

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE TOWNSHIP OF LACEY

AND

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES,

AFL-CIO

DISTRICT COUNCIL 71, LOCAL 3304H

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into by the Township of Lacey, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer", and Local 3304H, which is affiliated with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, hereinafter referred to as the "Union", has as its purpose the promotion of harmonious relations between the Employer and the Union; the establishment of equitable and peaceful procedure for the resolution of differences and the establishment of rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment of the Crossing Guard Employees. The effective date of this contract shall be the date when approved by the Township of Lacey and the Union.

ARTICLE I – RECOGNITION

Section 1: The employer recognizes the Union as the bargaining agent for the purpose of establishing salaries, wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for all of its employees in the classifications listed below. This recognition, however, shall not be interpreted as having an effect on, or in any way abrogating, the rights of employees as established by Chapter 123, P. L. 1974.

APPENDAGE

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

Crossing Guards

ARTICLE II – CHECK OFF

Section 1: The Employer agrees to deduct the monthly Union membership dues from the pay of those employees who individually request in writing that such deductions be made. The amounts to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by the Treasurer of the Union, and the aggregate deductions from all employees shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union, together with a list of names of all employees for whom the deductions were made, by the fifteenth (15th) day of the succeeding month after such deductions were made.

The revocation of this authorization shall be in accordance with the provision of applicable statutes as presently existing, or as may be amended. Drop dates shall be effective as of July 1 of each year in accordance with statute.

Section 2: Any employee in the bargaining unit on the effective date of this Agreement, who does not join the union within thirty (30) days thereafter; any new employee who does not join within thirty (30) days of initial employment within the union; or any employee shall as a condition of employment, pay a representation fee to the Union, by automatic payroll deduction. The representation fee shall be in an amount equal to eighty-five (85%) percent of the regular Union's membership dues, fees, and assessments as certified to the employer by the union. The Union may revise its certification of the amount of the representation fee at any time to reflect changes in the regular Union membership dues, fees and assessments. Union's entitlement to the representation fee shall continue beyond the termination date of this Agreement, so long as the Union remains the majority representative of the employees in the Unit, provided that no modification is made in this provision by a successor agreement between the Union and the Employer.

ARTICLE III – WORK SCHEDULES

Section 1: *The regularly scheduled workweek for the Crossing Guards shall consist:*

A.) of five (5) consecutive days , exclusive of lunch, Monday through Friday.

B.) The hours of work shall be fixed from time to time by the Chief of Police. The hours of work will vary, depending upon the season and the work to be performed. The Township of Lacey reserves the right to schedule such hours, which shall be posted from time to time on an appropriate bulletin board for all employees.

Section 2: Changes of the work shift which shall be reserved to the Township of Lacey for determination shall be posted from time to time on the appropriate bulletin board in order that all personnel will be personally familiar with the same. It shall be the responsibility of all personnel to familiarize themselves with the schedules as set forth on such bulletin board.

Section 3: The Township will not unreasonably vary the workday hours.

ARTICLE IV – CALL-IN TIME AND ON-CALL TIME

Section 1:

- A. Any employee who is called in shall receive one hour's pay guaranteed, regardless to how many minutes an employee works.

ARTICLE V-- SENIORITY

Section 1: Seniority is an employee's total length of service with the Employer, beginning with his original date of hire. An employee having broken service with the Employer gives up all seniority. An employee having broken with the Employer (as distinguished from a leave of absence) shall not accrue seniority credit for the time when not employed by the Employer.

ARTICLE VI – RATES OF PAY

Section 1: Paychecks shall be given at the end of each two-week period in accordance with present Township ordinances.

ARTICLE VII – PERSONAL TIME

Section 1: All Employees working over twenty hours per week will receive two (2) personal days per year.

Section 2: Request for personal time must be made 24 hours in advance to the Department Head except in an emergency situation.

ARTICLE VIII– WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Section 1: When an employee is injured on duty, he is to receive worker's compensation to him and his salary, during the period of temporary disability only, not to exceed one (1) year.

ARTICLE IX – LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1: Death in the Immediate Family

ALL TEN MONTH EMPLOYEES

Three days with pay shall be granted for death in the immediate family, consisting of, mother, father or parental guardian, brother, sister, spouse, children of employee, mother-in-law, father-in-law. One day shall be granted for brother-in-law or sister-in-law, spouse's brother, sister or grandchild, grandmother, grandfather.

Section 2: Jury Duty – Leave of Absence

- a. Employee summoned to serve jury duty shall be paid their regular rate of pay by the Township of Lacey. Any compensation received by the employee as a juror, except for meal and travel expenses, shall be refunded to the employer. When an employee submits proof of the necessity of Jury service or appearance as a witness pursuant to a subpoena or other order of a court or body, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence with pay with no charge against leave credits.
- b. Employees who serve on a jury or are subpoenaed as witnesses in civil or criminal cases not involving them in their capacity as Township of Lacey employees may be granted a paid leave of absence for the time in which they are officially involved with the court in that capacity.
- c. Employees summoned as jurors or subpoenaed as witness must submit a copy of the form to their department head, indicating the anticipated date of return.

ARTICLE X – WAGES

Section 1: Wages for this contract period shall be:

<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
3%	3%	3%

Wage increase for 2001 will be retroactive to January 1, 2001. Employees will receive a all retroactive monies due them in a separate check.

Section 2: All Ten-month employees will receive a separate check for the year 2000, in the amount of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) at the signing of this agreement.

Section 3: The starting salary for all newly hired employees after the signing of this agreement will be \$7.50. Employees will receive raise increases in accordance with the schedule set above.

ARTICLE XI – PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

Section 1: The employer shall continue to make contributions as provided for the Pension and Retirement benefits to Employees covered by this Agreement under P.E.R.S. pursuant to the provisions of the statutes of the State of New Jersey

ARTICLE XII – LAYOFF

Section 1: In the event it becomes necessary to lay off employees for any reason, employees shall be laid off in the inverse order of their seniority, in classification.

ARTICLE XIII – UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING

Section 1: All employees shall be supplied with uniforms each year at the Township's expense as follows:

1. Vest and 18 inch Signs will be supplied by the employer yearly as needed at the August Crossing Guard meeting
2. ALL OVER 20-HOUR CROSSING GUARDS SHALL RECEIVE \$300.00 PER YEAR CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.
3. ALL SUB- CROSSING GUARDS SHALL RECEIVE \$150.00 PER YEAR CLOSING ALLOWANCE.
4. Clothing checks will be given on or about the third week of June of each year.

ARTICLE XIV – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A.

1. A grievance is defined as, and limited to, an alleged violation of a specific provision of this Agreement.
5. Any matter which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission or any retirement board established by law shall not be a subject of grievance or arbitration under this Agreement, but rather shall be grieved under the rules and procedures set forth by the respective jurisdictions stated above.

B.

1. A written grievance shall contain a clear and concise statement of the grievance and indicate the issue involved, the relief sought, the date the incident or violation took place, and the specific selection or sections of the Agreement involved.
2. Any employee may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself, or, at his option, by a representative of the Union, or by an attorney, where reasonable notice of legal representation is given the Employer. When an Employee is not represented by the Union, the Union shall have the right to be present and state its views at all stages of the grievance procedure unless the Employee objects to the presence of the Union representative, in which case the Union may not be present at any stage of this procedure. However, in the event the Union is not present after final determination at Step 3, if such final determination is made, the Union will promptly receive a copy of the Employee's written grievance and a copy of the final determination thereof.

3. All grievances must be presented promptly and no later than five (5) employee work days from the date of grievance or within five (5) employee work days after the grievant would reasonably be expected to know of its occurrence.

C. STEP ONE:

Any grievance which arises after the effective date of this Agreement shall first be discussed by the aggrieved employee with his immediate supervisor. Grievances which have not been settled by the immediate supervisor to the satisfaction of the employee under the foregoing procedure within five (5) employee work days of presentation, to be considered further, must be filed in writing within five (5) employee work days after the disposition by the supervisor. The grievance shall be presented to the Division Commander in triplicate on mutually agreed upon forms furnished by the Employer and signed and dated by the employee(s) and Union representative. The Division Commander and the supervisor involved will meet with the Employee and his representative and attempt to resolve the grievance. A written decision will then be made by the Division commander and the supervisor and returned to the employee and his representative within five (5) employee work days from its presentation to the Division commander.

STEP TWO:

If dissatisfied with the decision in Step One, to be considered further, the grievance must be appealed to the Chief of Police within five (5) employee work days of receipt of the written decision in Step One. The Chief of Police or his representative will meet with the Employee, his representative, the supervisor, Division Commander and representative of the Employer as the Chief of Police may elect, and attempt to resolve the grievance. A written decision will be made following the meeting by the Chief of Police or his representative and returned

to the Employee and Union representative within five (5) employee work days from its appeal to the Chief of Police.

STEP THREE:

If dissatisfied with the decision in Step Two, to be considered further, the grievance must be appealed to the Township Administrator within five (5) employee work days of receipt of the decision in Step Two. The Administrator will meet the Employee and/or his Union representative and the Chief of Police to discuss and attempt to resolve the grievance.

Following this meeting, the written decision will be made by the Administrator and returned to the Employee and Union representative within twenty-one (21) employee work days from its appeal to the Administrator.

STEP FOUR:

Grievances which have not been settled under the foregoing procedure, may be appealed to arbitration by either party within twenty (20) employee workdays of the date of the Employers decision in Step Three. If an unresolved grievance is not appealed to arbitration, it shall be considered terminated on the basis of the Third Step answer. The appeal of a grievance to arbitration shall state in concise detail the nature of the remedy requested. For the purpose of selecting an impartial arbitrator, the parties will meet within ten (10) employee workdays from the date of appeal of the grievance to arbitration. If the parties are unable to agree on an impartial arbitrator within a ten (10) employee workday period, the parties or party acting jointly or separately, shall request the New Jersey State Board of Mediation/New Jersey State Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a panel of five (5) arbitrators. To select an arbitrator from the panel, the parties shall alternately strike one name, with the last remaining name becoming the arbitrator. The cost of the arbitrator

and the expenses of the hearing, including a court reporter, if requested by either party, shall be shared equally by the parties. The arbitrator shall only have jurisdiction and authority to determine compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction or authority to add to, amend, or modify the provisions of the Agreement. In formulating his/her decisions, the arbitrator shall adhere to the statutory law of New Jersey and to the pertinent decision of the Civil Service Commission and the courts. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding for parties of this Agreement.

D.

Grievances not appealed within the designed time limits in any step of the grievance procedure will be considered as having been adjudicated on the basis of the last preceding management answer. Grievances not answered by management within the designated time limits in any step of the grievance procedures may be appealed to the next step within five (5) employee workdays of the expiration of the designated time limits. The parties may, however, mutually agree in writing to extend the limits in any step of the grievance procedure.

E.

The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the name of the grievance representatives and an alternate within thirty (30) employee workdays after the effective date of this Agreement. Any changes thereto will be forwarded to the employer by the Union as soon as changes are made.

ARTICLE XV – DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

Section 1: There shall be no discipline or discharge except for just cause.

Section 2: No form of verbal reprimand shall be expressed to an employee in such manner that would cause an ordinary person embarrassment in front of other employees or the general public.

Section 3: Other than an oral reprimand, the employee and the Union shall be furnished with a written copy of any disciplinary action taken, with the reasons therefore.

Section 4: Employees shall have the right to appeal any discipline through the grievance and arbitration procedure. The appeal shall be instituted at a step level of the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE XVI – BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 1: To ensure that the individual rights of employees in the bargaining unit are not violated, the following shall represent the Employee's Bill of Rights:

- A. An employee shall be entitled to Union representation at each and every step of the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.
- B. An employee shall be entitled to Union representation at each stage of a disciplinary hearing.
- C. No employee shall be required by the Employer and/or its agents to submit to an interrogation leading to formal charges unless the employee is afforded the opportunity of Union representation.
- D. In all disciplinary hearings the employee shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty and the burden of proof shall be on the Employer.
- E. An employee shall not be coerced or intimidated or suffer any reprisals either directly or indirectly that may adversely affect his hours, wages, or working conditions as the result of the exercise of his rights under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVII- POSTING OF PERMANENT VACANCIES

Section 1: Any vacancies or newly created positions in the Department will be posted prominently for FIFTEEN (15) calendar days. The posting shall include the classification, the salary, a description of the job, and required qualifications and the procedure to be followed by employees interested in applying.

Section 2: The Township agrees to give preference to an employee applying for any vacancies or newly created position, provided he has the ability to perform the work involved.

Section 3: The employer will also advertise vacancies in the newspaper.

ARTICLE XVIII – TRANSFERS

Section 1: All requests for transfers to newly created or vacant positions, shall be made by the employee in writing.

Section 2: The employer shall notify the employee and the Union within ten (10) working days of the original request for transfer to a vacant position as to the reason for denial of the aforementioned request.

Section 3: All transfers and/or requests for transfer shall be made on the basis of any employee's seniority and qualifications.

ARTICLE XIX – EQUAL TREATMENT

Section 1: There shall be no coercion, intimidation, or discrimination on the part of either the Employer or the Union or their respective agents, officers or members, against any employee covered by this Agreement for reasons of age, sex, color, religious belief, national origin, union membership or non-membership.

ARTICLE XX – SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1: The employer shall at all times maintain safe and healthful working conditions, and will provide employees with any wearing apparel, tools or devices that may be reasonably necessary to ensure their safety and health. The parties agree to use their best efforts jointly to achieve these objectives. It is understood that reasonable safety rules of the Employer, not inconsistent with federal and state law, shall be complied with by all employees.

ARTICLE XXI– STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

Section 1: In addition to any other restrictions under the Law, the Union will not cause a strike or work stoppage of any kind, nor will any employee take part in a strike, intentionally slow down in the rate of work or in any manner cause interference with or stoppage of the Employer's work.

ARTICLE XXII – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Union Bulletin Board

The Employer agrees to furnish and maintain a suitable bulletin board in a convenient place or work area in the Police Headquarters building to be utilized by the Union and Safety notices only. The bulletin board shall not be used for any political purposes whatsoever.

Section 2: Union Activities on Employer's Time and Premises

The Employer agrees that (not during working hours), on the Employer's premises, a union representative shall be allowed to:

- a. Post Union notices;
- b. Transmit communications authorized by the Local Union or its officers, to Employer of his representative, both written and oral.

Section 3: Visits by Union Representatives

The Employer agrees that accredited representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, both Local and District, or International, shall have the right to visit the premises during working hours so long as such visit shall not interfere with employee duties.

ARTICLE XXIII - LEGAL AID

Section 1: The employer will provide all necessary legal aid and liability insurance to all personnel covered by this Agreement in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE XXIV – DUPLICATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1: The Union shall be responsible for reproducing this agreement and will furnish fifteen (15) copies to the Union membership for distribution to employees and officials of the Union.

ARTICLE XXV- TERMINATION

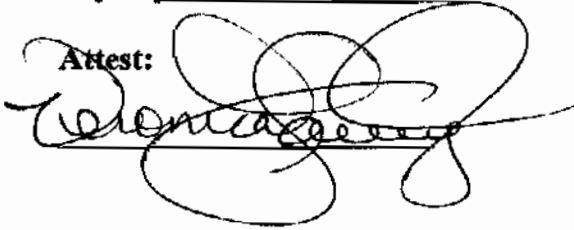
Section 1: This Agreement shall be effective and remain in full force and effect from date of signing through December 31, 2003. It shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter, unless either party shall notify the other in writing sixty (60) calendar days prior to the expiration date, that it desires to modify this Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in full force and be effective during the period of negotiations and until notice of termination of this Agreement is provided to the other party in the manner set forth in the next succeeding paragraph.

Section 2: In the event that either party desires to terminate this Agreement, written notice must be given to the other party not less than ten (10) days prior to the desired termination date, which shall not be before the expiration date set forth in the preceding paragraph.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned set their respective hands, this 13th _____

day of December _____, 2001.

Attest:



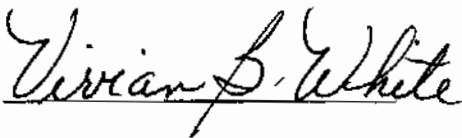
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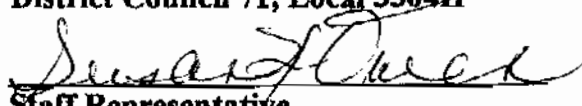
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