

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 11, 2005

The July 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on July 11, 2005 at 7:00 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, Robert Long, and Ronald Vale. Also present was Police Chief Fred Frego. Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson was not present. Representation from the law firm of Austgen, Decker and Philips, PC was not required at tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the June 13, 2005 Regular Meeting and the June 30, 2005 Executive Session, as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Frego advised Reserve Officer Gary Ginaven recently became unemployed. Officer Ginaven will be moving to North Dakota and will be taking a temporary position working with his brother-in-law. Officer Ginaven has requested, through the Chief of Police, a leave of absence until the end of October 2005. Chief Frego advised he has authored a letter granting approval of Officer Ginaven's request. Some discussion ensued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for June 2005. Chief Frego stated that from June 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 20,578 duty miles and responded to 406 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 19 adult arrests with a total of 37 charges, and 3 juvenile arrests with a total of 3 charges. There were 205 traffic citations issued along with 79 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of June 2005 is 284 citations. Also during the month of June, vehicle thefts totaled \$6,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$7,510.00. The total value of recovered property was \$6,160.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 15 traffic citations and 62 written warnings for a total of 77 citations being issued on the grants during the month of June 2005. The investigation of these violations resulted in 5 adult arrests with 10 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of June 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

REPORTS

Budget – There was nothing new to report on this topic.

Physical Plant – Chief Frego advised the Town is re-bidding the project and has hired a Construction Manager, who will be responsible for getting the contactors lined up once the bids are accepted and approved. The re-bids are due back by July 28, 2005.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Reserve Officers Update – Chief Frego advised the background checks have been completed on the top 6 out of 12 applicants and of those applicants, 4 have been selected. Those four applicants have completed their 40-hour pre-basic course, and three of them were at the Range earlier today completing their firearms training.

Bike Patrol Update – Chief Frego advised the Bike Patrol was on scene the night of the Fireworks Display. However, due to vacations, there is a slight scheduling problem with the Bike Patrol. It is not recommended to have just one officer out on a bike after dark.

Establish Corporal's Eligibility List – Commissioner Hejl made a motion to post the Corporal's Eligibility Test for August 6, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. per General Order No. 23.01. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of "New Business" brought forth at tonight's meeting.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated he had no comments.

ANY AND ALL

Commissioner Farris commented The Bike Patrol looked sharp, as well as the ATV units, and they both did a great job at the Fireworks Display on July 2, 2005. Regarding Traffic Control on the night of the Fireworks Display, Commissioner Dodaro stated he felt it could be improved next year given a little bit of time and some planning. Chief Frego stated the good thing was that there were no accidents. Everybody exited in a safe manner. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Long suggested that a debriefing session be held with the officers after all big events, wherein they could speak freely regarding how the event progressed, how it was handled, and offer suggestions for improvement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no "Public Comment" received at tonight's meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2005. There will be no Work Study Session held on August 8, 2005, so the Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. An Executive Session will be held on Monday, August 8, 2005, at 6:30 P.M. Any and all other Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

ADJOURNMENT

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