

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2004

A Special Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on March 19, 2004 at 6:00 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law, for the purpose of posting the Examination Register. Commissioner Dodaro called the meeting to order and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members of the Police Commission being present; namely, William Dodaro, Donald Farris, Rose Hejl, Robert Long, and Ronald Vale. Also present was Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Representing the Law Firm of Austgen, Decker and Phillips PC was Attorney David Austgen. Police Chief Joseph Guzik was not present at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Posting of Examination Register – Commissioner Dodaro advised the Commission had composed an Examination Register with 16 police officer candidates, which the Commission was posting tonight, March 19, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. The scores listed are the results from the written examination, the physical agility test and the oral interview. The Military / College Points are not included in the posted scores. The list will be available for viewing at both the Town Hall and the St. John Police Department. The candidates have 10 days to submit their written request to the Police Commission to have their Military / College Preference Point included, if qualified. After the 10 days have passed, the Final Register will be compiled and posted.

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Hejl made a motion to amend the agenda for the purpose of adding "Communications / Correspondence." With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Dodaro read correspondence addressed to the St. John Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, with a copy being sent to the St. John Town Council. Said letter was from Chief Joseph J. Guzik, which stated due to personal reasons, he has decided to resign from his position as Chief of the St. John Metropolitan Police Department. Chief Guzik requested that his resignation be effective immediately for duty purposes but be effective at the end of the next pay period for salary purposes. Further, Chief Guzik requested that all accrued compensation benefits be provided to extend the compensation payment after regular compensation is paid and exhausted. Commissioner Farris made a motion to accept Chief Joseph J. Guzik's resignation. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission would now be looking for a new police chief.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business" brought before the Commission at this meeting.

Commissioner Dodaro stated he would like to say that Chief Guzik has served 10+ years with the Police Department, and he is going to be missed. Commissioner Dodaro stated, on behalf of the entire Police Commission, the Commission wishes Mr. Guzik well in his future endeavors and all the best of luck in the world.

Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission would be calling a Special Meeting to discuss how it desires to proceed with finding a replacement for Chief Guzik. Commissioner Hejl made a motion to name Captain Bernard J. Johnsen as the officer in charge of the Police Department until a replacement for the Chief of Police can be found. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hejl made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the meeting was adjourned.

Town of St. John, Lake County
Indiana, Board of Metropolitan
Police Commissioners

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary