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BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

and

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,

BERNARDSVILLE LOCAL NO. 139

(Sergeants, Detective Sergeants and Lieutenants)

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ARTICLE II

MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Borough hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon 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:

1. To the executive management and administrative control of the Borough Government and its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees;

2. 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;

3. To suspend, demote, discharge or take other disciplinary action for good and just cause according to law.

B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties or responsibilities of the Borough, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of New Jersey and of the United States.

C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Borough of its rights, responsibilities and authority under R.S. 40 and R.S. 11 or any other national, state, county or local laws or ordinances.

ARTICLE III

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

A. In the event an employee is required and directed to utilize private transportation to or from any authorized business, then the employee shall be reimbursed by the Borough at the rate of thirteen (13¢) cents per mile measured from the Municipal Building.

ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

A. The Borough recognizes P.B.A. Local No. 139 as the representative for the purposes of collective negotiations of all Sergeants, Detective Sergeants and Lieutenants employed by the Police Department, but excluding Special Police, Dispatchers, and all other employees of the Borough of Bernardsville.

B. The titles of Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and Lieutenant shall be defined to include the plural as well as the singular, shall include males and females and are synonymous with the word employees.

PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on this 25th day of October , 1976 , by and between the BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, in the County of Somerset, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "Borough"), and NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 139, (hereinafter referred to as the "PBA"), represents the complete and final understanding on all bargainable issues between the Borough and the PBA.

ARTICLE IV

NO-STRIKE AND NO-LOCKOUT PLEDGE

A. During the term of this Agreement, the P.B.A. agrees on behalf of itself and insofar as is legally possible on behalf of each of its members that there will be no strike of any kind and the Borough agrees that it will not cause any lockout.

B. The P.B.A. covenants and agrees that neither the P.B.A. nor any person acting in its behalf will cause, authorize, or support, nor will any of its members take part in any strike (i.e., the concerted failure to report for duty, or willful absence of an employee from his position, or stoppage of work or abstinence in whole or in part, from the full, faithful and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment), work stoppage, slowdown, walkout or other illegal job action against the Borough. The P.B.A. agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

C. In the event of a strike, slowdown, walkout or job action, it is covenanted and agreed that participation in any such activity by any P.B.A. member shall entitle the Borough to invoke any of the following alternatives:

1. Withdrawal of P.B.A. recognition;
2. Withdrawal of dues deduction privileges (if previously granted)
3. Such activity shall be deemed grounds for termination of employment of such employee or employees.

D. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed

Article IV continued:

to limit or restrict the Borough or the P.B.A. in its right to seek and obtain such judicial relief as it may be entitled to have in law or in equity for injunction or damages, or both, in the event such breach by the P.B.A. or its members.

ARTICLE V

SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS

A. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held invalid by operation of law or by a Court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative but all other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE VI

NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. There shall be no discrimination by the Borough or the P.B.A. against an employee on account of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

B. There shall be no discrimination, interference, restraint, or coercion by the Borough or any of its representatives against any of the employees covered under this Agreement because of their membership or non-membership in the P.B.A. or because of any lawful activities by such employees on behalf of the P.B.A. The P.B.A., its members and agents shall not discriminate against, interfere with, restrain or coerce any employees covered under this Agreement who are not members of the P.B.A.

ARTICLE VII

DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. The Borough agrees to deduct from the salary of its employees subject to this Agreement dues for the P.B.A. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter Public Laws of 1967, N.J.S.A. (R.S.) 52:14-15.9e as amended. Said monies together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the P.B.A. by the fifteenth (15th) of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made.

B. If during the life of this Agreement there shall be any change in the rate of membership dues, the P.B.A. shall furnish to the Borough written notice prior to the effective date of such change and shall furnish to the Borough either new authorizations from its members showing the authorized deduction for each employee or an official notification on the letterhead of the P.B.A. advising of such changed deduction.

C. The P.B.A. will provide the necessary "check-off authorization" form and the P.B.A. will secure the signatures of its members on the forms and deliver the signed forms to the Borough Administrator. The P.B.A. shall indemnify, defend and save the Borough harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or by reason of action taken by the Borough in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the P.B.A. to the Borough or in reliance upon the official notification on the letterhead of the P.B.A. and signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the P.B.A. advising of such changed deduction.

ARTICLE VIII

FULLY BARGAINED PROVISIONS

A. This Agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all bargainable issues which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. Neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

B. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing only executed by both parties.

ARTICLE IX

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

A. The employees covered by this Agreement will have all of the rights granted under this contract.

B. In the event of mutually scheduled meetings at times and places agreeable to both parties to this Agreement, the Borough shall permit two (2) representatives of the Association if on duty to conduct grievance conferences and hearings during the business day at no loss of regular straight time pay.

C. The Borough shall permit a delegate and two (2) alternates to attend a State P.B.A. convention without loss of regular pay pursuant to State law. The P.B.A. shall provide the Borough thirty (30) days notice of the names of such delegates. If within thirty (30) days prior to the convention, for any reason a delegate is unable to serve, the P.B.A. shall not be allowed a substitute designee.

D. A bulletin board shall be made available by the Borough in the police department locker room for use by the P.B.A. Only material authorized by the signature of the P.B.A. President or a designated representative (whose name shall be provided in writing to the Borough upon the execution of this Agreement) shall be permitted to be posted on such board.

E. The State delegate of the P.B.A. shall be permitted to attend monthly State delegate meetings at no loss of pay on the following schedule:

a. If the delegate is scheduled to work the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift, he shall be released from duty at 7:00 a.m.

b. If the delegate is scheduled to work the 8:00 a.m.

Article IX continued:

to 4:00 p.m. shift, he shall receive that day off.

c. If the delegate is scheduled to work the 4:00 p.m. to midnight shift, he shall not be required to report for duty until 6:00 p.m.

F. Employees shall receive five (5) days notice of a change in shift assignment or duty assignment, except in the event of emergency as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-134.

G. No employee shall be disciplined, discharged, or reduced in rank or compensation without just cause.

ARTICLE X

COLLEGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A. The Borough has adopted in Ordinance No. 471 certain requirements for promotion in rank including the attainment of certain college credits in order to qualify for eligibility.

B. The parties agree that the provisions of that Ordinance, insofar as they require certain college credits to be eligible for promotion, shall apply only to employees of the Police Department hired after December 19, 1974.

C. For all employees covered by this Agreement, the Borough will pay the costs of tuition and books for courses taken and completed with a passing grade in an approved course of study leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate degree in Police Science. The policemen will cooperate in securing reimbursement under the State Law Enforcement Planning Act, or the Federal Law Enforcement Education Program.

ARTICLE XI

LONGEVITY

A. As additional compensation, patrolmen, sergeants, detectives and detective sergeants in the Police Department shall receive annual longevity compensation for continuous service in accordance with the following schedule:

	<u>Effective</u> <u>1/1/75</u>		<u>Effective</u> <u>1/1/76</u>	
1. After four (4) years of service:	1 1/2% of base pay		2%	of base pay
2. After eight (8) years of service:	3%	"	4%	"
3. After twelve (12) years	4 1/2%	"	6%	"
4. After sixteen (16) years	6%	"	8%	"
5. After twenty (20) years	7 1/2%	"	10%	"

B. The percentages in paragraphs 1 through 5 above represent totals and are non-cumulative.

ARTICLE XII

OVERTIME

A. Overtime at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the employees regular base rate of pay shall be paid where a patrolman is required to work in excess of his regularly scheduled hours in the following cases:

1. Where the employee is held over from his regular tour of duty, except in cases caused by a shortage of manpower.

2. Where an employee is required to work in an emergency as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-134, except in cases caused by a shortage of manpower.

3. For attendance at Courts while off duty.

In all other cases, employees shall be paid at straight time rates of pay.

This section shall apply only to Patrolmen.

B. Sergeants shall receive straight time rates at the base rate of pay for all overtime.

C. Detectives, Detective Sergeants and Lieutenants shall receive no overtime. This will not affect holiday pay.

D. Retroactive additional compensation for overtime pay received in 1975 shall consist of eight (8%) percent of the amount paid in 1975 and retroactive additional compensation for overtime earned in 1976, which was earned prior to execution of this Agreement, shall be 14.48% of the amount paid in 1976. For example, if an officer received \$100.00 of overtime pay in 1975 and \$100.00 to date in 1976, he shall be entitled to an additional \$8.00 for 1975 and \$14.48 for overtime earned in 1976. The reason for this provision is that the police pay has been based on 1974 rates prior to the signing of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

A. Effective January 1, 1975, a clothing allowance shall be paid on the following basis:

1. Non-uniformed officers - \$300.00 per year.
2. Uniformed officers - \$250.00 per year.

B. Effective January 1, 1976, a clothing allowance shall be paid on the following basis:

1. Non-uniformed officers - \$350.00 per year.
2. Uniformed officers - \$300.00 per year.

ARTICLE XIV

SICK LEAVE

A. Effective January 1, 1976, each officer shall be credited with an accumulated sick leave bank of ten (10) days sick leave for each full year of service up to a maximum of one hundred (100) days.

B. In addition, each employee shall be credited with fifteen (15) days sick leave for the year 1976.

C. At the end of 1976, the Borough agrees to pay to those employees who have been employed for the full year, the sum of \$30.00 for each of the first eight (8) remaining unused sick leave days based on the rule of first in, first out. The remaining seven (7) unused sick leave days shall be credited to the officer's sick leave bank.

D. It is the intent of this section that up to the first eight (8) sick leave days may be compensated, if unused, and the remainder may be accumulated if unused. Said monies shall be paid no later than January 31st following the year earned.

E. Sick leave may be utilized by employees when they are unable to perform their work by reason of personal illness, non-job related accident, as defined and interpreted by New Jersey State Civil Service standards, or exposure to contagious disease.

F. An employee shall not be reimbursed for accrued sick leave.

G. Reporting of Absence on Sick Leave

If an employee is absent for reasons that entitled him to sick leave, his supervisor shall be notified promptly, as of the employee's usual reporting time, except in those work situations

where notice must be made prior to the employee's starting time.

1. Failure to so notify his supervisor may be cause of denial of the use of sick leave for that absence and constitute cause for disciplinary action.

2. Absence without notice for five (5) consecutive days shall constitute a resignation.

H. Verification of Sick Leave

1. An employee who shall be absent on sick leave for three (3) or more consecutive working days shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence substantiating the illness.

a. An employee who has been absent on sick leave for periods totaling eight (8) or more days in one (1) calendar year consisting of periods of less than four (4) days, shall be required to submit acceptable medical evidence for any additional sick leave in that year.

b. The Borough may require proof of illness of an employee on sick leave whenever such requirement appears reasonable and warranted under the circumstances. Abuse of sick leave shall be cause for disciplinary action.

2. In case of leave of absence due to exposure to contagious disease, a certificate from the Department of Health shall be required.

3. The Borough may require an employee who has been absent because of personal illness, as a condition for his return to duty, to be examined by the expense of the Borough, by a physician designated by the Borough. Such examination shall establish whether the employee is capable of performing his

normal duties and that his return will not jeopardize his or the health of other employees, except for periodic required physical and mental examinations. Only in such cases will the Borough be required to pay for physicians' expenses and fees.

I. In the event an employee becomes disabled by reason of a service-connected injury or illness and is unable to perform his duties, then, in addition to any sick leave benefits otherwise provided for herein, he may be entitled to full pay for a period up to six (6) calendar months, in the discretion of the Borough, provided that in the event the employee is entitled to any monies from any source for such illness, injury or absence then he shall be liable to reimburse the Borough up to the amount expended pursuant to this section.

ARTICLE XV

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Purpose

1. The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, an equitable solution to the problems which may arise affecting the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the Department.

B. Definition

The term "grievance" as used herein means any controversy arising over the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and may be raised by an individual, the P.B.A. on behalf of an individual or individuals, or the Borough.

C. Steps of the Grievance Procedure

The following constitutes the sole and exclusive method for resolving grievances between the parties covered by this Agreement, and shall be followed in its entirety unless any step is waived by mutual consent:

Step One:

(a) An aggrieved employee or the P.B. A. on behalf of an aggrieved employee or employees or the Borough shall institute action under the provisions hereof within ten (10) days of the occurrence of the grievance, and an earnest effort shall be made to settle the differences between the aggrieved

employee and his immediate supervisor, for the purpose of resolving the matter informally. Failure to act within said ten (10) days shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance.

(b) The supervisor shall render a decision within five (5) days after receipt of the grievance.

Step Two:

(a) In the event a satisfactory settlement has not been reached, the employee or the P.B.A. shall, in writing and signed, file his grievance with the Department Head within five (5) days following the determination at Step One.

(b) The Department Head shall render a decision in writing within five (5) days from the receipt of the grievance.

Step Three:

(a) In the event the grievance has not been resolved to Step Two, then within five (5) days following the determination, the matter may be referred to the Public Safety Committee who shall review the matter and make a determination within ten (10) days from the receipt of the grievance.

Step Four:

(a) In the event the grievance has not been resolved at Step Three, the employee or the P.B.A. may in writing request a review of the matter by the Mayor and Council within five (5) days of the determination at Step Three.

(b) The decision of the Mayor and Council shall be rendered within thirty (30) days of its review.

Step Five - Advisory Arbitration

(a) If the grievance is not settled through Steps One, Two, Three and Four, either party may refer the matter to the American Arbitration Association for Advisory Arbitration within fifteen (15) days after the determination by the Mayor and Council. An Arbitrator shall be selected pursuant to the Rules of the A.A.A.

(b) However, no arbitration hearing shall be scheduled sooner than thirty (30) days after the final decision of the Mayor and Council. In the event the aggrieved elects to pursue any other procedures, the arbitration hearing shall be canceled and the matter withdrawn from arbitration and the parties shall share whatever costs may have been incurred by the Arbitration Association.

(c) The arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and restricted to the application of the facts presented to him involved in the grievance. The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, modify, detract from or alter in any way the provisions of this Agreement or any amendment or supplement thereto.

(d) The costs for the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally between the Borough and the P.B.A. Any other expenses, including but not limited to the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the party incurring same.

D. No response at any Step in this procedure by the Borough or its agents shall be deemed to be a negative response and upon

the termination of the applicable time limits, the grievant may proceed to the next step.

E. Time limits may be extended by the parties by mutual written agreement.

F. The Borough reserves the right to file in writing a grievance within ten (10) days on its behalf with the Executive Board of the P.B.A. which shall conduct a conference with the representatives of the Borough within ten (10) days of filing of the grievance, and render a written determination within thirty (30) days of the conference. Failure to act within said ten (10) day period shall be deemed to constitute an abandonment of the grievance.

ARTICLE XVI
COMPENSATION

A. Effective on the dates shown, all employees covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to receive the base rate of pay for their position as noted in Schedule A.

B. Effective upon the signing of this Agreement, each employee shall receive a single wage adjustment in the amount of \$225.00 which will not be considered as part of their base pay.

ARTICLE XVII

VACATIONS

A. Employees on the payroll as of June 1st of any calendar year who have been in the service of the Borough since at least the preceding August, are entitled to two (2) weeks vacation with pay. New employees with less service shall be entitled to one (1) day of paid vacation for each full month of service prior to June 1st. Vacations are deemed to be earned as of June 1st of the calendar year.

B. Those officers assigned to the Uniform Division and working a six (6) day cycle shall have a week's vacation defined as six (6) working days.

All others shall have a week's vacation defined as five (5) working days.

C. Employees who terminate their service between June 1st and December 31st shall be paid for their unused regular or special vacation days.

D. Full-time employees shall be entitled on the June 1st following their service anniversary to Annual Special Days Vacation with pay as follows:

After four (4) years of continuous employment - 3 days

After seven (7) years of continuous employment - 1 week

After fourteen (14) years of continuous employment - 2 weeks

E. Effective 1977, all vacation days must be used in the current year and cannot be accumulated.

ARTICLE XVIII

HOLIDAYS

A. Employees will be compensated at the base rate of pay for one (1) day for each of the following holidays:

1. New Year's Day
2. Lincoln's Birthday
3. Washington's Birthday
4. Good Friday
5. Memorial Day
6. Independence Day
7. Labor Day
8. Columbus Day
9. Election Day
10. Veterans Day
11. Thanksgiving Day
12. Christmas Day

B. Holiday pay will be included in the first paycheck following the end of the month in which the holiday falls.

C. Retroactive additional compensation for holiday pay received in 1975 shall consist of eight (8%) percent of the amount paid in 1975 and retroactive additional compensation for holiday pay earned in 1976, which was earned prior to the execution of this Agreement, shall be 14.48% of the amount paid in 1976. For example, if an officer received \$100.00 of holiday pay in 1975 and \$100.00 to date in 1976, he shall be entitled to an additional \$8.00 for 1975 and \$14.48 for holiday pay earned in 1976. The reason for this provision is that the police pay has been based on 1974 rates prior to the signing of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIX

TERM AND RENEWAL

A. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 1975, and shall remain in full force and effect to and including December 31, 1976.

B. Negotiations for a new Agreement will commence pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION,
BERNARDSVILLE LOCAL No. 139

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

By:

[Signature]
Richard J. Brudner

By:

[Signature]
Helen L. Hamiston

Witness:

[Signature]
Robert Samuel

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Hazel W. Townsend

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HAZEL W. TOWNSEND
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires August 19, 1980

SCHEDULE A

	<u>1/1/75</u>	<u>1/1/76</u>
<u>Patrolmen</u>		
5	\$10,000	\$10,700
4	10,800	11,400
3	11,700	12,100
2	12,636	13,500
1	14,040	14,900
<u>Detective</u>	15,444	16,390
<u>Sergeant</u>	15,120	16,040
<u>Detective/ Sergeant</u>	16,416	17,420
<u>Lieutenant</u>	17,496	18,570

1. All patrolmen covered under this Agreement will advance the appropriate step in grade on their anniversary date, except where advancement is controlled by Ordinance 471 relating college credit and step advancement.