

AGREEMENT

between

THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

and

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT
ASSOCIATION

KENILWORTH LOCAL #135

1977-1978

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AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT, Made this 5th day of April, 1977, between the Borough of Kenilworth, hereinafter referred to as the "Borough", and New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, Kenilworth Local Number 135, hereinafter referred to as the "P.B.A."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties have carried on collective bargaining for the purpose of developing a contract covering wages, hours of work and other conditions of employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree with each other in respect to the employees of the Employer recognized as being represented by the P.B.A. as follows:

ARTICLE I.

RECOGNITION

The Borough hereby recognizes the aforementioned P.B.A. as the exclusive representative for all its Patrolmen in its Police Department in Kenilworth, New Jersey, but excluding Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, Chief of Police and all other employees.

ARTICLE II.
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS.

Section 1.

The P.B.A. recognizes that there are certain functions, responsibilities and management rights exclusively reserved to the Borough. All of the rights, power and authority possessed by the Borough prior to the signing of this Agreement are retained exclusively by the Borough subject only to such limitations as are specifically provided in this Agreement.

Section 2.

Management rights include but are not limited to the following:

A. The Chief of Police shall have the sole responsibility to make duty assignments within the Police Department; after serving six (6) months in a duty assignment, a Patrolman shall have the privilege of meeting informally with the Police Committee (and any other member of the Governing Body wishing to attend), in the presence of the Chief of Police to discuss his assignment.

B. Promotions are to be made only after competitive examinations, provided however, this requirement will not be effective until the Borough and the P.B.A. have through Committees agreed as to the procedure and mechanics of such examinations and the weight to be given thereto.

C. The Chief of Police may require a general inspection of personnel at the start of each duty shift to be conducted by the officer in charge of the shift or such other officer as shall be designated by the Chief of Police.

D. Patrolmen shall not exchange days off where the exchange will cause additional expense to the Borough.

E. Off-duty Patrolmen absent from their homes for more than 48 hours shall notify Police Headquarters as to their whereabouts.

F. Not more than four (4) Police Officers (Patrolmen and Superior Officers) shall be on vacation at the same time during a pre-determined 10 week summer period; not more than two (2) Police Officers (Patrolmen and Superior Officers) shall be on vacation at the same time during the remainder of the year; waiver letter dated September 24, 1976 relating to overtime arising from vacation scheduling during the 10 week summer period given by the P.B.A. to the Chief of Police shall remain in effect during the period of this contract.

ARTICLE III
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1.

To provide for the expeditious and mutually satisfactory settlement of grievances arising with respect to the interpretation or application of express provisions of this Agreement the following procedures shall be followed:

Step 1.

A. An officer with a grievance shall first discuss the matter verbally with his supervisor with a view to resolving the grievance informally.

B. In the event the officer is unable to resolve the matter pursuant to Step 1.A., the officer or the P.B.A. shall present a written grievance to the officer's immediate superior.

Step 2.

If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Step 1. or if no decision has been rendered within five working days after presentation of that grievance at Step 1., he may file a written grievance with the Chief of Police or, in his absence, a representative designated by the Chief of Police. A meeting on the written grievance shall be held within five (5) working days of the filing of the written grievance between the Chief of Police or his designated representative.

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Step 3.

If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Step 2. or if no written decision has been rendered within five working days after the presentation of that grievance at Step 2., the matter may be referred by him or the P.B.A. to the Police Committee. A meeting on the grievance shall be held between him or the P.B.A. and the Police Committee at which meeting the parties may be represented. Said meeting shall not be held publicly unless the parties so agree in writing. The Police Committee shall render a final written decision within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the meeting.

Step 4.

If the aggrieved party is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Step 3. or if no written decision has been rendered within fifteen (15) working days after the presentation of that grievance at Step 3., the matter may be referred by the P.B.A. to the Mayor and Council. A meeting on the grievance shall be held between the P.B.A. and the Mayor and Council at which meeting the parties may be represented. Said meeting shall not be held publicly unless the parties so agree in writing. The Mayor and Council shall render a final written decision within fifteen (15) working days of the date of the meeting.

Step 5.

In the event that the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the decision of the Mayor and Council, the P.B.A. has fifteen (15) calendar days in which to request arbitration.

A. The Arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the N.J. State Board of Mediation

B. The Arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall be issued not later than thirty (30) calendar days after the close of the Arbitration Hearing. The decision shall set forth the Arbitrator's findings of fact, reasons and conclusions on the issue or issues submitted.

C. The Arbitrator's decision shall be binding.

D. The costs for the services of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Borough and the P.B.A. All other expenses incidental to and arising out of the Arbitration shall be paid by the party incurring same.

Section 2.

The time limit specified in the grievance procedure shall be construed as maximum.

Section 3.

A grievance must be presented at Step 1. within one week from the date of occurrence of the facts which gave rise to the grievance. If it is not presented within the aforementioned time period, it shall not thereafter be considered a grievance under this Agreement.

Section 4.

Except as otherwise provided herein, any employee may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself, or, at his option, by the P.B.A., and except during Step 1.A., when an employee is not represented by the P.B.A., the P.B.A. 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 P.B.A. in which case the P.B.A. may not be present at any stages of this procedure. However, in the event the P.B.A. is not present after final determination at Step 4., if such final determination is made, the P.B.A. will promptly receive a copy of the employee's written grievance and a copy of the final determination thereof.

Section 5.

Each grievance shall be subject to a separate and individual arbitration.

Section 6.

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.

ARTICLE IV.

SALARIES.

Section 1.

Effective January 1, 1977 and continuing through to December 31, 1978, the salary schedule for Patrolmen shall be as set forth in Schedule A which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, provided however, that if Chapter 68 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New Jersey being an Act to place limits on expenditures by Counties and Municipalities be repealed or be so amended as to increase the 5% limit on municipal appropriations to some greater percentage for the calendar year 1978, then and in that event the schedule shall not be binding upon the P.B.A. for the calendar year 1978 and the amount of wages to be paid by the Borough to Patrolmen shall, at the request of the P.B.A., be subject to renegotiation.

Section 2.

Longevity pay and vacations shall be calculated on the basis of date of initial appointment.

ARTICLE V

RETENTION OF BENEFITS

Except as otherwise provided, all benefits which employees have heretofore enjoyed and are presently enjoying, shall be maintained and continued by the Borough during the term of this Agreement.

Proposed new rules or modifications of existing rules, whether written or unwritten governing working conditions, shall be negotiated with the P.B.A. prior to being made effective.

The provisions of all municipal ordinances and resolutions, except as specifically modified herein, shall remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement and shall be incorporated in this Agreement as if set forth herein at length.

ARTICLE VI

LEGAL AID

The Employer will provide legal aid to all personnel covered by this Agreement pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-155.

ARTICLE VII

SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event that any federal or state legislation, governmental regulation or court decision causes invalidation of any Article or Section of this Agreement, all other Articles and Sections not so invalidated shall remain in full force and effect, and the parties shall renegotiate concerning any such invalidated provisions.

ARTICLE VIII.

HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME.

Section 1.

The work day shall consist of not more than eight (8) consecutive hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period except as mutually agreed to by the parties in writing.

Section 2.

The work week shall consist of five (5) consecutive working days.

Section 3.

All work in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be paid in wages at time and one-half rates with the exception of Court appearances which are discussed in Section 6 hereof.

Section 4.

The policy concerning payment for duty overtime, that is overtime worked at the end of a regular shift, shall be as follows:

- A. 0 - 30 minutes - no pay.
- B. 31 - 60 minutes - one hour's pay.
- C. Thereafter - minute per minute.

Section 5.

In the event of recall to duty, except for Court

appearances as discussed in Section 6 hereof, an Officer shall be guaranteed a minimum of four hours pay at time and one-half rates.

Section 6.

a. Patrolmen in attendance at judicial or administrative proceedings other than those at the Kenilworth Municipal Court shall be afforded one and one-half hours in compensatory time off for each one hour of attendance.

b. Attendance at the Kenilworth Municipal Court on off duty time shall be compensated at the rate of either \$8.00 or time and one-half for all time spent, whichever is greater, payments are to be made annually on the last payday in November.

Section 7.

A P.B.A. delegate and an alternate P.B.A. delegate may attend the State P.B.A. convention; in addition to their 2 off days which they shall utilize for this purpose, they shall each be afforded 2 additional days off with pay.

ARTICLE IX

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS

If an officer shall serve in the capacity of and perform the functions of a higher rank for a period of more than forty consecutive hours, except in the event that the member shall be so working by reason of sick leave or vacation absences, the member shall be paid the rate of the higher rank.

ARTICLE X.

HOLIDAYS.

Section 1.

During each calendar year each Patrolman shall receive thirteen (13) days off in lieu of holidays, provided however, he may at his option receive one day's pay in lieu of one of the days off. Of the days off, six (6) must be taken on or before September 30th, and the remaining six (6) shall be taken as follows: Two (2) in the month of October; Two (2) in the month of November; and Two (2) in the month of December. The Chief of Police may, in his discretion, waive the requirement of this restriction upon written request of a Patrolman made prior to October 1st.

Section 2.

Holiday pay in lieu of time off will be computed by multiplying the officer's regular hourly rate by eight (8) hours for each holiday.

Section 3.

The holiday-in-lieu payment shall be paid in the first pay period in the month of December.

ARTICLE XI

SICK LEAVE

It is specifically understood that the provisions of Ordinance #63-12 of July 9, 1963 pertaining to sick leave shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement and shall continue to be administered on the same basis as they have in the past.

ARTICLE XII

DISCRIMINATION OR COERCION

There shall be no discrimination, interference or coercion by the Employer or any of its agents against the employees represented by the P.B.A. because of membership or activity in the P.B.A. The P.B.A. or any of its agents shall not intimidate or coerce employees into membership. Neither the Employer nor the P.B.A. shall discriminate against any employee because of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin.

ARTICLE XIII

HOSPITALIZATION AFTER RETIREMENT

The Borough agrees to provide a paid up hospitalization insurance program including Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Rider J and major medical features for all employees who retire after January 1, 1974 by reason of:

- A. Having attained at least 25 years of service, or
- B. Having retired as a result of the disability benefit provisions of the existing police pension statutes.

It is specifically understood that the provisions of this clause shall not apply to any persons retired prior to January 1, 1974.

ARTICLE XIV.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE AND
REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE.

Section 1.

Each Patrolman shall receive an annual clothing allowance of \$250.00 during 1977 and \$275.00 during 1978. The administration of the clothing allowance program shall continue as heretofore.

Section 2.

Mileage. The Borough shall reimburse Patrolmen for miles driven while attending courses and Courts outside of Union County at the rate of 15 cents per mile; where a Patrolman does not utilize in-residence facilities afforded during a course, the mileage for which he shall be reimbursed is one round trip per day.

ARTICLE XV.

TERMINAL LEAVE.

Effective January 1, 1977 all Patrolmen retiring by reason of length of service or service connected disability shall receive as time off with pay prior to the date of retirement:

1 week for each 5 years of service up to 25 years of service and 1 day for each year of service after 25 years of service.

ARTICLE XVI.
LIFE INSURANCE.

Section 1.

The Borough shall provide every Patrolman with life insurance coverage in the amount of \$15,000.00, the expense of which shall be born entirely by the Borough.

Section 2.

The Borough shall provide any Patrolman retiring on or after January 1, 1977 with continued life insurance coverage in the amount of \$15,000.00, the expense of which shall be born entirely by the Borough.

ARTICLE XVII.

SENIORITY.

Section 1.

Seniority shall be determined by the date of original appointment.

Section 2.

Seniority shall govern with respect to days-off and vacations and Patrolmen shall be afforded priority of selection as to days-off and vacations in order of seniority.

Section 3.

Seniority shall also govern with regard to reductions in personnel and Patrolmen shall be laid off in reverse order of seniority. When laid off Patrolmen are recalled, those last laid off shall be the first recalled and this procedure shall be followed progressively until all laid off Patrolmen are recalled.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DURATION.

This Agreement shall become effective on January 1, 1977 and shall terminate December 31, 1978. Negotiations for the 1979 collective bargaining agreement shall commence in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Public Employment Relations Commission in effect at the time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH

ATTEST:

By: Luio Mancino

Margaret McGevena
MARGARET McGEVNA,

NEW JERSEY STATE P.B.A.
KENILWORTH LOCAL #135

ATTEST:

By: Laurence Stillo

William Rowd

SCHEDULE A.

SALARIES - PATROLMEN.

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Fourth year patrolmen,	\$14,692.00	\$15,426.60
Third year patrolmen,	13,631.00	14,312.55
Second year patrolmen,	12,508.00	13,133.40
First year patrolmen,	11,384.00	11,953.20

Those assigned to Detective duty shall receive an additional annual differential of \$525.00. However, this differential shall be excluded from the calculation of overtime rates.