

AGREEMENT
Between
BOROUGH OF TENAFLY,
BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY
And
TENAFLY PBA LOCAL NO. 376,
POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

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PREAMBLE

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into, this 6th day of AUGUST, 2024 between the BOROUGH OF TENAFLY in the County of Bergen, hereinafter referred to as the Borough or Employer and **PBA LOCAL NO. 376, (Tenafly Unit)** hereinafter referred to as the PBA.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, that for the purpose of mutual understanding and in order that a harmonious relationship may exist between the Borough and PBA to the end that continuous and efficient service will be rendered to and by both parties, for the benefit of both;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I
ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION

Section 1. The Borough hereby recognizes PBA Local No. 376 (Tenafly Unit) hereinafter referred to as the PBA as the sole and exclusive representative of all Patrol Officers, Detectives and other sworn law enforcement Employees of the Department of Police below the rank of Captain, covered under this Agreement, for the purpose of bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of work and other working conditions. The PBA shall not represent the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, the Civilian Dispatchers nor any other civilian personnel which may be hired, so long as such persons are not designated as sworn law enforcement employees.

Section 2. The title, "Police Officer" shall be defined to include the plural as well as the singular and to include males and females, and to refer to all sworn law enforcement employees covered by this collective bargaining agreement below the rank of Captain.

Section 3. The names of the designated PBA representatives and alternate representatives shall be provided in writing to the Borough immediately upon execution of this Agreement and the bargaining unit shall notify the Borough promptly of any changes of any such designated representatives.

ARTICLE II
LEGAL REFERENCE

Section 1. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any Police Officer such rights as he may have under other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted the Police Officer hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

Section 2. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any member or group of members is held to be contrary to law, then such provision and application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law. All other provisions and applications contained herein shall continue in full force and effect. In the event any provision as aforesaid is deemed to be invalid, then the parties hereto agree to meet immediately for the purpose of negotiating a provision to replace said invalid provision.

Section 3. The provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to and subordinate to and shall not annul or modify existing applicable provisions of State Laws.

Section 4. All rules and regulations of the Department shall remain in effect except as modified, amended or annulled by the terms of this Agreement, which Agreement shall in all respects be superior to the rules and regulations of this Department. The rules of the Department shall be deemed to include the "Police Rules", dated January 14, 2015, approved by the Mayor and Council, and shall be further deemed to include the Personnel Manual of the Borough of Tenafly in effect for June 14, 2014. A Committee shall be established by both parties to study the "Police Rules" and the "Personnel Manual" and may recommend changes which shall then be considered by both parties.

ARTICLE III
PRESERVATION OF STANDARDS

Section 1. The Borough of Tenafly 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:

- (A) To the executive management and administrative, control of the Borough Government and its properties and facilities and the activities of its Employees.
- (B) 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.
- (C) To suspend, promote, demote, transfer, assign, reassign, discharge, or take any other disciplinary action for good and just cause according to law.

Section 2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Borough of its rights, responsibilities, and authority, under R.S. 40 and 40A, or any other National, State or County Laws.

Section 3. The Borough of Tenafly agrees that all benefits, terms and conditions of employment relating to the status of the Borough of Tenafly Police Officers, which benefits, terms and conditions of employment are not specifically set forth in this Memorandum of Agreement, shall be maintained at not less than the highest standards in effect at the time of the commencement of collective bargaining negotiations between the parties leading to the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement.

Section 4. To establish policy the Borough shall have the right:

- (A) To maintain the efficiency of Borough Operations entrusted to them.
- (B) To determine methods, means and personnel by which Borough Operations are to be controlled.
- (C) The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities of the Borough, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in

connection therewith, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey, including **Chapter 303 of the Laws of 1968**, and of the United States.

- (D) The Chief of Police shall have discretion in determining finality of tentative work schedules, squad or division strength or other matters related to insuring adequate Police coverage for the Borough of Tenafly.
- (E) Proposed new rules or changes in existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established.

Section 5. Neither the PBA nor any of its members shall engage in any job action, strike, work stoppage, sit down, slow down, sick call action, boycott or any other interference with the operations of the Borough during the term of the Agreement. The PBA agrees that it will use its best efforts to prevent acts forbidden herein on the part of its Employees or group of Employees and in the event any such acts by an Employee take place, the PBA agrees to use its best efforts to cause immediate cessation thereof to bring about compliance. In the event of any job action, strike, work stoppage, sit down, slow down, sick call action, boycott or other interference, the Borough is entitled to take appropriate disciplinary action including possible discharge in accordance with the law.

Section 6. The Borough will not engage in any lock out of Employees covered by this Agreement during the terms thereof.

ARTICLE IV

THE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS

Section 1. The Employer agrees to grant the necessary time off without discrimination for the PBA delegate from the Tenaflly Police Department to attend State and County PBA meetings not to exceed one (1) each per month, and in addition, for the hours necessary to attend one (1) meeting per month of the Local PBA Chapter provided twenty-four (24) hours notice is given in writing to the Chief of Police.

Section 2. Authorized representatives of the Local PBA shall be permitted to visit Police Headquarters or the Office of the Police Chief for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Agreement is being observed. This right shall be exercised reasonably, and such visits shall be made upon notice to and at the convenience of the Chief of Police.

Section 3. During the period of contract negotiations, Association representatives from the Tenaflly Police Department not to exceed two (2) shall be excused from normal duties for the actual time necessary to attend negotiating sessions with the Employer.

Section 4. In the event the President of the Local PBA Chapter is a member of the Tenaflly Police Department, the President shall then be accorded the time off as is applicable to the delegate under **Section 1** of this **Article**.

Section 5. Two (2) members shall be permitted the necessary time off to attend each of the two (2) annual State PBA conventions; that time not to exceed fifteen (15) days annually and one (1) months' notice shall be given.

ARTICLE V
RETENTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Members shall retain all civil rights under the New Jersey State Law and Federal Law.

ARTICLE VI
RETIREMENT

Members shall retain all pension rights under the New Jersey Law and Ordinances of the Borough of Tenafly so long as the members are still employed by the Borough of Tenafly and there is full compliance with the New Jersey Pension Law.

ARTICLE VII

EXTRA CONTRACT AGREEMENT

The Borough agrees not to enter into any other Agreement or Contract with its members who are covered hereunder, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VIII
WORK WEEK, OVERTIME

Section 1. The working schedule shall be adhered to and maintained throughout the duration of this contract or until such time as a successor agreement is executed.

Section 2. If a member is required to work longer than his normal tour of duty, he shall be entitled to overtime at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) his regular rate of pay.

Section 3. In computing overtime, any fraction or part of a half-hour shall constitute a half-hour.

Section 4. If a member is called to duty on his day off, he shall be entitled to be paid for all hours worked; in this connection, he shall be guaranteed two and one-half (2 1/2) hours "work" to be paid for at the time and one-half (1 ½) rate for said member.

Section 5. If a member is recalled to duty, he shall be entitled to be paid for all hours worked and the Borough shall make every effort to permit the member to work his full shift if the member so desires.

Section 6. Overtime rates shall be calculated as per the following formula:

\$ BASE+ LONGEVITY/(HOURS) 2080 X 1.5

Section 7. In lieu of being paid overtime upon submission of proper voucher therefor a member may elect, subject to approval of timing thereof by the Chief of Police, to have compensatory time off of a duration equivalent to the hours earned by the formula set forth in **Section 6.** of this **Article.** Generally, the election for overtime or compensatory time will be made within ten (10) days of the overtime worked. If compensation is elected, vouchers must be submitted within forty (40) days of the member's election as set forth herein. No more than a total of 75 hours of compensatory time can be carried over from year to year. Any compensatory hours over 75 hours as of December 31 of each year will be paid to the employee during January of the succeeding year.

Section 8. Bargaining unit Employees who provide police type service within the Borough of Tenafly for employers other than the Borough of Tenafly shall inform the said Employer of the wage payments to be made by the said Employer to the Borough of Tenafly, and the Borough of Tenafly, after receipt of the wages from the said Employer, will then pay

the Employee the amount due by a separate check. Advance notification to the Borough of Tenafly of said employment shall be the responsibility of the bargaining unit Employee.

Section 9. Employees work a twelve (12) hour day. All paid time off will be converted to an hourly basis in no greater amounts than currently provided.

ARTICLE IX

VACATIONS

Section 1. All selections of summer vacations as defined by Section 4 shall be completed by February 28th.

Section 2. Non-summer vacations shall be taken at the discretion of each member provided same does not adversely affect the efficiency and operation of the Department. Applications shall be granted in the order of filing for same. Seniority shall govern the selection of non-summer vacations and personal days where such selections are made during the first week of January of that calendar year.

Section 3. In case of conflict vacation picks shall be based solely on seniority.

Section 4. All vacations taken between June 15th and September 15th shall be considered to be summer vacations and shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) weeks per member unless a member of the same squad shall waive his rights. The dates of June 15th and September 15th are approximate.

Section 5. Vacations once approved shall not be changed by either the Employer or the member without good reason having been shown and further provided that notice of same is given not less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled start of said vacation.

Section 6. Vacations shall normally be scheduled between January 1 and December 31, provided however, that between December 18th and December 31st no more than one (1) man per squad nor more than five (5) men shall be permitted a vacation unless more are allowed at the discretion of the Chief.

Section 7. No carry-over of vacation time from year to year shall be allowed unless necessitated by pressure of Police Department business. Employees must receive written permission from the Chief of Police to carry over vacation time. Where a member's vacation was not permitted to be taken during the entitlement year, then the member shall use such carried-over vacation time not later than May 1st of the ensuing year.

Section 8. Request for split vacations of less than one (1) week duration may be submitted but shall be granted at the discretion of the Chief.

Section 9. Members hired prior to May 7, 2013 shall be entitled to the amount of

vacation relating to their years of service.

A. The vacation allowance shall be as follows:

1 Year --	10 Working Days --	80 Hours
2 Years --	11 Working Days --	88 Hours
3 Years --	11 Working Days --	88 Hours
4 Years --	12 Working Days --	96 Hours
5 Years --	12 Working Days --	96 Hours
6 Years --	13 Working Days --	104 Hours
7 Years --	14 Working Days --	112 Hours
8 Years --	15 Working Days --	120 Hours
9 Years --	16 Working Days --	128 Hours
10 Years --	16 Working Days --	128 Hours
11 Years --	17 Working Days --	136 Hours
12 Years --	17 Working Days --	136 Hours
13 Years --	18 Working Days --	144 Hours
14 Years --	19 Working Days --	152 Hours
15 Years --	20 Working Days --	160 Hours
16 Years --	20 Working Days --	160 Hours
17 Years --	21 Working Days --	168 Hours
18 Years --	21 Working Days --	168 Hours
19 Years --	22 Working Days --	176 Hours
20 Years --	22 Working Days --	176 Hours
21 Years --	23 Working Days --	184 Hours
22 Years --	23 Working Days --	184 Hours
23 Years --	24 Working Days --	192 Hours
24 Years --	24 Working Days --	192 Hours
25 Years --	25 Working Days --	200 Hours

Section 10. Newly hired Police Officers shall have their vacation leave prorated

during the first year of service. The following formula shall apply:

- a. Full benefit if date of hire is from January 1 through June 30 of the initial year.
- b. 50% of the benefit if the date of hire is July 1 through December 31 of the initial calendar year of hire.

Section 11. A. All employees hired on or after May 7, 2013 shall receive vacation under the following schedule:

Less than 1 year up to 10 days	1 day per month
Completion of 1 year to completion of 5 years	10 days (80 hours)
Commencement of 6 th year to completion of 10 years	12 days (96 hours)
Commencement of 11 th year to completion of 15 years	15 days (120 hours)
Commencement of 16 th year to completion of 25 th year	20 days (160 hours)
Commencement of 26 th year	25 days (200 hours)

- B. Vacation leave shall be prorated during the last year of service.
- C. Effective January 1, 2017, Officers Andrew Toal, Vincent Cooper and Maxwell Werner shall enjoy vacation benefits under Section 9.

ARTICLE X
HOLIDAYS AND PERSONAL DAYS

Section 1. The following fourteen (14) holidays are recognized as the holiday benefit for Employees covered by this contract:

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| 1. New Year's Day | 8. Labor Day |
| 2. Martin Luther King's Birthday | 9. Columbus Day |
| 3. Washington's Birthday | 10. Veteran's Day |
| 4. Good Friday | 11. Election Day |
| 5. Easter Sunday | 12. Thanksgiving Day |
| 6. Memorial Day | 13. Christmas Day |
| 7. Independence Day | 14. Juneteenth |

All holiday compensation shall be paid along with regular base payroll for all Employees and shall be folded in and made part of base pay for all computation purposes.

Section 2. In addition to the holidays set forth in Section 1, should other Employees of the Borough be granted additional holidays not presently in the Salary Ordinance of Tenafly, such as for observation of a new holiday or in respect for the death of a national, state or local figure, then each member shall be entitled to receive holiday pay for the equivalent time.

Section 3. In addition to the paid holidays, members shall be entitled to time off and not holiday pay for 40 additional hours (non-cumulative) for personal leave. These personal leave hours may be utilized to create additional days off upon forty-eight (48) hours notice to the Chief of Police, who shall not unreasonably withhold such request since it is the intention of the parties to permit the members time off of their own choosing to attend personal matters, social events and other affairs, since Police in their duties normally work many weekends. Members may also utilize personal hours to take part of a work shift off by request to the officer in charge of that tour. In case of conflict in granting personal days, preference shall be given to that member or members having an emergency, serious family illness or childbirth.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provision for personal days as set forth in Section

3, no more than one (1) man per squad shall be permitted personal days at any given time. Requests for personal days shall be honored on the basis of the timeliness of the request. Seniority shall govern the selection of personal day use where such selections are made during the first week of January for that calendar year. In case of emergencies, serious illness or childbirth, the one man per squad limit may be waived at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Section 5. In addition to the holidays and personal days set forth in Sections I through 4 herein, each member of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to time off with pay for two (2) days (16 hours) per annum known as "Chief's Days". These days shall be granted upon request by the Employee subject to prior approval of the Chief of Police (or his designee) and Departmental needs.

Section 6. Newly hired Police Officers shall have their personal days and Chief's days prorated during the first year of service. The following formula shall apply:

- A. Full benefit if date of hire is from January 1 through June 30 of the initial year.
- B. 50% of the benefit if the date of hire is July 1 through December 31 of the initial calendar year of hire. Should calculation result in a half-day, said half day will be rounded up to the nearest whole day.

Section 7. Officers shall be entitled to be compensated upon retirement for any and all unused Personal Days, "Chief's Days", Time Owed and Vacation Days. Said compensation shall be distributed in a separate check in the first pay period following retirement.

ARTICLE XI
WORK INCURRED INJURY

Section 1. Where an Employee covered under this Agreement suffers a work connected injury or disability the Employer shall continue such Employee at full pay for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months during the continuance of such Employee's inability to work. During this period of time all temporary disability benefits accruing under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act shall be paid over to the Employer. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis and such decisions shall not be considered precedent or to establish a past practice.

Section 2. The Employee shall be required to present evidence by a certificate of a responsible physician that he is unable to work, and the Employer may reasonably require the said Employee to present such certificates from time to time.

Section 3. In the event the Employee contends that he is entitled to a period of disability beyond the period established by the treating physician, or a physician employed by the Employer, or by its insurance carrier, then and in that event, the burden shall be upon the Employee to establish such additional period of disability by obtaining a judgment in the Division of Workers Compensation, or by the final decision of the last reviewing Court shall be binding upon the parties.

Section 4. For the purposes of this Article, injury or disability incurred while the Employee is acting in any Employer sponsored activity, shall be considered in the line of duty.

Section 5. In the event a dispute arises as to whether an absence shall be computed or designated as sick leave, or as an injury on duty, the parties agree to be bound by the decision of an appropriate Workers Compensation Judgment, or if there is an appeal therefrom, the final decision of the last reviewing Court.

Section 6. An injury on duty requiring time off for treatment, recuperation or rehabilitation shall not be construed as sick leave or a sick leave occasion under the terms of the sick leave policy heretofore agreed upon between the parties, however, every effort shall be made to schedule such treatment in a manner so as to avoid additional costs to the Borough.

Section 7. Pursuant to the Statutes of the State of New Jersey, in such cases made and provided, the Employer may process the pension papers as to a disabled Employee or take other steps according to law.

Section 8. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit the right of the Borough to require the Employee to return to work to perform light duty or other special tasks even though his status of recovery is such that he may not be capable of performing full duties.

ARTICLE XII

SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Sick leave shall be granted in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Time of Service</u>	<u>Period</u>	
Less than 1 month	None	
At least 1 Month but less than 2 months	5 Days	40 hours
At least 2 Months but less than 3 Months	10 Days	80 hours
At least 3 Months but less than 1 Year	2 Weeks	112 hours
At least 1 Year but less than 2 years	4 Weeks	224 hours
At least 2 Years but less than 3 Years	6 Weeks	336 hours
At least 3 Years but less than 4 Years	8 Weeks	448 hours
At least 4 Years but less than 5 Years	10 Weeks	560 hours
At least 5 Years but less than 6 Years	12 Weeks	672 hours
At least 6 Years but less than 10 Years	14 Weeks	784 hours
Ten (10) Years and Over	26 Weeks	1456 hours

Section 2. The Borough reserves the right to require a physical examination of each member at the Borough's expense.

Section 3. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to prohibit the right of the Borough to require the Employee to return to work to perform light duty or other special

tasks even though his status of recovery is such that he may not yet be capable of performing full duties.

Section 4. A member who has called in sick may not work any voluntary overtime assignment occurring within forty-eight (48) hours of the member's reporting time for any tour in which the member called out sick.

ARTICLE XIII
INSURANCE, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Section 1. The Borough shall provide the State Health Benefits Plan. The Borough may opt out of the State Health Benefits Plan as long as the coverage to be provided is at least equal to or better. Paid hospitalization shall be deemed to include members who retire after at least completing twenty-five (25) years of qualified service in the New Jersey Police and Fire Retirement System and at least fifteen (15) years of service with Borough, and their spouse, with basic hospitalization plan only and including a coordination of benefits to correspondingly reduce the amount or drop former members who become covered under a plan at a new place of employment in the event they become re-employed. (Spousal coverage shall be effective for all full time Employees who retire after January 1, 1991.) In the event that a retired member dies leaving a surviving spouse said spouse may elect to continue coverage as provided herein with the Borough of Tenafly reimbursing said surviving spouse's premium cost. The Borough will continue to reimburse the spouse annually for the cost of the basic hospitalization plan until the spouse is covered by Medicare.

Section 2. The Borough shall provide a full family Dental Insurance Program. The coverage shall be the Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier Plan coverage or equivalent plan, provided that the equivalent plan provides coverage not less than that provided by the Delta Dental PPO Plus Premier Plan. The plan would cover the member and his family and be fully paid for by the Borough.

Section 3. The Borough shall maintain false arrest insurance with coverage of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars and will provide existing insurance coverage to Employees covered under this Agreement, protecting them from civil suits arising out of the performance of their duties, including but not limited to the following: false arrest, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, defamation of character, violation of the right of privacy, invasion of the right of privileged occupancy, and any charges or offenses directly related to the Employee's employment.

Section 4. The Borough shall provide excess group insurance for a vehicle owned by a member, which coverage shall be applicable only if the vehicle is used in the scope of

the member's employment except that such coverage shall not be deemed to include coverage for the transportation to and from work.

Section 5. The Borough shall provide a Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollar life insurance policy to each member. The member shall designate the beneficiary and owner of the policy.

Section 6. The Borough shall provide legal representation for each member as set forth in the New Jersey Statutes. If the member is not satisfied with the representation provided or offered by the Employer, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners of the Borough of Tenafly for resolution of all issues which shall include but not limited to a determination of the maximum costs to be borne by the Employer and any cost over said amount shall be the member's sole responsibility.

Section 7. Health care contributions shall be consistent with that required by P.L. 2011, Chapter 78 or any subsequent legislation that modifies these requirements.

ARTICLE XIV

EXCHANGE OF DAYS OFF

The Chief of Police may grant the request of any member of the Department to exchange hours or days off. Such a request shall be granted on a uniform basis with standard rules and regulations applying to all members who make this request. All requests will be considered, and none shall be unreasonably denied. In the absence of the Chief, squad leaders may grant such request in which event the Chief shall be notified by the squad leader that such permission has been granted in a manner and in the form to be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE XV

CLOTHING MAINTENANCE, WEAPONS AND STANDARDS

Section 1. Uniforms damaged in the line of duty shall be replaced by the Borough if deemed unrepairable by the Chief of Police.

Section 2. The Borough shall issue to each member a safe usable service weapon. Each member agrees to take proper care of said equipment and to maintain same at the member's expense for any repair occasioned by the member's neglect; otherwise, the service weapon will be maintained by the Borough. In addition, the members agree to maintain their proficiency in the use of said weapon under such training procedures and drills as may be established by the Chief of Police.

Section 3. Members agree to keep their uniforms and appearance in accordance with the standards established in the rules of the Department or as modified by the Chief of Police.

Section 4. In the event a personal item, such as a wristwatch, flashlight or other gear is damaged in the line of duty, a member may request that the item be replaced or some monetary compensation given, but the Employer is not bound to honor any request, each of which shall be judged on a case by case basis. The Chief of Police shall be authorized to approve replacements up to a cost of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars; for items in excess of this amount (such as eyeglasses) approval shall be obtained from the Board of Police Commissioners.

ARTICLE XVI

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE EVENT OF DEATH

Section 1. Any member having death in the immediate family shall be granted time off without deduction from pay or compensatory time not to exceed a period of up to four (4) days. For the purposes of this Section, "immediate family" shall be deemed to include a spouse, child, legal ward, parent, grandparent, legal guardian, step-parent, step siblings, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or grandchild of the member or any other person in the member's immediate household. Two (2) days leave will be given to attend the funeral services of an aunt, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew or a spouse's aunt, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew, or grandparent. This leave is specifically provided to allow members time to make necessary arrangements, assist family and attend funeral services. Leave days may be used non-consecutively for the following reasons: (i) upon notice of death; (ii) on the date of viewing or other similar service; (iii) on the date of interment; and (iv) on the date of a religious or memorial service. In no event shall any part of bereavement leave occur more than fifteen (15) days from the date of death, barring extenuating circumstances which may be approved by the Chief of Police.

Section 2. The provisions of this **Article** shall be in addition to the personal days otherwise provided for in this Agreement (**Article X, Section 3.**).

ARTICLE XVII

TERMINAL LEAVE

Terminal Leave shall be granted as follows:

After 15 Years of Service	1 ½ Months
After 20 Years of Service	3 Months
After 25 Years of Service	4 ½ Months
After 30 Years of Service	6 Months
After 35 Years of Service	7 ½ Months
After 40 Years of Service	9 Months

Employees hired after May 7, 2013 shall not be entitled to terminal leave.

Added to such leave shall be any compensatory time off and vacation time which is owed to the retiring member. Vacation time shall be deemed to be earned at the rate per month of the annual period divided by twelve (12) for the eligibility as determined by the years of service.

ARTICLE XVIII
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. The purpose of the Grievance Procedure shall be to settle all grievances between the Borough and the Association and members as quickly as possible, so as to assure efficiency and promote Employees morale. A grievance is defined as any disagreement between the Borough and the members of the PBA involving the interpretation, application or violation of policies, agreements and administrative decisions affecting them. The PBA shall file grievances within forty-five (45) days of the occurrence of the event. This grievance procedure shall cover minor discipline. Minor discipline shall be defined as all discipline where the penalty is five (5) days of suspension or equivalent fine, or any lesser penalty. All grievances shall be processed as follows:

A. They shall be discussed with the members involved and the local PBA representatives, with the Chief of the Department, or any representative designated to him. An answer shall be made to the member with a copy to the PBA within three (3) calendar days by the Chief or his designated representatives.

B. If the grievance is not settled through **Step A**, it shall be submitted in writing to the Borough Administrator and the answer to such grievance shall be made in writing, a copy to the Association, within five (5) days of the submission. Step B grievances shall be filed within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the completion of Step A proceedings.

C. If the grievance is not settled through **Step B** above, it shall be submitted in writing to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Tenafly, which body shall review the record made below and advise the member with a copy to the PBA at its regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the grievance or such other time as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties. A Step C grievance shall be filed within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the completion of Step B grievance proceedings.

D. ARBITRATION

1. If the grievance is not settled through Steps A, B, or C, the Grievant(s) may refer the matter to the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) within fourteen (14) calendar days after the determination of the **Steps** preceding. The

Arbitrator or Arbitrators shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the said Association and the expense of the Arbitrator or Arbitrators shall be borne equally by the parties hereto, provided, however, that each party shall bear the expense of producing witnesses, testimony or evidence for his presentation.

2. The Arbitrator or Arbitrators shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and restricted to the application of the facts presented to him and relevant to the grievance. He or they shall have no authority to modify or alter in any way the provisions of this Agreement or any amendment or supplement hereto. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding.

3. It is agreed that no arbitration hearing shall be held until after the expiration of at least thirty (30) days after the decision rendered by the Mayor and Council.

4. The time limits expressed herein shall be strictly adhered to. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to extend or contract the time limits provided for processing the Grievance Procedure. A failure to respond at any step within the provided time limits shall be deemed a denial.

ARTICLE XIX

COMMENDATION AND HONORABLE MENTION

In the event a member receives an official commendation from the Borough of Tenafly or the Chief of Police of the Borough of Tenafly, the Employer shall give suitable publicity and recognition to such member in such event, in a type and form to be prescribed by the Board of Police Commissioners which recognition may include a compensatory day off.

ARTICLE XX

WAGES, DETECTIVE STIPEND AND LONGEVITY

Section 1. Salaries for all members, regardless of date of hire, shall be as set forth in **Appendix A-1**.

Section 2. New Employees who are sent to the police basic training academy shall be compensated at the "Academy" rate for the first six (6) months of employment. Thereafter the new Employee shall be compensated at the Probationary rate for the second six (6) months of employment. Upon completion of the first year of employment the new Employee shall advance to the "after one year" rate. As of January 1, 2017, all salary increments shall be paid on January 1st for all anniversary dates prior to July 1st and on July 1st for all anniversary dates that occur after July 1st until maximum patrol rate is reached. The number of annual step moves shall be dictated consistent with the employee's hire date (see **Appendix A-1**).

Section 3. In addition to salary, members shall receive longevity pay which shall be computed at one percent (1%) for every two (2) years of service with a maximum of twelve and one-half percent (12 ½%) for twenty-five (25) years of service. All longevity increments shall be paid on the first of the month when the longevity anniversary occurs. Employees hired after May 7, 2013 shall not be entitled to longevity.

Section 4. The Borough shall pay semi-monthly.

Section 5. All Employees covered by this contract who are assigned to the Detective Bureau shall receive an annual Detective Stipend. The annual Detective Stipend in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) shall be paid quarterly.

ARTICLE XXI
SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDITS

Section 1. Notwithstanding other compensation to which members of the Police Department may be entitled, all members of the Police Department of the Borough of Tenafly shall be eligible to receive a lump sum or salary increment based upon completion of stages of education as follows:

- A.** Upon obtaining thirty-two (32) credits towards any four-year bachelor's degree - the lump sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars.
- B.** Upon obtaining sixty-four (64) cumulative credits as aforesaid, the additional sum of Four Hundred Sixteen (\$416.00) Dollars per year added to the base salary.
- C.** Upon obtaining ninety-six (96) cumulative credits as aforesaid, the additional sum of Six Hundred Twenty-Four (\$624.00) Dollars per year added to the base salary.
- D.** Upon obtaining one hundred twenty-eight (128) cumulative credits as aforesaid or a Baccalaureate Degree, an additional sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars per year added to the base salary.
- E.** Each additional graduate credit as aforesaid, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per credit per year added to the base salary.
- F.** Supplemental Police Academy Credits - Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per credit per year added to the base salary.

Notwithstanding the aforesaid, members shall elect by December 1 of the prior calendar year whether they are to be compensated by using credits towards a course or credits as per **Subsection F** above since in no case shall a member be permitted to collect in any given year for both type credits.

Section 2. The Borough shall supply textbooks and tuition for members if the same is not covered by Federal or State sources, provided however, that the textbooks or other material shall remain the property of the Borough for use in the Police Library or for circulation to other students similarly situated. It is understood that the Borough shall not pay for Graduate Tuition.

Section 3. If the Borough requires any member to attend a seminar or other special course which is not creditable towards a degree in Police Science, the Borough shall

have the option of supplying transportation to said seminar if Borough vehicles are available, or may compensate the member using his own vehicle at a reimbursement rate consistent with the current Internal Revenue Service rate as it is set from time to time per mile; in this connection, the Borough may designate car pool arrangements so as to reduce or avoid duplication of mileage charges.

Section 4. The Borough shall reserve the right to require all members or some members to participate at no expense to the members in in-house training or evaluation programs of a type and for a duration to be determined by the Training Officer or upon approval by the Chief of Police. If formal training sessions are held outside normal duty hours, members shall be entitled to compensation at the overtime rate for such training session.

Section 5. In order for a member to be eligible for payment of credits for training courses and for graduate courses as set forth in **Sections E and F of Section 1** herein, said credits shall be documented and certified by December 1 of the prior year to be added onto the base salary for any current year. Further in this regard, for payment of steps based upon the levels set forth in **Paragraphs B, C and D of Section 1**, said degree must have been completed, certified and obtained no later than December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the step payment is to be made.

ARTICLE XXII
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Leaves of absence may be accorded to permanent full-time members without loss of job status or seniority for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days in any two (2) calendar years for emergency situations. The determination of such emergency situations shall be within the discretion of the Mayor and Council. During such leaves, the Employee shall not be considered unemployed for purposes of collecting unemployment compensation.

Section 2. Benefits shall not accrue during such leave, however, the Employee upon his return shall be entitled to continue in his employment from the point which he began his leave of absence (i.e. the Employee picks up where he left off).

Section 3. The Employer may at its option provide for insurance benefits (e.g. medical, life, etc.) either at its own costs or the Employer may elect to provide the coverage and surcharge the Employee in an amount equal to the cost of said programs to the Borough.

Section 4. Sporadic, part time, temporary or self-employment work may be engaged in but said leave is not intended to permit an Employee to experiment with a new full-time job. The Employee shall submit to the Chief all the facts bearing on his request and the Chief shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council. Each case shall be considered on its merits and a denial shall not be the subject of a grievance. One renewal may also be requested. Normally such leave will not be granted for illness unless sick leave is exhausted or for other cause, vacation is exhausted.

ARTICLE XXIII
PERSONNEL FILES

Section 1. A separate personal history file shall be established and maintained for each Employee covered by this Agreement. Personal history files are confidential records and shall be maintained in the office of the Chief of Police.

Section 2. Any member of the Police Department may, by appointment, review his personnel file but this appointment for review must be made to the Chief of Police or his designated representative.

Section 3. Whenever a written complaint concerning an Officer or his actions is to be placed in his personnel file, a copy shall be made available to him and he shall be given the opportunity to rebut it if he so desires and he shall be permitted to place said rebuttal in his file.

Section 4. All personal history files will be carefully maintained and safeguarded permanently, and nothing placed in any file shall be removed therefrom, except upon agreement of the parties.

Section 5. Complaints concerning any member of the Department need not be disclosed to the member by the Chief unless said complaint is to be made a part of the member's personnel file.

ARTICLE XXIV
INVESTIGATION OF A POLICE OFFICER

Section 1. In an effort to ensure that Departmental investigations are conducted in a manner which is conducive to good order and discipline, the following rules are hereby adopted.

- A.** The interrogation of a member of the force shall be at a reasonable hour, preferably when the member of the force is on duty, unless the exigencies of the investigation dictate otherwise.
- B.** The interrogation shall take place at a location designated by the Chief of Police. Usually it will be at Police Headquarters or the location where the incident allegedly occurred.
- C.** The member of the force shall be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation commences. Sufficient information to reasonably apprise the members of the allegations should be provided. If it is known that the member of the force is being interrogated as a witness only, he should be so informed at the initial contact.
- D.** The questioning shall be reasonable in length. Fifteen (15) minutes time shall be provided for personal necessities, meals, telephone calls and rest periods at the end of every two (2) hours.
- E.** The member of the force shall not be subject to any offensive language, nor shall he be threatened with transfer, dismissal or other disciplinary punishment. No promise of reward shall be made as an inducement to answering questions.
- F.** At every stage of the proceedings, the Department shall afford an opportunity for a member of the force, if he so requests, to consult with counsel and/or his Association representative before being questioned concerning a violation of the Rules and Regulations during the interrogations of a member of the force, which shall not delay the interrogation beyond one (1) hour for consultation with the Association representative nor more than

two (2) hours for consultation with his Attorney. However, this paragraph shall not apply to routine day-to-day investigations.

G. In cases other than Departmental investigations, if a member of the force is under arrest or if he is a suspect or the target of a criminal investigation, he shall be given his rights pursuant to the current decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

H. Nothing herein shall be construed to deprive the Department or its Officers of the ability to conduct the routine and daily operations of the Department.

I. No Employee covered by this Agreement shall be subjected to any urinalysis or blood screening unless one of these three (3) circumstances exist: (1) Where the Employer has probable cause to suspect that there is a job-related individualized impact with respect to the specific Employee being tested. (2) Where the urinalysis or blood testing is done as part of a bona fide annual physical examination which is done for the entire Police Department. (3) Where the Employee violates a State Statute which authorizes the taking of a urinalysis or blood screening to substantiate the violation.

J. Under no circumstance shall the Employer offer or direct the taking of a polygraph or voice print examination of any Employee covered by this Agreement.

K. Where an Officer has been the subject of an investigation then said officer shall be advised, in writing, at the conclusion of the investigation as to the results of the investigation and what action, if any, is taken.

L. The PBA shall be notified, in writing, in the event a Bargaining Unit Employee is disciplined.

ARTICLE XXV

DATA FOR FUTURE BARGAINING

The Borough agrees to make available to the Association all relevant public data the Association may require to bargain collectively, excluding Attorney work product.

ARTICLE XXVI

COURT TIME

Section 1. Should a member have to appear before the Grand Jury or before the Juvenile Court, County Court or Superior Court in conjunction with any matter arising out of the course of his employment or should he have to appear for a matter involving the Borough of Tenafly or in conjunction with a hearing held by the Director of Motor Vehicles or should he have to appear in conjunction with actions of the Borough of Tenafly as the issuing authority for any hearings before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of the State of New Jersey, he shall receive overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½) times his base salary with a minimum guarantee of two and one-half (2 ½) hours, provided that such appearance is not during his normal duty hours. In the event that a portion occurs during his normal duty hours, he shall not receive any overtime for the portion of his normal shift. If eligible for overtime, travel time shall be included.

Section 2. Should any member have to appear outside of his normal shift in the Tenafly Municipal Court, he shall be paid overtime for the time actually spent or two and one-half (2½) hours, whichever is greater; travel time shall not be included.

Section 3. Payments for the above shall be made upon submission of a proper voucher.

Section 4. The following types of appearances are covered by this clause.

- A. All criminal proceedings.
- B. All quasi-criminal proceedings.
- C. All actions in which the Employer is a party.
- D. All actions where the insurance carrier for the Employer is defending.
- E. All Court appearances arising out of an Employee's status as a Police Officer.
- F. When subpoenaed by the Employer or its insurance carrier or a co-Employee, on a work related or Departmental matter.

ARTICLE XXVII
ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION

Proposed new rules and modifications of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established. It is recognized in cases of extreme emergency the Article shall not apply. Nothing in this Article shall be deemed, however, to prevent the Chief of Police from exercising his discretion to rotate personnel in their duties as may be required in his discretion to maintain the efficiency of the Police Department, and to make decisions affecting general scheduling, squad or division strength or time off. Changes in division assignments for an anticipated duration of more than one (1) week may be made at the discretion of the Chief. A notice of proposed change of assignment shall be posted on the bulletin board and members shall have seventy-two (72) hours to volunteer. If persons who have volunteered for re-assignment have not been selected, they shall be notified by letter or interview of the general reasons for their non-assignment.

ARTICLE XXVIII
PRIORITY FOR OVERTIME

Section 1. Overtime for regularly scheduled shifts and details will be offered to regular full time Employees of the Department first, in an order of preference based upon a rotating seniority list. A member who has called in sick may not work any voluntary overtime assignment occurring within forty-eight (48) hours of the member's reporting time for any tour in which the member called out sick.

Section 2. There may be certain situations in which the Department, because of special skills or other attributes of a particular Officer, determines that it is in the best interest of the Employer to by-pass an Employee or Employees on the seniority list. While this Agreement contemplates special situations as noted herein, it is agreed and understood that such by-passed Employee or Employees must become next on the list for the purposes of the overtime roster.

Section 3. In the event everyone on the seniority roster refuses overtime, the Chief, or his designee, shall have the right to assign overtime as appropriate.

Section 4. It is understood that the purpose of this clause is to equalize the opportunity for overtime among the Employees covered by this Agreement. The equality of opportunity for overtime may be considered on a rank-by-rank basis. Nothing shall be deemed to require the total hours of overtime engaged in to be equalized.

Section 5. Such overtime will be offered to persons other than full time Employees only if it has first been refused by each member on the seniority roster aforementioned.

Section 6. With regard to what is commonly known as school or special details, such as ball games and dances and other similar details, it is agreed that the Employer will attempt to obtain full time Employees of the Police Department to work said details and will make an offer of such details to the regular full time Employees on the basis of the rotating seniority roster. A member who has called in sick may not work any voluntary overtime assignment occurring within forty-eight (48) hours of the member's reporting time for any tour in which the member called out sick.

Section 7. It will be the obligation of the Employees to set up their own roster for

school or special details.

Section 8. All school or special details will be made available to the squad on a numerical rotating basis. A master copy of the overtime detail sheet shall be maintained at the Police desk.

ARTICLE XXIX
BULLETIN BOARD

Section 1. The Employer will supply one (1) bulletin board for the use of the Association to be placed in a conspicuous location.

Section 2. The bulletin board shall be for the use of the Association for the posting of notices and bulletins pertaining to Association business and activities or matters dealing with the welfare of Employees.

Section 3. No matter may be posted without receiving permission of the officially designated Association representative.

ARTICLE XXX
MILITARY LEAVE

Military Leave shall be granted in accordance with Federal and State Law.

ARTICLE XXXI

PATROL CARS AND UNSAFE VEHICLES

Section 1. The Borough agrees to provide air-conditioned patrol cars which shall be maintained by the Borough if budgetary constraints permit such acquisition.

Section 2. The Borough shall repair unsafe vehicles immediately or remove said vehicles from service.

Section 3. In the event it becomes necessary to have a member perform work on a Borough Police vehicle, it shall be understood that such work is being done under a standing order and is within the scope of employment. In this connection, work shall be deemed to be limited to changing flat tires and adding snow chains and simple adjustments and shall not be deemed to mean major repair work to the engine or other parts of the vehicle.

Section 4. The Borough shall make every effort to ensure that vehicles meet the standards established in **Title 39** of the **Revised Statutes**.

Section 5. Operators believing defects exist on any vehicle shall file an incident report in a manner to be prescribed by the Chief of Police.

Section 6. In providing said automobiles, the Employer may purchase or lease automobiles so long as the vehicles involved conform to at least the State standard vehicle uniform purchase specifications.

ARTICLE XXXII

UNION DUES

Section 1. The Employer shall collect from all union members' payroll an amount of dues, fees and assessments certified to the Employer by the Union. The total amount of such dues, fees and assessments collected from Employees shall be remitted to the Union. The Union's entitlement to the dues, fees and assessments 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. The Union represents that membership is and shall be available to all Employees on an equal basis during the term or extensions of this Agreement.

Section 2. The Union agrees that it will indemnify and save harmless the Borough against any and all actions, claims, demands, losses or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) in any matter resulting from action taken by the Borough at the request of the Union under this Article or against the Borough.

Section 3. To the extent that any Employee provides written notice to the Borough that the Employee requests to resign membership in the Union, the Borough will notify the Union in writing and will, within thirty (30) days, terminate the collection of dues, fees and assessments from the payroll of the Employee.

Section 4. Except as modified by this Article, the Borough agrees to adhere to the provisions of the **New Jersey Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act, P.L. 2018, c.15.**

ARTICLE XXXIII
REPLACEMENTS

No full time Employee covered by this Agreement shall be replaced by a non-Police Officer, part time or other personnel.

ARTICLE XXXIV

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT shall be effective as of January 1, 2023 and shall terminate on December 31, 2026. Bargaining for the next succeeding contract shall commence on or about August 1, 2026, or otherwise so as to comply with the schedules determined by the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission. The terms of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until a new contract is executed.

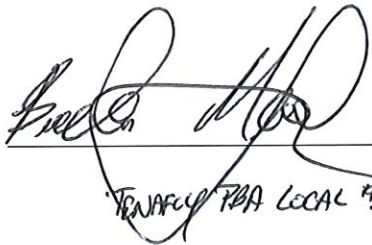
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective representatives and appropriately attested.

BOROUGH OF TENAFLY,
NEW JERSEY

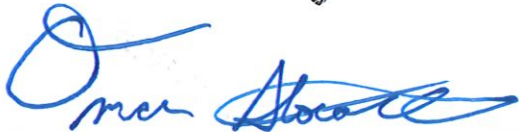
POLICEMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY – LOCAL 376



Mayor




TENAFLY PBA LOCAL #376, PRESIDENT



Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

ATTEST: Adam Kopusky


APPENDIX A-1

(Inclusive of 5.385% Holiday Pay)

SALARIES

	January 1, 2022	2022 + 5.385 Holiday Increase	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026
Academy Rate	\$ 48,702.00	\$ 48,890	\$ 50,356	\$ 51,866	\$ 53,552	\$ 55,293
Probation Rate	\$ 54,486.00	\$ 54,696	\$ 56,336	\$ 58,027	\$ 59,912	\$ 61,860
After 1 Year	\$ 72,144.00	\$ 72,422	\$ 74,594	\$ 76,832	\$ 79,329	\$ 81,907
After 2 Years	\$ 78,021.00	\$ 78,321	\$ 80,671	\$ 82,091	\$ 85,971	\$ 88,580
After 3 Years	\$ 83,898.00	\$ 84,221	\$ 86,747	\$ 89,350	\$ 92,254	\$ 95,252
After 4 Years	\$ 89,774.00	\$ 90,120	\$ 92,823	\$ 95,608	\$ 98,715	\$ 101,923
After 5 Years	\$ 95,651.00	\$ 96,019	\$ 98,899	\$ 101,866	\$ 105,177	\$ 108,595
After 6 Years	\$ 101,944.00	\$ 102,336	\$ 105,406	\$ 108,568	\$ 112,097	\$ 115,740
After 7 Years	\$ 107,405.00	\$ 107,819	\$ 111,053	\$ 114,384	\$ 118,102	\$ 121,940
After 8 Years	\$ 113,281.00	\$ 113,717	\$ 117,128	\$ 120,642	\$ 124,563	\$ 128,611
After 9 Years	\$ 119,158.00	\$ 119,617	\$ 123,205	\$ 126,901	\$ 131,025	\$ 135,283
After 10 Years	\$ 125,034.00	\$ 125,515	\$ 129,280	\$ 133,159	\$ 137,486	\$ 141,955
After 11 Years	\$ 130,911.00	\$ 131,415	\$ 135,357	\$ 139,418	\$ 143,949	\$ 148,627
After 12 Years	\$ 149,548.00	\$ 150,124	\$ 154,627	\$ 159,265	\$ 164,442	\$ 169,786
Sergeant	\$ 158,130.00	\$ 158,739	\$ 163,500	\$ 168,405	\$ 173,879	\$ 179,530
Lieutenant	\$ 165,981.00	\$ 166,620	\$ 171,618	\$ 176,767	\$ 182,511	\$ 188,443
			3%	3%	3.25%	3.25%

All salary increments (step increments/raises) shall be paid on January 1st for all anniversary dates that occur prior to July 1 and on July 1st for all anniversary dates that occur on or after July 1st. All officers shall receive their respective across the board salary increases (negotiated raises) on January 1st.