

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2004

The June 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on June 14, 2004 at 7:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. 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, and Ronald Vale. Also present were Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioner Robert Long was not present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Commissioner Farris made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the May 10, 2004 Regular Meeting and the June 1, 2004 Special Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of "Correspondence / Communications" brought before the Commission.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for May 2004. Chief Frego stated that from May 1, 2004 through May 31, 2004, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 16,307 duty miles and responded to 354 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 13 adult arrests with a total of 24 charges, and 0 juvenile arrests. There were 316 traffic citations issued along with 86 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of May 2004 is 402 citations. Vehicle thefts totaled \$1,000.00 during the month of May 2004. All other thefts totaled \$8,746.00. Total value of recovered property was \$1,054.00. Commissioner Farris made a motion to accept the Chief's Monthly Report for the month of June 2004. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

OLD BUSINESS

Chase Stingers – Commissioner Dodaro advised the Commission has before them an amendment to General Order 19.06 – Emergency Driving (Pursuit). Commissioner Dodaro read the amendment to the pursuit policy, that being Item H. Tire Deflating Devices and Item I. Training, both of which are located on Page 3. Chief Frego advised the Police Department purchased 13 sets of the chase stingers. Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve General Order 19.06 – Emergency Driving (Pursuit) as amended. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Vests – Commissioner Dodaro advised that the Police Department is in receipt of a portion of the grant funds available for vest purchases. The monies were applied to the recent purchase of vests for the reserve officers.

Indiana NENA (9-1-1) Fund Raiser – Cell Phone Recycling – Secretary J. Kolodziej advised the response has been good thanks to articles in local newspapers. *The Post Tribute* recently sent a reporter to do a story on this program, and a photograph was taken with the dispatcher on duty. Hopefully, this will generate new interest in this fund raiser.

REPORTS

Budget – There was nothing new to report at this time.

Physical Plant – There was nothing new to report at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chief of Police Position – Commissioner Dodaro welcomed Chief Frego to the Police Department and the Town of St. John. Commissioner Dodaro advised that he has 100% confidence in Chief Frego and knows he will do a good job. The entire Commission seconded Commissioner Dodaro's sentiments and gave Chief Frego a round of applause.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Equipment – Receipt of ATV Vehicle – Donation from V3 Realty – Commissioner Dodaro advised the Police Department has received an ATV from V3 Realty. The vehicle is up and running, and it was used at the "Movie in the Park" night. This vehicle will be used for patrol purposes in the Town's parks, walking trails, new construction areas, etc. Chief Frego advised that there has been a lot of vandalism at the old Lake Hills Golf Course, and the ATV will allow the Police Department to do a better job in patrolling that area as well.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters of "Any and All" brought forward at tonight's meeting.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego thanked the Commission for selecting him to fill the Chief of Police's position. He stated it has been a memorable six (6) days, and he is getting more comfortable everyday. He is enjoying meeting the officers and becoming familiar with the policies, and he is looking forward to the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Curran, of 8780 Patterson Avenue, questioned whether the Town has a noise ordinance that regulates boom boxes in cars. Chief Frego stated he did not believe the Town's noise ordinance regulates the amplification of music devices, but it is certainly something that can be looked into. Mr. Curran advised that the old neighborhood that he moved from started out going bad when the music in the cars got loud, and then everything went downhill from there. Some discussion ensued.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 2004, with the Work Study Session being held at 7:00 P.M. and the Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall meeting room. Any and all other Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Farris made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, 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