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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

1994, 1995

BETWEEN

TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON

AND

THE SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement made this _____ day of
between the TOWNSHIP OF LIVINGSTON, hereinafter referred to
as the "Township" and the SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
Local No. 263, hereinafter referred to as the "SOA".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Township and the SOA recognize and declare
that providing quality police protection for the Township is
their mutual aim, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council and the Township
Administration retain the basic decision-making powers over
fiscal and management questions, although they are willing to
consult with employee representatives on employee oriented
matters, and

WHEREAS, the members of the police force are
particularly qualified to advise the formulation of policies
and programs designed to improve the standard of police
protection, and

WHEREAS, the Township has the obligation, pursuant to
Chapter 303, Public Laws 1968, as amended by Chapter 123,
Public Laws 1974, to negotiate with the SOA as the
representative of employees hereinafter designated with
respect to the terms and conditions of employment, and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached certain understandings
which they desire to confirm this AGREEMENT.

In consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is
hereby agreed as follows:

I. RECOGNITION OF BARGAINING UNIT

The Township hereby recognizes the SOA as the sole and exclusive representative of all employees of the Police Department holding the rank of Lieutenant or Captain, hereinafter referred to as "employees," for the purpose of collective negotiations with respect to terms and conditions of employment.

II. REPRESENTATION FEE FOR NON-UNION MEMBERS

II. AGENCY SHOP

SECTION 1.

Purpose of Fee: If an employee covered by this Agreement does not become a member of the PBA during any membership year (i.e., from January 1 to the following December 31) which is covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, said employee will be required to pay a representation fee to the PBA for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita costs of services rendered by the PBA as a majority representative.

SECTION 2.

Amount of Fee:

A. Notification: Prior to the beginning of each membership year, the PBA will notify the Township in writing of the amount of the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the PBA to its own members for that membership year. The representation fee to be paid by non-members will be equal to 85% of that amount.

B. Legal Maximum: In order to adequately offset the per capita cost of services rendered by the PBA as a majority representative, the representation fee should be equal in amount to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the PBA to its own members, and the representation fee has been set at 85% of that amount solely because it is the maximum presently allowed by law. If the law is changed in this regard, the amount of the representation fee automatically will be increased to the maximum allowed, said increase to become effective as of the membership year immediately following the effective date of the change.

SECTION 3.

Deduction and transmission of Fee;

A. Notification; Once during each membership year covered in whole or in part by this agreement, the PBA will submit to the Township a list of those employees who have not become members of the PBA for the then current membership year. The Township will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with paragraph "B" below, the full amount of the representation fee and promptly will transmit the amount so deducted to the PBA.

B. Payroll Deduction Schedule; The Township will deduct the representation fee in equal installments, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list during the remainder of the membership year in question and until such time as a new agreement is executed. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid:

(1) Ten (10) days after receipt of the aforesaid list by the Township; or,

(2) Twenty (20) days after the employee begins their employment in a bargaining unit position, unless the employee previously served in a bargaining unit position or was on layoff, in which event the deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid ten (10) days after the resumption of the employment in a bargaining unit position, whichever is later.

C. Termination of Employment; If an employee who is required to pay a representation fee terminates their employment with the Township before the PBA has received the full amount of the representation fee to which it is entitled under this Article, the Township will deduct the unpaid portion of the fee from the last paycheck paid to said employee during membership year in question.

C. Mechanics; Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the mechanics for the deduction of representation fees and the transmission of such fees to the PBA will, as nearly as possible, be the same as those used for the deduction and transmission of regular membership dues to the PBA.

E. Changes; The PBA will notify the Township in writing of any changes in the list provided for in paragraph "A" above and/or the amount of the representation fee, and such changes will be reflected in any deductions made more than ten (10) days after the Township received said notice.

F. New Employees; On or about the last day of each month, beginning with the month of this Agreement becomes effective, the Township will submit to the PBA a list of all employees who begin their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding thirty (30) day period. The list will include names, job titles and dates of employment for all such employees.

SECTION 4: The PBA agrees to establish and maintain a "demand and return" system whereby employees who are required to pay the representation fee in lieu of dues may demand the return of the "pro rata share," if any, subject to refund in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.4, as amended. The demand and return system shall also provide that employees who pay the representation fee in lieu of dues may obtain review of the amount paid through full and fair proceedings placing the burden of proof on the PBA. Such proceeding shall provide for an appeal by either the PBA or the employee to the review board established for such purpose by the Governor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.4, as amended.

III. NONDISCRIMINATION

The parties hereto agree that neither shall discriminate against any employee because of his membership or nonmembership in the SOA or his participation in activities herein prescribed, nor discriminate against any member of the SOA for any action involving his management duties on behalf of the Department of Police, Township of Livingston, New Jersey.

IV. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

SECTION 1: Except to the extent expressly modified by a specific provision of this Agreement, the Township of Livingston reserves and retains solely and exclusively all of its statutory and common law rights to manage this operation of the Police Department of the Township of Livingston, New Jersey, as such rights existed prior to the execution of this or any other previous Agreement with the SOA.

SECTION 2: The sole and exclusive rights of the Township of Livingston, New Jersey, which are not abridged by this Agreement, shall include but are not limited to:

(a) its rights to determine the existence or nonexistence of facts which are the basis of the Township Police Department and/or management decision, to establish or continue policies, practices or procedures for the conduct of the Police Department and its services to the citizens of Livingston, and , from time to time, change or abolish such practices or procedures;

(b) to the right to determine, and from time to time, redetermine the number, locations and relocation and types of its employees or to discontinue any performance by employees of the Township of Livingston;

(c) to determine the number of hours per day or week any operation of the Police Department may be carried on;

(d) to select and to determine the number and types of employees required;

(e) to assign such work to such employees in accordance with the requirements determined by the Department of Police and Township Management authorities;

(f) to establish training programs and upgrading requirements for employees within the Department;

(g) to establish and change work schedules and assignments;

(h) to transfer, promote or demote employees for just cause, or to layoff, terminate or otherwise relieve employees from duty for lack of work or other legitimate reasons and to determine the fact of lack of work;

(i) to continue, alter, make and enforce reasonable rules for the maintenance of discipline;

(j) to suspend, discharge or otherwise discipline employees for just cause and otherwise take such measures as the Township may determine to be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the Department of Police provided, however, nothing herein shall prevent an employee from presenting his grievance for the alleged violation of any article or specific term of this Agreement.

V. POLICE OFFICER'S RIGHTS

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Chapter 303, P.L. 1968, as amended by Chapter 123, P.L. 1974, the Township hereby agrees that every employee shall have the right freely to organize, join and support the SOA and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations and other concerted activities for mutual aid and protection. As an elected body exercising governmental power under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Township undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyments of any rights conferred by Chapter 303, P.L. 1974 or other Laws of New Jersey or the Constitution of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of their membership in the PBA and its affiliates, his participation in any activities of the PBA and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Township, or an employees' institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

SECTION 2. Representatives of the PBA shall be permitted time off with no loss of compensation, to attend negotiating sessions, grievance sessions, and meetings of the joint PBA-Management Committee provided the efficiency of the Department is not affected thereby. The PBA President, President's designee, State Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be granted time off, with no loss of compensation, to attend State PBA Conventions and State Delegate Meetings.

SECTION 3. The Township will maintain on a separate and confidential personnel file for each employee. An employee shall have the right to inspect their own personnel file on reasonable notice and at reasonable times provided a designated superior officer is present at the time of inspection. A representative of the PBA may be present when requested by the employee concerned.

SECTION 4. An employee will be given the opportunity to review and acknowledge any material derogatory or disciplinary in nature, or otherwise related to job performance, before such material is added to his personnel file. The employee shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and his answer shall be reviewed by the Chief of Police, or his designee, and attached to the file copy.

SECTION 5. Should the Township decide to reduce the number of police officers for reasons of economy or efficiency, a layoff of employees will be accomplished in reverse order of seniority provided those remaining are qualified to perform the tasks required.

VI. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The intent of the parties to this Agreement is that the procedures hereinafter set forth shall serve as a means of peaceful settlement of all disputes that may arise between the parties as to the meaning or application of the provisions of this Agreement. It is further understood that suspension, demotion and discharge shall be finally determined by the Township Manager. The Township Manager shall cause a hearing to be held on the above actions. Counsel and SOA/PBA officers may be present. In the event such actions are sustained, the aggrieved employee shall possess all rights of appeal as an individual to the County Court as provided by R.S. 40-47-8, 1 and 10. A disciplinary proceeding shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

STEP 1. As to grievance, the aggrieved employee shall present the grievance orally or in writing to the employee's immediate Superior. The grievance must be presented within ten (10) working days of its occurrence or knowledge of its occurrence. The Superior will give his verbal answer or written answer within three (3) working days of the date of the presentation of the grievance.

STEP 2. If the grievance is not settled in Step 1, it shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Chief of the Department. The grievance shall be prepared in detail and be dated. The Chief will reply to the grievance in writing within five (5) working days of the date of the presentation of the written grievance. The aggrieved employee may be represented by officers of the PBA in presenting his grievance to the Chief.

STEP 3. If the grievance is not settled in Step 2, the written grievance shall be presented to the Township Manager within five (5) working days after the Chief's response is given. The Township Manager, after a grievance hearing at which the employee shall have the right to have a representative present, will reply to the grievance in writing within seven (7) working days of the date of the presentation of the written grievance (Saturday, Sunday and holidays excluded).

STEP 4. If the SOA believes the grievance should be carried further, it will, within ten (10) working days of the Township Manager's answer refer the grievance to arbitration. The arbitrator shall be selected under the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC). The fees and expenses of the arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties and the arbitrator shall have no power or authority to alter, amend, add or subtract from the terms of this Agreement. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

VII. BASE SALARIES

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 1994 and retroactive to said date, employees shall be paid five (5) percent above their base salary schedule of 1993.

Effective January 1, 1995 employees shall be paid an annual base salary of five (5) percent above their base salary schedule which was in effect on January 1, 1994. Base salary for members covered by this Agreement shall be increased by a flat rate of \$250.00 for 1994 and \$250.00 for 1995. Flat rate increase to be added to annual base salary prior to five (5) percent cost of living adjustment.

BASE SALARY GUIDE.

<u>1995</u> P-5	\$62,047.00	Lieutenant
P-6	\$63,006.00	Lieutenant Detective
P-7	\$67,627.00	Captain

VIII. LONGEVITY PAYMENTS

SECTION 1. In addition to the above annual base salary, each employee shall be paid a longevity increment based upon his years of continuous employment in accordance with the following schedule.

At least 05 years of service - 02% of base salary

At least 10 years of service - 04% of base salary

At least 15 years of service - 06% of base salary

At least 20 years of service - 08% of base salary

At least 25 years of service - 10% of base salary

SECTION 2. Longevity shall be considered as part of the employee's base pay solely for pension purposes.

SECTION 3. Longevity increments will be credited as of January 1 of each calendar year.

IX. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

SECTION 1. The normal work week of an employee shall consist of five(5) days of eight(8) hours each.

SECTION 2. All work(including but not limited to off-duty court appearances) in excess of eight(8) hours per day or forty(40) hours per week shall be paid at time and one-half(1 1/2X) the employees' straight time hourly rate, excluding educational credits and longevity payments.

SECTION 3. All members of the SOA will be entitled to compensatory time-off, with the Chief of Police or his designee establishing the procedure and approval of such time-off.

SECTION 4. The parties will implement the SOA ten(10) hour shift proposal at the beginning of the second year of the 1994 collective bargaining agreement, i.e. January 1, 1995. This will be a trial program which shall be cancelable at the end of a one year period at the option of the Township. The ten hour(10) shifts do not apply to detectives and to other such exceptions as shall be agreed upon by the parties. A joint committee will meet on a quarterly basis to monitor the effectiveness of the ten (10) hour shift program.

X. HOLIDAYS

SECTION 1. A day off without loss of compensation shall be granted within the month of the holiday specified below, subject to manpower needs of the Police Department and the approval of the Chief and Captain of Police with the Township retaining the option to grant the holiday on the day of the holiday, should available manpower permit:

New Years Day
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Labor Day
Columbus Day
General Election Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

SECTION 2 Whenever Township employees are excused by an executive order by the Governor, President, Legislative Body or Township Manager of the Township of Livingston for more than 3 1/2 hours, all employees covered by this agreement shall be granted equivalent compensatory time-off accordingly, without need for further negotiations.

XI VACATION SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 1994 each employee with the rank of Lieutenant or Captain will be entitled to thirty (30) vacation days per year.

XII SICK LEAVE

SECTION 1. Each employee shall be granted twelve (12) days sick leave with pay for each calendar year. Unused sick days shall accumulate from year to year without a limit. The SOA/PBA is to be furnished a list of all employees showing the number of sick days credited to the account of each employee as of January 1st of each year.

SECTION 2. Sick leave means absence from duty of an employee of the Police Department because of personal illness by reason of which such employee is unable to perform the usual duties of his position or because of exposure to contagious disease.

SECTION 3. In the event of an emergency situation which requires an employee to be absent in order to attend to such emergency situation, he shall be permitted to use a maximum of two (2) sick days per year for said purpose. Emergency days, as used, shall be deducted from accumulated sick leave days.

SECTION 4. Special cases involving extenuating circumstances where an employee's cumulative sick time has been exhausted by illness of a long duration may be referred to the Township Manager for special consideration.

SECTION 5. Unused accumulated sick leave shall be paid at sixty percent (60%) of the total number accumulated by an employee at time of retirement, separation due to disability, or death (upon application by the appropriate authority on behalf of the employee's estate) with maximum terminal leave limited to seventy-two (72) days effective December 31, 1993. If an employee wants to receive terminal leave in a manner other than regular bi-weekly payments, six (6) months advance notice must be received prior to retirement. In addition to maximum terminal leave of seventy-two (72) days upon retirement, one additional day will be added to terminal leave for each year of perfect attendance recorded.

XIII FUNERAL LEAVE

SECTION 1. A regular full time employee who is excused from work because of death in his immediate family, as defined below, shall be paid his regular rate of pay for the first twenty-four (24) hours of scheduled working time following the death. Not more than eight (8) per day or twenty-four (24) hours for any period will be paid under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 2. Time off with pay as provided in this article is to be used for the purpose of handling necessary arrangements and attendance at the funeral of the deceased member of the immediate family. Immediate family is defined to mean parents, children, brothers or sisters, spouse, spouse's immediate family and grandparents. Special cases will be referred to the Township Manager.

XIV DISABILITY LEAVE WITH PAY

SECTION 1. An employee who is disabled by injury in the performance of his duty or by illness as a direct result of or arising out of his employment may, on the recommendation of the Chief of Police, be granted leave of absence with full pay, with reduced pay, or with full pay for a certain period and reduced pay thereafter, for a period not to exceed one (1) year, provided that said disability or illness was a direct result of or arising out of his employment and is certified as such by a physician designated by the Township. The Chief of Police shall require evidence in the form of a physician's certification from said physician as to the original and continued disability of such employee as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty or illness as a direct result of or arising out of his employment.

SECTION 2. Any temporary disability payments from Worker's Compensation Insurance received by the employee shall be credited toward the pay referred to above.

XV. INSURANCE PLAN COVERAGE

SECTION 1. The Township agrees to provide Blue Cross, Blue Shield, with Rider "J", and Major Medical Insurance, under the State Health Benefits Program, for all employees and their dependents at no cost to the employees. If the Township should opt to change to an independent carrier, the policy shall contain the same benefits.

SECTION 2. The Township agrees to provide a full-family Dental Insurance Plan for all employees and their dependents of which coverage shall be Delta Dental Premier or its equivalent.

XVI. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

SECTION 1. The Township agrees to provide a uniform allowance of six hundred twenty five dollars (\$625.00) for all employees covered by this Agreement in 1994. Effective in 1995, uniform allowance shall be increased to six hundred and fifty dollars (\$650.00).

SECTION 2. In the event that an employee's uniform is damaged or destroyed in the line of duty, the Township agrees to replace said clothing and the cost of replacement of said clothing will not be charged to the employee's annual uniform allotment. Effective January 1, 1994 a maintenance allowance of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00) per employee per year shall be implemented and effective January 1, 1995 a maintenance allowance of one hundred eighty five dollars (\$185.00) per year will be implemented. Said payment shall be made by separate check not later than the first pay period after January 1.

SECTION 3. The Township shall be permitted the right of prior approval of clothing requests for employees in their last year of service before retirement and employees giving notice of early separation.

SECTION 4. In the event the Township requires a change in uniform, said costs for change shall be borne by the Township.

SECTION 5. Employee at time of permanent reassignment is entitled to additional clothing allowance equal to one-half of yearly allowance.

XVIII. EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

SECTION 1. In addition to the regular salaries and wages set forth herein, employees shall receive additional payments for advanced education as provided below:

FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE DIVISION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1977

- a. For College Degree
an additional payment of \$500.00

- b. Associate Degree in Science in Law Enforcement
 - 1. on completion of Sixteen credits \$300.00
 - 2. on completion of Thirty-three credits \$600.00
 - 3. on completion of Forty-nine credits \$900.00
 - 4. on completion of Sixty-six credits \$1200.00

FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE DIVISION AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978

- a. For College Degree
an additional payment of \$250.00

- b. Associate Degree in Science in Law Enforcement
 - 1. on completion of Sixteen Credits \$150.00
 - 2. on completion of Thirty-three credits \$300.00
 - 3. on completion of Forty-nine credits \$450.00
 - 4. on completion of Sixty-six credits \$600.00

SECTION 2. The Township agrees that if an employee obtains both a Bachelor of Science Degree and an Associate of Science Degree in Police Science, the employee will receive the stipends provided for each degree.

SECTION 3. The Township will distribute training and school opportunities among employees based on the recommendations of the employee's immediate supervisor. The total number of employees to be trained or given school opportunities is a management prerogative. Lieutenants in charge of specialty disciplines will have the opportunity to review and consult on selection of candidates for training in those specialty disciplines.

XVIII FALSE ARREST AND LIABILITY

SECTION 1. The Township agrees to cover all employees with False Arrest and Liability Insurance in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)-five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). In addition, where an employee is made a defendant in any suit, or other legal proceeding arising out of the performance of police duty, or out of any incident arising in the line of duty, the Township shall provide all necessary legal aid necessary for the defense of such suit or other legal proceeding, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:14-155. This clause shall not apply to any disciplinary or criminal proceeding instituted against such employees by the Township. However, if any such disciplinary or criminal proceeding instituted by or on complaint of the Township shall be dismissed or finally determined in favor of the employee, the employee shall be reimbursed for the expense of his defense at the "prevailing rate" (in the County of Essex for similar services).

SECTION 2. In determining whether to provide legal aid in a specific case, the Township will look first at the report of investigation of the Department of the Police to determine if there appears to be any substantial evidence of wonton or willful misconduct. The Township will also consider evidence supplied to it from other sources or resulting from the investigation of the Township Attorney. The Township recognizes that a police officer must exercise his individual judgement as to the degree of force necessary to effect an arrest under all the circumstances existing at the time. Legal aid would be denied only when there is substantial evidence that excessive force was used and that such use was wanton and willful. The employee will be given the benefit of any doubt in these cases.

SECTION 3. The affected employee shall select his own counsel to assume sole control of his defense and the Township agrees to pay the full cost of the employee's legal fees at the "prevailing rate" (in the County of Essex for similiar services). However, in the event that an insurance carrier enters a defense on behalf of the affected employee and furnishes counsel as part of that defense, the Township's obligation under this provision shall be deemed to have been satisfied.

XIX. PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. The Township agrees that promotions shall be made with due regard to the length of service for an employee and his merit in the Department. It further agrees not to discriminate on promotions because of religion, race, creed, politics or age.

SECTION 2. The selection of the position of Captain, due to its executive nature, will be based upon an evaluation by the Township Manager rather than a full competitive examination.

SECTION 3. All employees receiving promotions will receive compensation retroactive to effective date of promotion.

Section 4. Township Manager will meet with candidates for position of Captain prior to promotional procedure to discuss procedural format for selection to position of Captain.

XX. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Employees may engage in Outside Employment under the regulations and conditions contained in the Township Resolution dated March 21, 1960.

XXI. LEGAL REFERENCE

SECTION 1. Nothing contained in this agreement shall alter the authority conferred by Law, Ordinance, Resolution or Administrative Code and Police Department Rules and Regulations upon any Township Official or in any way abridge or reduce such authority. This agreement shall be construed as requiring Township Officials to follow the terms contained herein, to the extent that they are applicable in the exercise conferred upon them by Law.

SECTION 2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict any employee such rights as that employee may have under any other applicable Laws and Regulations. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

XXII. SEPARABILITY

SECTION 1. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect. In the event any provision of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is determined invalid as set forth above, the parties agree to immediately meet to renegotiate provisions replacing said invalid provisions.

XXIII. EMBODIMENT OF AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the sole and complete agreement between the parties, and embodies all the terms and conditions governing the employment of employees in the unit. The parties acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to present and discuss proposals on any subject which is (or may be) subject to collective bargaining.

XXIV. RETENTION OF BENEFITS

SECTION 1. The Township agrees that all benefits, terms and conditions of employment and passed practices relating to the status of the employees covered by this agreement shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect at the time of the commencement of collective bargaining leading to the execution of this Agreement.

SECTION 2. The Township shall preform no act which will conflict with the terms of the Agreement.

XXV. RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. The Township Manager may establish and enforce binding rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Police Department and maintenance of discipline, provided such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. Copies shall be furnished to all police officers. It is understood that application of this Agreement shall no in any way hamper enforcement of the Department rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. It is understood that employees shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Department, and order of directives issued by the chief or his designee. Employees shall promptly and efficiently execute the instructions and orders of superior officers. If an employee or employees believe a rule, regulation, instruction, or order of an officer, or other superior is unreasonable, or unjust, the employee or employees shall comply with the rule, regulation, order or instruction, but with further provision that such employee or employees may regard the rule, regulation, order or instruction as a grievance which shall be handled in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth in Article VI of this Agreement.

SECTION 3. In the event that an employee or employees shall refuse to comply with a rule or regulation, or shall refuse to execute promptly and efficiently an instruction or order of a superior officer, appropriate action shall be within the province of the superior officer within the framework of Departmental rules and regulations, subject only to the right of employees to file a grievance.

XXVI. FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT

SECTION 1. Employee's regardless of regular assignment, may be reassigned to perform any duty related to their profession as police officers, including any duties connected with: (a) prevention and detection of crime, (b) enforcement of laws and ordinances, (c) protection of life and property, (d) arrest of violators, (e) direction of traffic, (f) regulation of noncriminal behavior of the citizenry and (g) preservation of peace.

SECTION 2. An exception to specific duties can be made where employees are on the medical "limited duty" list and cannot perform said duties.

SECTION 3. The Township and the PBA acknowledge that an employee's prime responsibility is to perform police duties and his energies shall be utilized fully to this end except in the cases of emergencies or special circumstances.

XXVII. BAN ON STRIKES

SECTION 1. It is recognized that the prevention of crime, the preservation of law and order, and the protection of life and property is the responsibility of employees of the Police Department, and it is further recognized that the need for continued and uninterrupted operation of the Police Department is of paramount importance to the citizens of the community; therefore, there shall be no interference with such operation.

SECTION 2. Adequate procedures having been provided for the equitable settlement of grievances arising out of this Agreement, parties hereto agree that there shall not be and that the Association, its officers, members, agents or principals will not engage in, encourage, sanction or suggest strikes, slowdowns, mass absenteeism, or other suspension of or interference with normal work performance.

XXIII. Joint PBA-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SECTION 1. A committee consisting of representatives of the Township and the PBA shall be established for the purpose of reviewing the administration of this Agreement and to resolve problems that may arise. The Township Manager will coordinate meetings of the Joint PBA-MGT Committee as needed and at the request of the PBA. These meetings are not intended to bypass the grievance procedure or to be considered contract negotiation meetings.

SECTION 2. The purpose and intent of such meetings is to foster good employment relations through communications between the Township and the PBA on such matters as:

- (a) discussing questions arising over the interpretation and application of this Agreement;
- (b) disseminating general information of interest to the parties;
- (c) giving PBA representatives the opportunity to express their views or to make suggestions on subjects of interest to employees of the bargaining unit;
- (d) to notify the PBA of changes in nonbargainable conditions of employment contemplated by management which may affect employees in the bargaining unit;
- (e) the promotion of education and training;
- (f) the improvement of working conditions, the safeguarding of health and prevention of hazards to life and property and the strengthening of the morale of the employees.

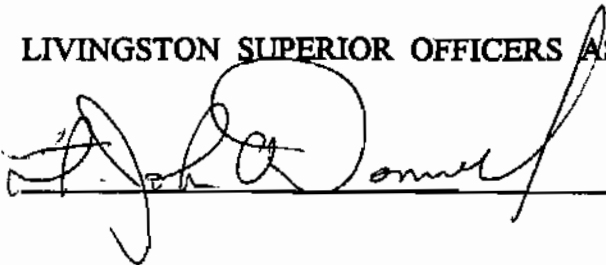
XXIX. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

SECTION 1. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for two years from the effective date of January 1, 1994 notwithstanding the date of execution hereof.

SECTION 2. In the event subsequent negotiations do not result in a newly executed Agreement by December 31, 1995 the parties agree to continue the negotiations and all terms and conditions of the prior Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the new Agreement is agreed upon and executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officer.

LIVINGSTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSN.



ATTEST:



DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK



ATTEST:



MAYOR

DATED: January 10, 1995