

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
AND
PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL 255

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ARTICLE 1
PREAMBLE

This Agreement, entered into this 1st day of January 2023 by and between the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Township" and the Monroe Township Police Benevolent Association, Local No. 255, hereinafter called the "Association," represents the complete and final understanding on all bargainable issues between the Township and the Association.

ARTICLE 2
RECOGNITION

A. Township recognizes Association as the exclusive collective negotiations' agent for all police officers in the bargaining unit as defined in Section B, for the purposes of collective bargaining and on all terms and conditions of employment and grievances.

B. The bargaining unit, as discussed in Section A, shall consist of all uniformed Patrol Officers, Detectives now employed or hereafter employed, excluding Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captain, and the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 3
FULLY BARGAINED AGREEMENT

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. During the term of this Agreement, 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 parties at the time they negotiated or signed this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4
LANGUAGE RE-OPENER

If at any time during the term of this Agreement, either the Township or the Association initiate meetings for the purpose of clarifying, modifying, or interpreting any portion of this Agreement that the initiating party feels may be unclear, inadequate, unnecessary, ambiguous, etc., there will be no change in any existing language unless both parties agree and sign off on any proposed change or changes.

ARTICLE 5
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

A. The Township hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it 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 and following rights:

1. The executive management and administrative control of the Township Government and its properties and personnel methods and means of the most appropriate and efficient manner possible as may from time to time be determined by the Township.

2. To make rules of procedure and conduct, to use improved methods and equipment, to decide the number of employees needed for any particular time and to be in sole charge of the quality and quantity of the work required.

3. The right of management to make such rules and regulations as it may from time to time deem best for the purpose of maintaining order, safety and/or the effective operation of the Department after advanced written notice thereof to the employees to require compliance by the employees is recognized. To hire all employees, to promote, transfer, assign or retain employees in positions within the Township.

4. To suspend, demote, discharge, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action against any employee for good and just cause according to law.

5. To lay off employees in the event of lack of funds.

6. The Township reserves the right with regard to all other conditions of employment not reserved to make such changes as it deems desirable and necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Police Department.

B. In the exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Township, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, Code of Conduct, and practices in the furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms herein and shall be 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 Township of its rights, responsibilities, and authority under N.J.S.A. 40A:101 et seq. or any other National, State, County or Local Laws or Regulations.

ARTICLE 6
SALARIES/LONGEVITY/FTO COMPENSATION

A. Salary Guide

1. The salary guide for Officers hired prior to January 1, 2023, shall be increased as follows:

	Top Step	Probation thru Four
January 1, 2023	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2024	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2025	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2026	2.90% + \$850	2.00%

2. Officers hired on or after January 1, 2019, shall be placed on a 10-step equalized salary guide. The guide shall have an Academy Step of \$45,000. An Officer shall move to the Probation Step on graduation from the Academy. Thereafter, he or she shall move to Step 2 through Step 10 consistent with the way Officers hired prior to January 1, 2019, move.

	Top Step	Step Increases
January 1, 2023	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2024	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2025	2.90% + \$850	2.00%
January 1, 2026	2.90% + \$850	2.00%

3. Unit member salaries are set forth in Appendix A.

4. All officers not at the top step shall receive their salary increment.

5. For computation purposes, beginning of service shall commence on January 1st of the subject year for all employees hired between January 1st and June 30th of the subject year; or July 1st of the subject year for all employees hired between July 1st and December 31st of the subject year.

6. Probationary period defined as one (1) year from date of hire for PTC certified officers or one year from academy certification and/or graduation date.

7. In the event a new Agreement is not signed by the expiration date of the current contract, the employees who are entitled to step increases is based on the salary, shall receive them on their anniversaries based on the salary schedule in the current Agreement.

8. Effective as soon as administratively feasible, paydays shall be bi-weekly.

B. Longevity

1. The Township will provide longevity compensation as follows:

Start of 5 th year:	4.00%
Start of 10 th year:	6.00%
Start of 15 th year:	7.00%
Start of 20 th year:	9.00%
Start of 24 th year:	11.00%

2. Longevity is compensation for years of service with the Township.

3. Longevity shall be divided into the total amount of pay periods per year added to the weekly base salary for pensionable calculations.

4. Longevity is eliminated for any employee hired by the Township on or after January 1, 2015.

C. Field Training Officer Compensation

Field Training Officers shall receive two hours of additional compensation per day. Allocation shall be made at the completion of the Field Training Officer's cycle for each trainee.

Compensation For Time Spent Testifying in Civil/ Criminal/Administrative

Proceedings

Time spent by a Police Officer in testifying in Court or other proceedings is compensable time if such time spent testifying (whether voluntary or mandated by the Courts) is required by the Township if the Officers attendance at the proceeding is intended to benefit the Township or if the Officers attendance at the proceeding is a direct result of the performance of the Officers official police duties.

ARTICLE 7
HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

A. Patrol Schedule

1. The work schedule is based on three (3) days on - two (2) days off; two (2) days on -three (3) days off; two (2) days on - two (2) days off. The hours of work are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. In addition, the Chief of Police shall have the discretion to implement a swing shift. The daily maximum number of hours that can be worked is sixteen (16).

2. Bidding for Patrol shifts shall take place in November for the upcoming calendar year. Each officer shall submit their first selection for the shift and side of their choice and a second selection. Except as provided below, bidding for shifts and sides shall be on a seniority basis. However, when an officer voluntarily transfers back to Patrol from a non-patrol assignment, he shall be placed on a shift and side at the Chiefs discretion until the next bidding process. If an officer is involuntarily returned to Patrol, the shift to which he is assigned shall be the same as that of the officer who assumes their non-patrol assignment.

During each bidding process, the Chief may deny up to 2 officers their first choice and award their second choice in favor of a less senior officer for legitimate business reasons as reasonably determined by the Chief. The reason(s) must be submitted in writing to the PBA.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, should there be a shortage of officers either selecting the AM or PM shift, any vacancies created thereby may be filled by the Chief in accordance with the needs of the Department. Should such shortage occur, the filling of any vacancies shall not be deemed a violation of the bidding process restricting the Chief in any manner.

At the Chiefs discretion, for the first three years upon completion of Field Training, an officer may be rotated every three (3) months through the day and night shifts. The assignment of a new officer may not cause the bumping of a senior officer from their selected shift and/or side.

The Chief or their designee shall post the schedule for the upcoming year by December 15.

B. Non-Patrol Schedule 4/3

Effective January 1, 2015, non-Patrol personnel shall be assigned to a work schedule consisting of a nine (9) hour workday of four (4) consecutive days on duty and three (3) consecutive days off duty, Monday through Friday. It is agreed that days off shall be selected by seniority but only after consideration by the Chief in their sole discretion, of proper staffing of ranking officers. Bidding shall take place in November and the schedule shall be issued by December 15.

C. Whenever an employee is required to work overtime in excess of and in continuation of their regular day's shift, he shall be compensated at the rate of one and one half (1½) times their regular hourly rate of pay for all time worked over their normal shift period. The employee may also elect to take compensatory time in lieu of money. Such time to be calculated at the time and one-half rate.

D. Shift overtime will be covered by Officers on their off day using the current model of the rotating list, by Squad, of everyone off for either the A squads or B squads or those officers assigned to Dayshift (Patrol/Traffic, Detectives and Administration). Any Officer who voluntarily works a 12-hour Road Coverage shift will not be compensated at double time, until they exceed 12 hours. In the event of an ongoing or an unforeseen

incident, an Officer will be allowed to hang over or be called in early, so long as said Overtime does not exceed four (4) actual hours of work. The 16-hour rule shall not be violated.

E. If an employee is recalled to unscheduled duty for any reason during a period when the employee is not scheduled for work, including but not limited to emergencies, department hearings (excluding grievances and arbitration) without at least seventy two (72) hours prior notice, he shall be paid for all hours worked and shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours compensation at time and one-half (1½) regardless of whether or not said employee works such entire four (4) hour period. Any overtime performed by an employee on their day off in excess of eight (8) hours shall be compensated at the rate of double time.

F. In further accordance with the definitional section, if any employee should be required to appear before any Grand Jury, Municipal Court, State Court, or Federal Court, such time during which he is so engaged shall be considered a time of assignment to, and performance of, their regular duty and when such appearance occurs outside their normal working shift, said employee shall receive compensation from the time the employee logs in until the time he logs out.

G. If an employee is recalled to work during his/her vacation time, personal time and compensatory time, but not sick time, said employee shall receive compensation at a rate of one and one-half (1½) his/her regular rate of pay. In addition, the said employee shall have the vacation day, personal day or compensatory time credited to his/her available vacation time of the applicable year.

H. If all Township Offices close, with the exception of the Township Road Department, police officers who are on duty shall receive "hour-for-hour" straight time (as

compensatory time) for the number of hours worked while the Township is closed to a maximum of 12 hours. For the purposes of measuring the closure, the day shall start at 0600 hours on the day of closure and end at 0600 hours the next day.

I. If an Officer is assigned to school on their days off, he will be entitled to the same number of days off at the completion of school. If an Officer is assigned to a school on their day off, he or she will be awarded an alternate day off with pay to be used at their discretion so long as it does not violate minimum staffing. However, the alternate day off shall be used within 30 days after it is earned, or it will be forfeited.

J. If an Officer is scheduled to an all-day school (8 hours), this shall serve as their day of work. If an Officer is scheduled to a half/partial day school, he will be required to return to work for the remainder of the 12-hour shift. If an Officer is scheduled for any training, including school, on a regular day off, the Officer will be compensated with time and one-half, for such training. Effective January 1, 2015, officers shall receive 72 hours of compensatory time annually for training (48 hours at time and one-half) for 48 hours of training.

K. **Compensatory Time** - overtime, at the Officer's option, shall be paid at the one and one-half (1½) hour compensatory time off rate ("CTO"). Compensatory time off may be accumulated to a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hours. Effective January 1, 2015, all Officers working the twelve (12) hour Patrol Schedule will be given 144 hours compensatory time annually (for the hours worked over the Federal Standard of 2080), plus the 72 hours of compensatory time for 48 hours of In-House training requirements (as set forth in paragraph J, above) for a total of 216 hours of Compensatory Time. The 48 hours allotted for training will be used at the discretion

of the Chief of Police to accomplish training requirements/needs. All of these Compensatory hours must be used within the calendar year, or they will be forfeited. The 144 hours of work schedule compensatory time and the seventy-two (72) hours of training compensatory time shall be in addition to the one hundred twenty (120) hours that officers are allowed to accrue as noted in this Section. Compensatory time may be used in not less than 1-hour blocks. The officer in charge shall have the authority to approve requests for the use of compensatory time which requests will not be unreasonably declined. It shall be deemed reasonable to decline a request if the use of compensatory time will affect the operation of the Department or bring the shift below minimum manpower.

L. **Off-Duty Pay Rates** - Patrol Officers performing private billing jobs or assignments will be compensated at an overtime rate based on the top patrol officer salary guide.

ARTICLE 8
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE AND REPLACEMENT

A. The Township shall be responsible for the initial issue of clothing and equipment, modifications in clothing and equipment specifications and clothing and equipment in cases of promotion. The Township shall be responsible for the initial issue of clothing and equipment if the Chief or their designee mandates a uniform and/or equipment change.

B. In addition to the above, the Township shall supply to Police Officers, reasonable replacement for articles of civilian clothing rendered unusable as a result of action taken in performance of their duty. The Township shall require receipts of value as to any claims made on a prospective basis.

C. The Township will pay for the replacement or repair of uniform apparel and Township issued weapons damaged in the line of duty. The Township will also pay to replace prescription glasses and contact lenses at a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), and a maximum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for watches.

D. Uniforms lost or destroyed by the negligence of the employee shall be replaced by the employee at their own expense.

E. The Township shall provide an annual clothing/uniform allowance of \$500, payable on the first pay of December.

ARTICLE 9
SICK LEAVE/PERSONAL DAYS/SICK LEAVE /PAYMENT AT
RETIREMENT/BEREAVEMENT DAYS

A. Sick Leave

1. Each member of the Police Department shall be entitled to 104 hours of sick leave for the calendar year. Sick leave shall be granted to each full-time employee who through bona fide sickness or injury becomes incapacitated to a degree that it makes it impossible for him to perform the duties of their position or whom a physician quarantines because he has been exposed to a contagious disease. Sick leave may be utilized in increments of one (1) hour or more.

2. A certificate from a physician designated by the Township and/or the employee's own physician may be required as sufficient proof of the need for sick leave. When the Township designates its physician, the Township shall pay the costs of the doctor. When the certificate is supplied by the employee's physician, the employee shall bear the cost of the doctor's visit. In cases of sick leave due to contagious disease or exposure to the same, a certificate from the Township Department of Health may be required before the employee is permitted to work. If the employee does not comply with a request for the above outlined certificate, the employee involved shall suffer loss of pay for a period of time involved in unsubstantiated sick leave and be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in Township ordinances pertaining to Police Rules, Regulations and disciplinary action.

3. Employees in their first year of employment shall be entitled to one day of sick leave for each month of employment.

4. Sick leave may be accumulated without limit during each employee's length of service. Paid sick leave shall not accumulate during an unpaid leave of absence or suspension of 30 days or more (except if on FMLA/FLA leave).

5. Accumulated sick leave may be used by an employee for personal illness; illness in their immediate family which he can satisfactorily substantiate, and which requires their personal attendance upon the ill person or persons normally in the care of the ill person; quarantine restrictions; and pregnancy of the employee of disabling injury. The term "immediate family" for the purpose of this paragraph shall mean and refer only to the employee's spouse or child, and parent or unmarried brother or sister residing in the employee's household. In all cases sick leave will be granted in terms of "immediate family" only if the care is being provided by the employee and in their place of residence.

6. The Township may, at its discretion, schedule medical examinations for all Township employees annually, or more frequently as required. The full cost of this medical examination shall be paid by the Township.

7. The Township agrees to provide employees with up to one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of extended sick leave in the event that a debilitating sickness and/or injury is incurred while off the job excluding any sickness or debilitating injury incurred while in the employ of some third party to include self-employment. Certification by the Township physician that the employee has sustained a debilitating sickness and/or injury will be required. Such certification shall be submitted at least once each month during the disability unless waived by the Township Administrator and shall be based either on examination by the Township physician or consultation by him with the treating physician.

An employee must use all accumulated paid time off (i.e., sick, vacation or personal time), except for compensatory time, before he/she is eligible to use extended sick leave time.

8. Before availing himself/herself of extended sick leave benefits, an employee shall use all of his/her available accumulated and current year monthly allocations of sick leave. An employee shall continue to have credited to his/her record one day per month of sick leave during the period he/she is on extended sick leave.

9. An employee availing himself/herself of extended sick leave benefits must file for any applicable private, state, or federal income protection programs which are available. The employee shall reimburse the Township for extended sick leave benefits from any compensation he/she receives under worker's compensation, disability, excluding lump sum settlements for partial or permanent disability awards.

10. Sick Time Incentive Program: Once an employee has earned and accumulated a "bank" of 240 sick time hour, that employee may choose to utilize the sick time incentive program. This benefit shall apply to employees hired prior to May 21, 2010.

Under this program, the employee may convert sick days, earned, or anticipated which are in excess of their "bank," into compensatory days. Sick time to Compensatory Time conversion will not exceed 81 hours for officers on a 9-hour shift schedule and 84 hours for officers on a 12-hour shift schedule. The maximum number of hours an employee may convert in a calendar year they are requested, as compensatory time secured under this program are not cumulative. If an employee earns their "bank," then requests to convert 81 or 84 of their anticipated 104 hours into compensatory days, he is left with their "bank" plus 15 or 12 excess hours. Should the need arise for this employee to utilize 24 or more sick hours during the balance of that year, he will have violated their "bank" and will be required

to earn back the hours needed to complement the 240-hour "bank" before he is again eligible to convert days. Anticipated sick days cannot be used to satisfy the 240 hour "bank" replacement.

B. Personal Days

Personal days - employees covered by the provisions of this agreement shall be entitled to four (4) non-cumulative days a year leave of absence with pay for personal business. Personal days are equal to the number of hours in an officer's shift. Personal days are non-cumulative. Personal days may be utilized in increments of one (1) hour or more.

Requests for personal days shall be approved by the officer's direct supervisor. For non-emergent situations, a request for a personal day can be denied if it is going to reduce manpower for the shift below minimum. In emergent situations, a personal day shall be approved even if the shift drops below minimum manpower. Under such circumstances, the Township may request that the officer provide proof of the emergency upon their return to work.

C. Bereavement Leave

1. All employees covered by this agreement shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay for all time lost from work as outlined below based on the relationship of the deceased to the employee.

Relationship:

a. Spouse, child, mother, father, brother, sister or spouse's parent, step relations, domestic/civil union partner, and children of a domestic/civil union partner, 5 workdays.

b. Immediate Family (defined to mean grandparents, grandchild or any relative of the employee's household), daughter/son-in-law, grandparents-in-law, 3 workdays.

c. Non-immediate family, defined to mean aunt, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, 1 workday.

2. Reasonable verification of the event may be required by the Township.

3. An employee may make a request to the Department Head or their designated representative for time off to attend a funeral separate and distinct from bereavement leave. Such request, if granted by the Department head or their designated representative, shall be charged, at the option of the employee, either as a personal day or against accumulated compensatory time off.

4. The aforementioned bereavement "time off" days are applicable to work- days. If there is a death in the family applicable to the standards set forth in this Article, regular "time off" does not constitute part of the bereavement "time off."

D. Sick Leave Payment Upon Retirement

1. At the time of retirement, an employee will be paid for fifty (50%) percent of their accumulated sick time with a cap of \$15,000.00.

2. In order to enjoy this benefit, an employee must provide the Township with one year's prior notice of his/her intention to retire in writing. The rules and regulations regarding retirement shall be consistent with those established by the Police and Fireman's Retirement System.

3. In addition to the above \$15,000 max cash- in, a retiring officer shall have the right to use up to 30 sick days as paid time off immediately prior to their retirement

date. The Officer must notify the Department 90 days prior to the use of the 30 days of sick time. This benefit shall apply to employees hired prior to May 21, 2010.

ARTICLE 10
VACATION

<u>Years of continuous full-time employment with Township</u>	<u>Vacation Days</u>
1 year:	10 Days
2-4 years:	15 Days
5-8 years:	18 Days
9-14 years:	20 Days
15-20 years:	24 Days
21 years or over:	26 Days

New employees shall not be eligible to take vacation during the first ninety (90) days of their employment. Vacations shall be scheduled by the Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety in keeping with considerations related to seniority, workload, and good staffing practices to insure efficient operation of the Department. The Officer in Charge ("OIC") may approve vacation requests when the Chief or their delegate is unavailable.

Effective January 1, 2015, vacation time will be converted to hours using the 8 hour per day standard (20 vacation days equals 160 hours, etc.) Vacation time may be taken in increments of one (1) or more hours.

Paid vacation leave shall not accumulate during unpaid leave of absence or suspension of 30 days or more (except if on FMLA/FLA leave).

For all employees hired after January 1, 2019, the vacation schedule shall be amended to provide for five (5) days in the first year of employment. Thereafter, they shall be on the pre-January 1, 2019, vacation schedule (2 through 21 plus years).

ARTICLE 11
HOLIDAYS

A. An employee shall schedule floating holidays for either time off or for payment and are subject to the approval of the Chief of Police. Floating holidays shall not be scheduled on a designated paid holiday. If an employee chooses to work on that floating holiday, payment for any time worked on the floating holiday will be included in the employee's next regular paycheck following said holiday. Floating holidays are not cumulative and said leave shall not be taken unless 48 hours' notice thereof has been given to the Chief of Police.

The following holidays are designated as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday	General Election Day
President's Day	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Juneteenth (State Holiday)	Christmas Day
Independence Day	(2) Floating Holidays
Labor Day	

Each employee covered by this Agreement shall be entitled to fifteen (16 paid holidays listed above. A floating holiday shall be equal to the number of hours in an officer's shift.

B. The holiday benefit shall be paid to each employee and included and rolled-in to base pay at 12 hours per holiday (192 hours) as part of the contractual base wage and paid in routine paychecks. Payment for any time worked on a holiday which he/she

is entitled to work, he/she must apply for time off (comp, personal, etc.) just as he/she would for any other day. Holiday pay shall be calculated on base salary and longevity.

C. Any employee who works a holiday shall receive time and one-half (1½) their normal rate of pay. Overtime worked on a holiday shall be compensated at the rate of double time. A rotating shift employee will be paid holiday pay compensation if he works on the day that the holiday is observed by the Township offices, with the exception of New Year's Day, Independence Day and Christmas Day, which will be observed on January 1, July 4, and December 25, respectively, regardless of what day of the week it falls on. If said employee happens to be scheduled off on the latter three holidays but works the Township's observed day, he is not entitled to compensation. An employee normally scheduled to work Monday through Friday will have all holidays paid at holiday rate compensation on the day the holiday is observed by the Township Offices. If said employee happens to work on New Year's Day, Independence Day, or Christmas Day when these holidays fall on a weekend, he will be entitled to normal overtime and/or call-in provisions of this agreement, but he will not be entitled to holiday compensation until the observed day. Effective September 12, 2014, and thereafter, Officers shall be paid time and one-half for all hours worked during the 24-hour holiday period, regardless of the date that their shift starts or finishes.

ARTICLE 12
LIFE INSURANCE

The Township will provide and pay for a group life insurance policy which will provide \$20,000.00 life insurance coverage for each sworn Officer in the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13
HEALTH INSURANCE

A. The Township agrees to pay 100% of the cost of the following:

Hospitalization, medical and major medical insurance for the employees and their spouse and children or domestic partner of employees providing they have a valid certificate of Domestic Partnership effective January 1, 2023, the Township shall provide health coverage as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto.

All officers hired on or after January 1, 2019, shall enroll in the OMNIA 10 plan. They may buy up to any other plan by paying the difference in premium plus their Chapter 78 contribution, if applicable. All other officers shall have the option to enroll in OMNIA 10. This shall also apply to Officers who have opted out of the Township's insurance. Officers hired prior to January 1, 2019, shall be eligible to enroll in any plan during open enrollment or upon loss of insurance from an alternate source. All officers hired before January 1, 2023, who are enrolled in OMNIA 10, shall be eligible to participate in the Township sponsored HRA. New employees are not eligible to participate in the Township sponsored HRA.

Officers shall contribute towards the premium for health insurance as required by applicable law.

Effective January 1, 2023, the following shall be implemented:

Direct Access:

Emergency Room co-pay:	\$100.00, waived if admitted.
Urgent Care co-pay:	\$40.00
Primary Care Physician co-pay:	\$20.00
Specialist co-pay:	\$40.00

OMNIA 10:

Emergency Room co-pay:	\$25.00, waived if admitted (Tier 1)
Urgent Care co-pay:	\$5.00 (Tier 1) and \$10.00 (Tier 2)
Primary Care Physician co-pay:	\$5.00 (Tier 1) and \$10.00 (Tier 2)
Specialist co-pay:	\$5.00 (Tier 1) and \$10.00 (Tier 2)

1. New Jersey Dental Service Plan "Delta Dental Plan" is based on customary and reasonable fee concept as follows:

<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Co-Pay</u>
Preventative & Diagnostic	100%
Remaining Basic Benefit	80/20
Crowns & Gold Restoration	50/50
Prosthodontic Benefit	50/50

The maximum amount payable by the dental insurance service plan provided to an eligible patient in any calendar year is \$1,500.00.

A \$50.00 deductible per patient per calendar year, which is not applicable to Preventive and Diagnostic Benefits.

A \$150.00 family maximum aggregate deductible which is not applicable to Preventive and Diagnostic Benefit as follows:

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Co-Pay</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Orthodontic	50/50	\$1,000.00

2. The Township shall provide, at no cost to the employee, full hospitalization, Medical and Major Medical insurance for retirees with pensionable service of twenty-five (25) years or more of service and their spouse, including those retirees who took advantage of the Early Retirement Incentive and their spouse, and employees who retire on a disability pension benefit and their spouse. Any officer with 25 years of service as of December 31, 2019, can retire with the medical and prescription benefit package available in 2018, subject to contributions required by state law. Effective January 1, 2019, an officer who retires on a "special retirement" (service) must have 25 years of pensionable service and a minimum of 15 years of service with the Township.

3. Effective January 1, 1995, the Township shall provide prepaid prescription coverage (\$4.00 co-pay) for retirees with the equivalent of twenty-five (25) years or more of service and their spouse, including those retirees who took advantage of the Early Retirement Incentive and their spouse and employees who retire on disability pension benefit and their spouse. Effective January 1, 2019, an officer who retires on a "special retirement" (service) must have 25 years of pensionable service and a minimum of 15 years of service with the Township. Retirees and their dependents may participate in dental programs, at 100% of the cost of the premium to be paid by the employee.

4. Effective January 1, 2002, the Township shall provide, at no cost to the employee, full hospitalization, Medical and Major Medical insurance, the prepaid prescription coverage (\$4.00 co-pay) for retiree's children, until the end of the year in which the child attains age 26. This benefit is retroactive. Effective January 1, 2019, an officer who retires on a "special retirement" (service) must have 25 years of pensionable service and a minimum of 15 years of service with the Township.

5. Should a retired employee die before their spouse, the spouse will continue to be covered under this paragraph.

6. The Township shall have the right to change insurance carriers so long as substantially similar benefits are provided. The Township shall provide the Association with thirty (30) days written notice of such proposed change. A copy of such proposed policy shall be provided to the Association by the insurance carrier.

7. Health benefits, as they apply to prescription drug and/or optical coverage accomplished by other recognized bargaining units under the direct jurisdiction of the Municipal Government during the term of this contract shall automatically be provided to the employees covered by this contract.

8. The Township will provide outpatient coverage through its insurance carrier.

B. When a retired employee attains the age of 65, they shall take Part "B" of the Medicare Health System. Medicare at age 65 will be the retiree's primary insurance carrier and the provider supplied by the Township will be secondary. The Township shall only reimburse for the base premium cost per month for Medicare Part B.

C. Any officer that had at least 13-years of pensionable service as of December 31, 2014, shall not contribute to the cost of medical premiums in retirement except as required by law (1.5% of pension benefit).

D. Effective January 1, 2023, the Rx co-pays shall be:

Generic	\$5.00
Preferred	\$35.00
Non-preferred	\$70.00

(2x for mail order)

Mandatory Generic Prescriptions beginning 2024.

E. The prescription drug co-payments as set forth in paragraph E above shall be applied prospectively for active Employees.

F. Future retirees shall be maintained at the health care coverage levels and benefits in effect at the time of their retirement. All Retirees shall be reimbursed through a third-party administrator hired by the Township for any increased out-of-pocket costs due to benefit changes.

G. It is the intention of this section to continue the benefits of this Article to the spouse and dependent children of any officer who may lose his/her life as a result of engaging in a police related incident responsible for that loss of life. Therefore, the spouse and dependent children of any officer who may lose his/her life while engaged in the performance of their duties in a police-related incident shall receive all benefits under this Article as if that officer retired.

H. Dependent spouse from marriages occurring post retirement are excluded from employee retirement health benefits. The Township will continue to allow dependent children to be added to a retiree's health insurance plan, even if the child becomes a dependent after the time of retirement.

ARTICLE 14
ACTING SENIOR OFFICER

A. Any officer assigned by the Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, or designated by rules and regulations, to occupy the position and assume the responsibilities of a senior officer for any workday shall be compensated for that time of service at the senior officer's base rate of pay.

B. Whenever there is an absence of a Road Sergeant, one (1) Road Officer shall be compensated at the Sergeant's rate on any shift.

ARTICLE 15
EDUCATION BENEFITS

A. Any Officer who attends school shall be responsible for the initial costs of tuition, academic fees, and any other required fees for all courses in which he enrolls. In addition, he shall be responsible for payment of all books and materials required for said courses. In the interest of supporting the concept of continued education, the Township shall provide a College Incentive Program to provide economic remuneration to those individuals in pursuit of Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees.

B. Associate Degree (total requirement 60 credits). Upon obtaining fifteen (15) credits towards an Associate Degree, the employee will receive upon submission of a certified copy of their college transcript, in addition to their base pay five dollars (\$5.00) per certified credit each year. There will be no economic benefit applied until an officer obtains a minimum of 15 credits. In order to be entitled to the benefits as conferred by this section, employee must achieve a minimum grade of "C" or its numerical equivalent.

C. Bachelor of Arts Degree (total requirement 120 credits). Upon obtaining thirty (30) credits towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree, the employee will receive upon submission of a certified copy of their college transcript, in addition to their base pay ten dollars (\$10.00) per certified credit each year. There will be no economic benefit applied until an officer obtains a minimum of 30 credits. In order to be entitled to the benefits as conferred by this section, employee must achieve a minimum grade of "C" or its numerical equivalent.

D. Master's Degree (total requirement 36 credits of graduate work). Upon obtaining nine (9) credits towards a Masters' Degree, the employee will receive upon submission of a certified copy of their post graduate transcript, in addition to their base pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per certified credit each year. There will be no economic benefit

applied until an officer obtains a minimum of nine (9) credits. In order to be entitled to the benefits as conferred by this section, employee must achieve a minimum grade of "C" or its numerical equivalent.

E. Each employee who plans to take advantage of the College Incentive Program shall notify the Chief of Police in writing no later than October 1st of each calendar year concerning the following for budget purposes:

1. The school he/she will be attending.
2. A projection of the number of total credits he/she anticipates taking during the period January 1 to December 31.

3. A projection of the number of total credits he/she anticipates compensation for during the period January 1 to December 31.

F. Payment of the College Incentive Program shall be made once each year in December based on credentials filed with the Chief of Police during the course of the fiscal year.

G. Upon satisfactory completion of a degree program and satisfactory filing of appropriate transcripts with the Chief of Police, the employee shall be entitled to receipt of an annual credit allotment.

H. If a breach in the pursuit of a given degree program extends two (2) years without activity on the employee's part, any previously accomplished credit allotments shall become null and void and shall not be considered by the Township unless the employee becomes re-enrolled on a continuous basis.

I. Employees shall forfeit all educational benefits due or received within a one-year period if the employee leaves the employ of the Township under a voluntary separation.

In addition, an Officer who voluntarily separates his/her employment within 2 years from his/her date of hire and has received education expense reimbursement from the Township, he/she shall be responsible to reimburse those paid expenses to the Township.

J. Upon receipt of the following degrees, the employee shall receive the appropriate sum of money. Said payment shall be made in December of each year and it is understood that once the degree is acquired, credit payment for that degree, as outlined above, shall no longer apply to that degree. Should the employee commence school for an advanced degree, the next appropriate section shall commence:

Associates' Degree	\$600.00
Bachelors' Degree	\$1400.00
Masters' Degree	\$1800.00
PhD	\$2000.00

It is understood that the employee who was receiving payment for an associate degree and then received a Bachelors' Degree would receive payment only for the Bachelors' Degree from that point. Thus, these figures are not cumulative.

K. All officers who are or have been honorably discharged from the military after a minimum of 4 years of full-time, active service shall receive the Bachelors' Degree stipend. Those officers who are in the Reserve component of the Armed Forces, or a State Militia shall receive the associate degree stipend. However, if such officer has been activated for a minimum of 4 years of that service, they shall receive the Bachelors' Degree stipend.

ARTICLE 16
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. Accredited representatives of the Association may enter the Township facilities or premises at reasonable hours for the purpose of observing working conditions or assisting in the adjustment of grievances. When the Association decides to have its representatives enter the Township facilities or premises, it will request such permission from the appropriate Township representatives and such permission will not be unreasonably withheld provided there should be no interference with the normal operations of the business of Township government or normal duties of the employees.

B. One (1) Association representative and one (1) assistant Association representative may be appointed to represent the Association in grievances with the Township and to conduct investigations thereof with no loss of regular pay. Permission from the Chief of Police will be required before leaving duty assignment.

C. During collective negotiations, authorized Association representatives, not to exceed two (2), shall be excused from their normal work duties to participate in collective negotiations sessions that are reasonable and necessary and shall suffer no loss of regular pay. Permission from the Chief of Police will be required before leaving duty assignment.

D. Use of the bulletin boards -the Association shall be authorized to use a designated bulletin board at Police Headquarters for the posting of Association notices.

E. The State delegate of the Association shall be granted up to (2) days leave of absence with pay each month, for the purpose of attending any monthly meeting organized or sanctioned by the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

1. The Delegate shall provide the Chief of Police with reasonable written notice of such meeting.

2. Meeting leave days will be non-cumulative month to month.

3. Meeting leave days will not be limited to meetings which occur during the Delegate's workday but may be utilized for any shift scheduled on the day of the meeting.

F. The State Delegate, Association President, and one (1) Association Designee, or their alternates shall be granted leave of absence with pay to attend conventions organized by the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Said leave shall be for a period inclusive of the duration of the convention with a reasonable time allowed for travel to and from convention.

1. The delegate shall provide the Chief of Police with reasonable written notice of the convention.

2. Convention leave of absence will be provided for the Annual State Convention and the State mini convention.

3. The Chief of Police shall have the right to backfill as necessary.

G. Two (2) Association members selected by the President shall be allowed, once per year, to attend the annual State PBA Collective Bargaining Seminar without loss of pay.

ARTICLE 17
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. 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 employment.

B. 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.

C. Definition - a grievance is a complaint about the interpretation, application or alleged violation of policies, agreements or administrative decisions affecting any member of the bargaining unit.

D. Days - all reference to days in the grievance shall mean Monday through Friday, not including holidays. Formal grievances shall be submitted in the manner prescribed below only after the chain of command requirements of the Police Department Rules and Regulations have been complied with without satisfactory conclusion. All grievance proceedings shall be presented in writing at all levels specified below. There shall be no overtime compensation applied to any employee when the time is related to the grievance procedure.

E. 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:

The aggrieved or Association shall file a grievance in writing to the Chief of Police within ten (10) days after the event giving rise to the grievance has occurred or when the

employee or Association knew or should have known of the event and earnest effort shall be made to settle the differences between the aggrieved employee and the immediate superior 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. The Chief shall issue a written decision within 10-days of receipt of the written grievance.

Step Two:

If the Association wishes to appeal the decision of the Chief of Police, such appeal shall be presented in writing to the Business Administrator within ten (10) days thereafter. This presentation shall include copies of all previous correspondence relating to the matter in dispute. The Business Administrator shall respond in writing to the grievance within fifteen (15) days of the submission.

Step Three: Arbitration

1. If the grievance has not been resolved at Step 2, then within thirty (30) days from determination of the grievance at Step 2, the Association may submit the grievance to arbitration.

2. The selection of an Arbitrator and the arbitration shall be in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Public Employment Relations Commission. Simultaneously, with application to the Public Employment Relations Commission, the Association will send notice to the Township of the application for arbitration.

3. Only matters pertaining to the application and/or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement may be brought to the Arbitration.

4. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be in writing and shall include the reasons for such decision.

5. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be binding upon the Township and the Association and employee.

6. The parties shall direct the Arbitrator to decide, as a preliminary question, whether he has jurisdiction to hear and decide the matter in dispute.

7. The Arbitrator shall be bound by the provisions of this Agreement and the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Jersey and be 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.

8. The expenses of the arbitrator's bill shall be shared equally by the parties.

F. Upon prior notice to the Chief of Police, one designated Association representative shall be permitted as a member of the Grievance Committee to confer with employees and the Township on specific grievances in accordance with the grievance procedure set forth herein during working hours of employees, without loss of pay, provided the conduct of said business does not diminish the effectiveness of the Township or require the recall of off- duty employees.

G. The time limits expressed herein shall be strictly adhered to. If any grievance has not been initiated within the time limits specified, then the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned. If the grievance is not processed to the next succeeding step in the grievance procedure within the time limits prescribed there under, then the disposition of the grievance at the last preceding step shall be deemed to be conclusive. If a decision is not rendered within the time limits prescribed for decision at any step in the grievance

procedure, then the grievance shall be deemed to have been denied. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from mutually agreeing to extend or contract the time limits for processing the grievance at any stage in the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 18
MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

The Township agrees that whenever an employee is required to utilize their personal vehicle in the performance of Township business, he shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate established by Ordinance or at the I.R.S. rate per mile, whichever is the greater amount for same. The employee shall be required to submit a registration form provided by the Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police outlining the duty performed, starting point, destination and mileage involved.

ARTICLE 19
EMPLOYEE FILE

A. No material, including but not limited to work evaluation, reprimands, or criticisms, shall be placed into an employee's personnel file without the employee's knowledge of the instrument to be filed and without the employee's written acknowledgement, or if the employee refuses to sign the instrument, a notation on the instrument stating that "this instrument was shown to the subject employee prior to filing in the presence of the Chief of Police and the undersigned member of the staff on **day, time, and date.**"

Signature of witness from Chief of Police staff

The employee's signature shall merely indicate their acknowledgement of the filing of the document and shall not in any way indicate their agreement with the material, nor shall it prejudice any future action he may institute.

B. Any employee shall have the right to attach a response to any material that is placed into their personnel file.

C. Any employee shall within five (5) working days of a written request to the Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, have an opportunity to review their personnel folder in the presence of an appropriate official of the Police Department to examine any criticism, commendation or any evaluation of their work performance or conduct prepared by the Township during the term of this agreement. The employee shall be allowed to place in such a file a response of reasonable length of anything contained therein. The Township,

with the employee's full acknowledgement of the contents, may counter-respond in writing to any material inserted by the employee.

ARTICLE 20
EMPLOYEE'S RIGHTS

A. Rights and Protection in Representation

Pursuant to Chapter 123 Public Laws 1975, the Township hereby agrees that every employee of the Township shall have the right to freely organize, join and support the Association and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining activities for mutual aid and protection. As a duly elected body exercising governmental powers under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the Township undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any right conferred by Chapter 123, Public Laws 1975 or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey or the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any employee with respect to wages, hours, or terms and conditions of employment by means of their membership in the Association and its affiliates, including collective negotiations with the Township, or their institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms and conditions of employment.

B. Statutory Savings Clause

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict any employee such rights as he may have under New Jersey Statutes, the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States, or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to employees hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

C. Just Cause Provision

No employee shall be discharged, disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation, or deprived of any employee advantage, or given an adverse evaluation of

their service without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Township, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein set forth.

D. Public Criticism of Officers

Any question or criticism by a supervisor, administrator, or member of the governing body, of a police officer shall be made in confidence and not in the presence of other employees (with the exception of the employee's representative), member of the general public, or at any other public gathering. The same shall be applied to an employee expressing criticism of supervisors, administrative personnel or member of the governing body. An alleged violation of this section shall not be arbitrable.

E. In an effort to ensure that Departmental Investigations (whether in-person or conducted through reports and/or written questionnaire are conducted in a manner that is fair and that promotes good order and discipline, the Township and Department agree to follow the Attorney General Guidelines on Internal Affairs.

F. The Chief shall have the discretion to impose or withhold discipline for an Officer who through their negligence or intentional conduct causes damage to Township property. If the Chief elects to impose discipline, the penalty may range from a counseling notice to termination, depending on the severity of the offense and the number of prior offenses for the same conduct by the Officer involved.

ARTICLE 21
DISCRIMINATION AND COERCION

The parties hereto agree that any and all discriminatory activities by employees are inimical to the welfare of not only residents of our community but also to the welfare of the employees.

Therefore, the parties agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, or coercion by the Township or by any of its agents against the Association or against the employee represented by the Association because of membership activity in the Association. Nor shall the Township discriminate in favor of or assist any labor or police organization which in anyway affects the Association's rights as certified representative for the period during which the Association remains the certified representative of the employees.

There shall be no discrimination or coercion by the Association or any of its agents against any employee covered by this Agreement because of membership or non-membership in the Association.

Neither the Township nor the Association shall discriminate against any employee based on age, race, racial profiling, color, gender, religion, marital status, national origin, physical handicaps, political affiliation, Association membership or non-membership, or legal association activity permitted herein.

The Township will cooperate with the Association with respect to all reasonable requests concerning the Association's responsibilities as certified representative.

Parties agree that they will be bound not only by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New Jersey but by current statutes of the State of New Jersey and ordinances of the community, all decisions rendered by the Courts of New Jersey or the

Federal Courts, and any and all statutory amendments and changes that become enacted during the term of this Agreement.

The parties hereto agree that all discriminatory activities as set forth hereinabove, are an anathema to the welfare of our community and its citizens and residents and the public in general. Accordingly, the parties agree to cooperate in the fostering and development of all educational curricula that can be utilized for the further training of our employees to this end.

Both parties agree to vigorously encourage participation by the employees in all educational curricula that may be promulgated and available to them. The parties further agree that any recognition certifications received by the employee shall be inserted in all their individual files upon completing any educational courses.

It is the further intention of this Article that these previously mentioned prohibitions against discrimination shall be additionally applicable to the conduct of the employees covered by this Agreement with respect to all the citizens and residents of the Township and the public at large.

ARTICLE 22
REPRESENTATION FEE

The requirements of this Article shall be in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court's 2017 ruling in Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31 and the New Jersey Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act.

A. Purpose of Fee

If a member of this bargaining unit does not become a member of the Association during any membership year which is covered by this Agreement, in whole or in part, said employee will be required to pay a representation fee to this Association for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita cost of services rendered by this Association as majority representative.

B. Amount of Fee.

1. Notification

Prior to the beginning of each membership year, the Association will notify the Township Business Administrator in writing of the amount of regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by Association to its own members for the membership year. The representation fee to be paid by a non-member will be equal to 85% of the total amount.

2. Legal Maximum

In order adequately to offset the per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as Majority representative, the representation fee should be equal in amount to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charges by the Association to its own members, and the representation fee has been set at 85% of that amount solely because that is the maximum presently allowed by law. If the law is changed in this regard,

the amount of representation fee automatically will be increased to the maximum allowed, said increase to become effective as of the beginning of the Association membership year immediately following the effective date of the change. Should the maximum amount be decreased by law, the Association would have the final say as to whether or not to implement the fee or remove the Article.

C. Deduction and Transmission of Fee

1. Notification

Once during each membership year covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, the Association will submit to the Township Business Administrator a list of those employees who have not become members of the Association for the current membership year. The Township will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with paragraph two (2) below, the full amount of representation fee and promptly will transmit the amount so deducted to the Association.

2. Payroll Deduction Schedule

The Township will deduct the representation fee in equal installments, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the non-member list during the remainder of the membership year in question. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid: Ten (10) days after receipt of the aforementioned non-member list by the Township Business Administrator; or Thirty (30) days after the employee begins his or her employment in the bargaining unit position, unless the employee previously served in a non-bargaining unit position and then became covered by this Agreement or was laid off, in which event the deduction will begin with the first paycheck paid to said employee after the resumption of the employees' employment in a bargaining unit position.

3. Termination of Employment

If an employee who is required to pay a representation fee terminates his/her employment for any reason or cause before the Association has received the full amount of the representation fee to which it is entitled under this Agreement the Township will deduct the unpaid portion of the fee from the last paycheck paid to said employee during the membership year in question.

4. Mechanics

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the mechanics for the deduction of representation fees and the transmission of such fees to the Association will, as nearly as possible, be the same as those used for the deduction and transmission of regular membership dues. The Township will, however, indicate in those records transmitted to the Association which monies are from dues and which monies are receipts from the representation fee.

5. Changes

The Association will notify the Township Business Administrator in writing of any changes in the list of non-members provided for in paragraph one (1) above and/or the amount of the representation fee, and such changes will be reflected in any deduction made more than ten (10) days after the Business Administrator received said notification.

6. New Employees

On or about the last day of each month, beginning with the month this Agreement becomes effective, the Township will submit to the Association a list of all new employees who began their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding thirty (30)

day period. The list will include names, job titles, and dates of employment for all such employees.

D. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and save the Township 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 Township in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards and submitted by the Association to the Township or in reliance upon the official notification on the letterhead of the Association and signed by the President of the Association advising of such charged deduction.

ARTICLE 23
DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY

A. The Township agrees to deduct from the salaries of employees, subject to this Agreement, dues for the Association and such deductions shall be made in compliance with chapter 310, Public Laws of 1967, N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9 (e) as amended. Said monies collected for each month, together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the Association Treasurer on or before the 15th day of the following month.

B. If during the life of this Agreement there shall be any change in the rate of membership dues, the Association shall furnish to the Township written notice thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such change and shall furnish new authorizations from its members showing the authorized deduction for each employee.

C. The Association will provide the necessary "check-off authorization" form and deliver the signed forms to the appropriate Township officer. The Association shall indemnify, defend, and save the Township 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 Township in reliance upon salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the Association to the Township.

ARTICLE 24
MAINTENANCE OF WORK OPERATIONS

A. The Association hereby covenants and agrees that during the term of this Agreement, neither the Association nor any of its members take part in any strike (i.e. the concerted failure to report for duty or willful absence of any employee from their position or stoppage of work, or absence in whole or in part, from the full, faithful and proper performance of the employee's duties of employment), work stoppage, slow-down, walk out or other illegal job action against the Township. The Association agrees that such action would constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

B. The Association agrees that it will make every reasonable effort to prevent its members from participating in any strike, work stoppage, slow-down, or other activity aforementioned or supporting such activity by any other employee or group of employees of the Township and that the Association will publicly disavow each action and order all such members who participate in such activities to cease and desist from same immediately and return to work, and take such other steps as may be necessary under the circumstances to bring about compliance with the Association order.

C. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit or restrict the Township 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 of such breach of the Association or its members.

ARTICLE 25
MAINTENANCE OF BENEFITS

Except as this Agreement shall otherwise provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the signing date of this Agreement to employees covered by this Agreement as established by the Township's Charter, Ordinance and Rules and Regulations of the Police Department of the Township enforced on said date shall continue to be so applicable during the terms of this Agreement, and nothing contained herein shall be interpreted and/or applied so as to eliminate, reduce or otherwise detract from any employee's benefits existing prior to its effective date and accordingly such employee's benefits shall be contained.

ARTICLE 26
SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall at any time be declared invalid by legislative act or any court of competent jurisdiction, or through government regulation or decree, such decision shall not invalidate the entire Agreement, it being the express intent of the parties hereto that all other provisions not declared invalid shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 27
COPIES

The Association agrees to supply each member of the Association with a copy of this Agreement at its own expense.

ARTICLE 28
NO UNILATERAL CHANGES

The Township agrees there shall be no unilateral changes in the terms and conditions of the Agreement or covered by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 29
MATERNITY LEAVE

A. Maternity Leave shall be granted to all full-time female employees who are covered by this agreement pursuant to Article II and who have at least 2 consecutive years of Township employment at the time of the baby's birth.

B. No later than the fourth (4th) month, the employee shall notify the Chief of Police in writing of the condition of her pregnancy. Upon notifying the Chief of Police, the employee shall let it be known as to plans of continuing employment or taking leave of absence not to exceed 60 days unless prevented from doing so for medical reasons. Notification of pregnancy shall be required from her physician giving the date of expected delivery and her ability to continue her normal duties. She shall give the Chief of Police a monthly certificate from her physician indicating her ability to continue working.

1. Paid leave is for 60 days but employees may exercise the option of the beginning of leave as long as delivery comes within 60 days. It will not be required for employees to use their sick time first when on maternity leave, provided they have been employed for two (2) years. While on maternity leave employees shall accumulate sick days in accordance with the contract formula of one (1) day per month. Maternity time under this Article shall run concurrent with Federal FMLA and State FLA.

2. Job held open for the duration of FMLA/FLA. An Officer shall be placed at the same position on the same salary schedule that she would have attained if she had been employed by the Township during that period.

ARTICLE 30
TERMS AND RENEWAL

This Agreement shall have a term from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. If the parties have not executed a successor agreement by December 31, 2026, then this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until a successor agreement is executed.

Negotiations for a successor agreement shall be in accordance with the rules of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

It is agreed upon that longevity and the yearly holiday pay compensation that is paid in the routine paychecks will not be factored in to compute overtime rates and longevity. The Township would be held harmless in the event the State Division of Pensions and Benefits deemed this practice to be not permissible.

FOR THE PBA

By:



Robert Bennett, President

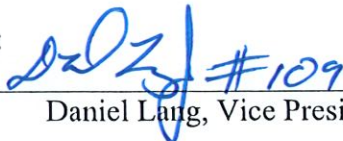
FOR THE TOWNSHIP

By:



Stephen Dalina, Mayor

By:



Daniel Lang, Vice President

By:



Alan Weinberg, BA

Officers hired prior to 1/1/19					
	Current	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	1/1/2026
Probation	\$ 58,882	\$ 60,060	\$ 61,261	\$ 62,486	\$ 63,736
Step 1	\$ 72,916	\$ 74,374	\$ 75,862	\$ 77,379	\$ 78,927
Step 2	\$ 81,909	\$ 83,547	\$ 85,218	\$ 86,922	\$ 88,661
Step 3	\$ 92,763	\$ 94,618	\$ 96,511	\$ 98,441	\$ 100,410
Step 4	\$ 105,500	\$ 107,610	\$ 109,762	\$ 111,957	\$ 114,197
Step 5	\$ 122,748	\$ 127,182	\$ 131,745	\$ 136,441	\$ 141,272
Officers hired on or after 1/1/19					
	Current	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	1/1/2026
Academy*	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,900	\$ 46,818	\$ 47,754	\$ 48,709
Probation	\$ 58,882	\$ 60,060	\$ 61,261	\$ 62,486	\$ 63,736
Step 1	\$ 65,583	\$ 66,895	\$ 68,233	\$ 69,597	\$ 70,989
Step 2	\$ 72,284	\$ 73,730	\$ 75,204	\$ 76,708	\$ 78,243
Step 3	\$ 78,985	\$ 80,565	\$ 82,176	\$ 83,820	\$ 85,496
Step 4	\$ 85,686	\$ 87,400	\$ 89,148	\$ 90,931	\$ 92,749
Step 5	\$ 92,387	\$ 94,235	\$ 96,119	\$ 98,042	\$ 100,003
Step 6	\$ 99,088	\$ 101,070	\$ 103,091	\$ 105,153	\$ 107,256
Step 7	\$ 105,789	\$ 107,905	\$ 110,063	\$ 112,264	\$ 114,509
Step 8	\$ 112,490	\$ 114,740	\$ 117,035	\$ 119,375	\$ 121,763
Step 9	\$ 122,748	\$ 127,182	\$ 131,745	\$ 136,441	\$ 141,272



Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

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1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

Benefit	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Benefit Period	Calendar year	
Deductible		
Individual	None	\$1,000
Family	None	\$3,000
	Deductible is Calendar year.	
Coinsurance	100%	70%
Maximum Out of Pocket		
Individual	\$1,500	\$10,000
Family	\$3,000	\$30,000
Consolidated Maximum Out of Pocket is Calendar Year. The deductible, coinsurance, prescription and copayments apply to the Maximum Out of Pocket. Balances from non-participating providers over our allowance are not eligible towards the Maximum Out of Pocket.		
Benefit Period Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Primary Care Physician Selection	Not Required	
Doctor's Office Visits		
Primary Care Office Visit	100% after \$20 copay A primary care physician is a general or family practitioner, internist or pediatrician	70% after deductible
Specialist Office Visit	100% after \$40 copay A referral is not required to visit a specialist.	70% after deductible
Maternity Visits	100% after \$40 copay Copay applies to 1st visit only Dependent children are eligible for Maternity/Obstetrical Benefits.	70% after deductible
Allergy Testing and Treatment	100%	70% after deductible
Preventive Care		
Routine Adult Physicals, GYN Exams, PAP, Mammograms, Prostate Cancer Screening, Colorectal Screening, Immunizations	100%	70% (no deductible)
Well Child Exams	100%	70% (no deductible)
Well Child Immunizations and Lead Screening	100%	70% (no deductible)
Diagnostic Procedures		
Laboratory	100% in office or Labcorp 100% in Outpatient facility	70% after deductible
Outpatient X-ray/Radiology Services	100% in office 100% in Outpatient facility	70% after deductible
CT/CTA Scans, Pet Scans, MRIs/MRAs, Nuclear Medicine studies (including Nuclear Cardiology) require prior authorization. The ordering physician should request the prior authorization by calling eviCore healthcare at 1-866-496-6200 and providing the necessary clinical information. Once the authorization number is received, the member may call eviCore healthcare at 1-866-969-1234 to schedule an appointment.		
<i>Note: Managed Care members can call 1-866-969-1234 to obtain a confirmation number for non-Advanced Imaging diagnostic procedures. Confirmation numbers from eviCore healthcare replace the need for a paper referral.</i>		
Hospital Care		
Inpatient Admission (including maternity)	100% after \$500 copay	70% after deductible and \$500 copay
Pre-admission Testing	100%	70% after deductible
Surgery in Hospital	100%	70% after deductible
Inpatient Physician Services	100%	70% after deductible
Outpatient Dept. Services	100%	70% after deductible
Emergency Care		
Emergency Room	100% after \$100 facility copayment Payment at the in-network level across-the-board applies only to true Medical Emergencies & Accidental Injuries.	
Urgent Care Facility	100% after \$40 copayment	70% after deductible
Ambulance	100%	100%



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Outpatient Surgery		
Hospital Outpatient Surgery	100% after \$100 copay	70% after deductible
Surgery in an Ambulatory SurgiCenter	100%	70% after deductible
Services performed at a non-participating ambulatory surgery center are reimbursed at Horizon BCBSNJ's Payment Allowance and therefore may result in significant out of pocket costs.		
Mental Health Services		
Inpatient	100% after \$500 copay	70% after deductible and \$500 copay
Outpatient department	100%	70% after deductible
Office setting	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Substance Abuse Services		
Inpatient	100% after \$500 copay	70% after deductible and \$500 copay
Outpatient department	100%	70% after deductible
Office setting	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Alcohol Abuse Services		
Inpatient	100% after \$500 copay	70% after deductible and \$500 copay
Outpatient department	100%	70% after deductible
Office setting	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Alcoholism Services must be coordinated through Horizon Behavioral Health at 1-800-626-2212.		
Other Services		
Acupuncture in lieu of Anesthesia	100% after \$10 copayment	70% after deductible
Bariatric Surgery	100%	70% after deductible
Diabetic Education	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Diabetic Supplies	100%	70% after deductible
Durable Medical Equipment	50%	50% after deductible
Orthotics and Prosthetics (Per NJ mandate)	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Home Health Care	100%	70% after deductible
120 days per benefit period		
Hospice Care	100%	70% after deductible
Infertility (including in-vitro fertilization)	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
Limited to 4 egg retrievals per lifetime		
Physical Rehabilitation Facility Inpatient Services	100%	70% after deductible
Unlimited days per benefit period		
Private Duty Nursing	100%	70% after deductible
Limited to 30 visits per benefit period (8-hour shifts)		
Short-term Therapies: Physical, Occupational, Speech, Respiratory	100% after \$15 copayment	70% after deductible
60 visit maximum per therapy, per benefit period		
Skilled Nursing Facility/Extended Care Center	100%	70% after deductible
120 days per benefit period		
Therapeutic Manipulation (Chiropractic Care)	100% after office copayment	70% after deductible
30 visit maximum per benefit period		
Vision - Routine Eye Exam	100% (no copay)	70% after deductible
Vision Hardware	\$50 every 2 year	
Telemedicine	100% after \$15 copay	Not Covered
Prescription Drugs	Covered under freestanding program	
Eligibility	Dependent children, including full-time students are covered until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 26. Handicapped dependents are covered beyond the child removal age, if the handicap occurred prior to the age of 26. Under certain conditions, coverage may be extended for qualified dependents up to the age 31.	



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Pre-Existing Conditions*	Not applicable
Grandfathered	Not applicable
Prior Authorization	Some services/procedures require prior authorization. For a complete list, contact our customer service number at 1-800-355-BLUE (2583) or refer to our website at www.HorizonBlue.com .
24/7 Nurse Line	24/7 Nurse Line is a health information service that includes a toll free 24 hour health information line staffed by registered nurses. 24/7 Nurse Line nurses do not diagnose or recommend any treatment. Instead, they provide the member with the necessary health information needed to make informed medical decisions. This helps members determine if their health ailment requires a doctor's visit.

You can save money when you choose to receive care from providers that participate in the Horizon BCBSNJ networks. When you use participating hospitals or other medical facilities or doctors, you generally only pay your copayment and any applicable in-network coinsurance or deductible. Generally, if you have services performed at an out of network facility or by an out of network provider, your out of network benefits will apply. This means that you will be responsible for amounts exceeding Horizon BCBSNJ's allowable reimbursement for that particular service and this may result in significant out of pocket costs. You will be responsible to pay for this amount directly to the non-participating hospital, ambulatory surgery center or provider. By using our Horizon-BCBSNJ network providers, you keep your health care costs down.

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Benefit	OMNIA Tier 1	Tier 2
Benefit Period	Calendar Year	
Deductible		
Individual	\$0	\$1,500
Family	\$0	\$3,000
	Deductible is Calendar Year	
Coinsurance	100%	100%
Maximum Out of Pocket		
Individual	\$400	\$2,000
Family	\$800	\$4,000
Tier 1 Ded/MOOP accumulates to Tier 2 Ded/MOOP but Tier 2 Ded/MOOP does not accumulate to Tier 1 Ded/MOOP. Once Tier 2 Ded/MOOP has been met, Tier 1 will also have been met.		
Consolidated Maximum Out of Pocket is Calendar Year. The deductible, coinsurance, prescription, and copayments apply to the Maximum Out of Pocket.		
Benefit Period Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Primary Care Physician Selection	Not Required	
Doctor's Office Visits		
Primary Care Office Visit	100% after \$5 copay A primary care physician is a general or family practitioner, internist or pediatrician	100% after \$10 copay
Specialist Office Visit	100% after \$5 copay A referral is not required to visit a specialist.	100% after \$10 copay
Maternity Visits	100% after \$5 copay Copay applies to 1st visit only Dependent children are eligible for maternity/obstetrical benefits.	100% after \$10 copay
Allergy Testing and Treatment	100% outpatient facility *Copay only applies if office visit is billed	100% after deductible outpatient facility
Preventive Care		
Routine Adult Physicals, GYN Exams, PAP, Mammograms, Prostate Cancer Screening, Colorectal Screening, Immunizations	100%	100%
Well Child Exams	100%	100%
Well Child Immunizations and Lead Screening	100%	100%
Diagnostic Procedures		
Laboratory	100% in office or LabCorp 100% in outpatient facility	100% in office or LabCorp 100% in outpatient facility
X-ray/Radiology Services	100% in office or LabCorp 100% in outpatient facility	100% in office or LabCorp 100% in outpatient facility
Advanced Imaging Services (CT/CTA, Pet Scans, MRI/MRA)	100% in office or LabCorp 100% in outpatient facility	100% in office or LabCorp 100% after deductible in outpatient facility
CT/CTA Scans, Pet Scans, MRIs/MRAs, Nuclear Medicine studies (including Nuclear Cardiology) require prior authorization. The ordering physician should request the prior authorization by calling eviCore at 1-866-496-6200 and providing the necessary clinical information. Once the authorization number is received, the member may call eviCore at 1-866-969-1234 to schedule an appointment.		
Note: Managed Care members can call 1-866-969-1234 to obtain a confirmation number for non-Advanced Imaging diagnostic procedures. Confirmation numbers from eviCore replace the need for a paper referral.		
Hospital Care		
Inpatient Admission	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible (does not apply to hospice)
Room and Board	100%	100% after deductible
Pre-admission Testing	100%	100% after deductible
Surgery in Hospital	100%	100% after deductible
Inpatient Physician Services	100%	100% after deductible
Outpatient Department Services (Non-Surgical)	100%	100% after deductible
Emergency Care		
Emergency Room	100% after \$25 facility copay (copay waived if admitted) Payment at the in-network level across-the-board applies only to true Medical Emergencies & Accidental Injuries.	100% after \$25 facility copay (copay waived if admitted)
Ambulance	100%	100%



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Outpatient Surgery		
Hospital Outpatient Surgery	100%	100% after deductible
Surgery in an Ambulatory SurgiCenter	100%	100% after deductible
Mental Health Services		
Inpatient	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Outpatient Department	100%	100% after deductible
Office setting	100% after \$5 copay	100% after \$10 copay
Substance Abuse Services		
Inpatient	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Outpatient Department	100%	100% after deductible
Office setting	100% after \$5 copay	100% after \$10 copay
Alcohol Abuse Services		
Inpatient	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Outpatient Department	100%	100% after deductible
Office setting	100% after \$5 copay	100% after \$10 copay
Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health/Substance Abuse/Alcoholism Services must be coordinated through Horizon Behavioral Health at 1-800-626-2212.		
Other Services		
Acupuncture	100% after \$5 copay office visit	100% after \$10 copay office visit
Bariatric Surgery	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Diabetic Education	100% after \$5 copay office visit	100% after \$10 copay office visit
Diabetic Supplies	100%	100%
Durable Medical Equipment	100%	100%
Orthotics and Prosthetics (Per NJ mandate)	100% after \$5 copay	100% after \$10 copay
Home Health Care	100%	100%
Hospice Care	100%	100%
Infertility (including in-vitro fertilization)	100% after \$5 copay office visit 100% outpatient facility	100% after \$10 copay office visit 100% after deductible in outpatient facility
Limited to 4 egg retrievals per lifetime		
Physical Rehabilitation Facility	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Inpatient Services		
Short-term Therapies: Physical, Occupational, Speech, Respiratory	100% after \$5 copay office visit 100% outpatient facility	100% after \$10 copay office visit 100% after deductible in outpatient facility
30 visit maximum per therapy, per benefit period		
Private Duty Nursing	100%	100% after deductible
Limited to 30 visits per benefit period (8-hour shifts)		
Skilled Nursing Facility/Extended Care Center	100%	\$150 copay per admission after deductible
Limited to 100 days per benefit period		
Therapeutic Manipulation (Chiropractic Care)	100% after \$5 copay office visit	100% after \$10 copay office visit
25 visit maximum per benefit period		
Vision - Routine Eye Exam	100% after \$5 copay office visit	100% after \$10 copay office visit
Adult Vision Hardware	Not Covered	
Pediatric Vision and Vision Hardware	Routine Pediatric Vision Covered 1/year and Hardware Services are covered up to \$125	
Telemedicine Services	100% after \$5 copay	
Prescription Drugs	Covered under freestanding prescription program	
Eligibility	Dependent children, including full-time students are covered until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 26. Handicapped dependents are covered beyond the child removal age, if the handicap occurred prior to the age of 26. Under certain conditions, coverage may be extended for qualified dependents up to age 31. Please refer to your benefit booklet for further information as this benefit highlight is not an exhaustive list.	



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Pre-Existing Conditions	Not Applicable
Prior Authorization	Some services/procedures require prior authorization. For a complete list, contact our customer service number at 1-800-355-BLUE (2583) or refer to our website at www.HorizonBlue.com .

The OMNIA plans cover eligible expenses rendered by providers in Horizon's Managed Care network. When you utilize participating providers, you generally only pay your copayment and any applicable in-network coinsurance or deductible. No benefits are available out-of-network, except in emergent situations.

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