

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 8, 2005**

The August 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on August 8, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Vale 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, Donald Farris, Rose Hejl, and Ronald Vale. Also present was Police Chief Fred Frego. Commissioner William Dodaro and Commissioner Robert Long, as well as Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson, were not present. Representation from the law firm of Austgen, Decker and Phillips, 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 July 11, 2005 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Vale read correspondence dated July 12, 2005 and addressed to Police Chief Fred Frego from Attorney Michael L. Muenich. Said letter commended Officer Jay Dahlin for being instrumental in the investigating and ultimately securing the arrest of suspect(s), and the return of Mr. Muenich's vehicle which was stolen from his residence in St. John on the morning of June 23, 2005.

Commissioner Vale read a second letter dated July 12, 2005 and addressed to Police Chief Fred Frego from Attorney Michael L. Muenich. Said letter commented Corporal Richard Conaway, for also being instrumental in investigating and ultimately securing the arrest of suspect(s) and the return of Mr. Muenich's vehicle which was stolen from his residence in St. John on the morning of June 23, 2005.

Mr. Muenich requested a copy of the above-mentioned correspondence be provided to each officer, as well as a copy be placed in their personnel file. Chief Frego advised that copies of Mr. Muenich's correspondence have been placed in the appropriate officers' files, and he would provide each officer with a copy as well.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Chief Frego read the monthly report for July 2005. Chief Frego stated that from July 1, 2005 through July 31, 2005, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 22,123 duty miles and responded to 441 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 29 adult arrests with a total of 40 charges, and 3 juvenile arrests with a total of 3 charges. There were 196 traffic citations issued along with 61 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of July 2005 is 257 citations. Also during the month of July, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$16,930.00. The total value of recovered property was \$750.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers

of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 20 traffic citations and 85 written warnings for a total of 105 citations being issued on the grants during the month of July 2005. The investigation of these violations resulted in 8 adult arrests with 15 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of July 2005.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no matters of "Old Business."

### **REPORTS**

**Budget** – Chief Frego stated the budget for Year 2006 is in a preliminary phase at this time.

**Physical Plant** – Chief Frego advised the Town is getting ready to start the Public Works portion of this project.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Reserve Officers Update** – Chief Frego advised the four (4) new reserve officers have completed their 40-hour pre-basic course, as well as their training in the Radio Room. All reserve officers have been issued uniforms and the required equipment. Each reserve has been assigned to a FTO and has begun their field training.

**Corporal's Test Update** – Commissioner Vale advised the written test portion of this process has been completed. The next step is the Oral Interviews.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego thanked the Commission for conducting the Corporal's written examination on Saturday, August 6, 2005.

### **ANY AND ALL**

There were no matters of "Any and All."

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2005. There will be no Work Study Session held on September 12, 2005, so the Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Executive Sessions will be held on Monday, August 15, 2005, at 6:00 P.M., and Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 6:15 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 Farris, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary