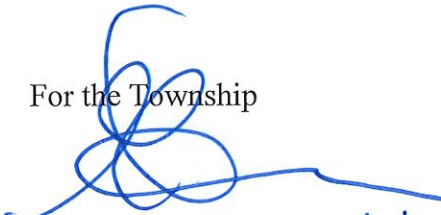
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Karen Campanelli

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Mayor Glen Jachnowski

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For the Township



Appendix A

**Township of River Vale
PBA Salary Increases 2021 Contract**

% Increase		2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
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Pre 2014 Employees

Rank	2021 Base	2022 Base	2023 Base	2024 Base	2025 Base
Lieutenant	\$149,724.72	\$153,467.84	\$157,304.53	\$161,237.15	\$165,268.08
Sergeant	\$139,483.67	\$142,970.76	\$146,545.03	\$150,208.66	\$153,963.87
Patrolman 6	\$129,986.05	\$133,235.70	\$136,566.59	\$139,980.75	\$143,480.27
Patrolman 5	\$106,970.24	\$109,644.49	\$112,385.60	\$115,195.25	\$118,075.13
Patrolman 4	\$95,404.56	\$97,789.68	\$100,234.42	\$102,740.28	\$105,308.79
Patrolman 3	\$83,834.22	\$85,930.07	\$88,078.33	\$90,280.28	\$92,537.29
Patrolman 2	\$72,270.88	\$74,077.65	\$75,929.59	\$77,827.83	\$79,773.53
Patrolman 1	\$60,702.87	\$62,220.44	\$63,775.95	\$65,370.35	\$67,004.61
T/C Pay	\$38.92	\$39.90	\$40.90	\$41.92	\$42.97

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Patrolman 8	\$129,986.05	\$133,235.70	\$136,566.59	\$139,980.75	\$143,480.27
Patrolman 7	\$119,219.32	\$122,199.80	\$125,254.80	\$128,386.17	\$131,595.82
Patrolman 6	\$108,516.41	\$111,229.32	\$114,010.06	\$116,860.31	\$119,781.82
Patrolman 5	\$97,813.51	\$100,258.85	\$102,765.32	\$105,334.45	\$107,967.81
Patrolman 4	\$87,110.60	\$89,288.37	\$91,520.57	\$93,808.59	\$96,153.80
Patrolman 3	\$76,407.69	\$78,317.89	\$80,275.83	\$82,282.73	\$84,339.80
Patrolman 2	\$65,704.79	\$67,347.41	\$69,031.09	\$70,756.87	\$72,525.79
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Appendix B

Gross Pay = Base Salary + 11.33% Shift Premium (6.00% night differential, 5.33% holiday pay)

Hourly Rate = Base Salary/1952

Longevity = Base Pay * percent of longevity earned

Overtime Rate = (Base Salary + (Base Salary * 6.00% night differential) + Longevity)/1952 * 1.5

Pension = (Base Salary + Longevity + Shift Premium) * 10%

Shift Premium = Base Salary * 11.33% (6.00% night differential, 5.33% holiday pay)

Tour Commander Pay = ((Sergeant Base/1952) – (Patrolman 6 Base/1952)) * 8