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November 23, 2020

Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors
Ontelaunee Township
35 Ontelaunee Drive
Reading, PA 19605

Borough of Leesport Borough Council
Borough Hall
27 S. Canal Street
P.O. Box 710
Leesport, PA 19533

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL & EMAIL

Re: Northern Berks Police Commission

Dear Borough Council Members and Supervisors:

As you may know, I am the Solicitor for the Township of Maiden creek, Berks County, PA. At a special meeting of the Maiden creek Township Supervisors held today, I have been authorized and requested to contact you to request that the three municipalities pursue mediation concerning the Northern Berks Regional Police Commission to determine whether or not through mediation we may be able to save the Commission from the dissolution both of you have voted for, or at a minimum to establish a communication protocol that may enable productive dialogue.

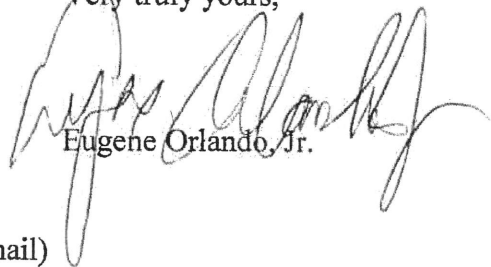
We believe an experienced mediator can provide a pathway to this discussion and we suggest third party mediation of the caliber of a retired judge from one of the regional mediation organizations such as ADR Options or JAMs or with dispute resolution services. We are open to discussing the identity of the mediator but suggest an experienced retired jurist may best be able to handle the complexities of the issues. We recommend that the expense of the mediation be shared equally by the municipalities and that it be scheduled as soon as schedules can be accommodated.

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Please consider this request and contact our Township Manager, Diane Hollenbach, or the undersigned at your earliest convenience and let us know whether you are agreeable to this request.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Eugene Orlando, Jr.

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