

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

The September 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on September 12, 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, and Robert Long. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioner Ronald Vale was not present due to his mother taking ill. 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 August 8, 2005 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

### **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Dodaro read a letter dated August 25, 2005 and addressed to the St. John Police Commission. Said letter was regarding the stop light at US 41 and W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and the need for a left turn signal for eastbound/westbound traffic on W. 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Said letter was authored by Mr. Carrol E. Austin. Commissioner Dodaro advised this information was referred to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). Chief Frego stated that this project has been ongoing for over a year and a half, and it continuously gets delayed for whatever reason(s).

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

Chief Frego read the monthly report for August 2005. Chief Frego stated that from August 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 24,943 duty miles and responded to 377 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 23 adult arrests with a total of 43 charges, and 0 juvenile arrests with a total of 0 charges. There were 211 traffic citations issued along with 63 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of August 2005 is 273 citations. Also during the month of August, vehicle thefts totaled \$15,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$3,892.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 12 traffic citations and 36 written warnings for a total of 48 citations being issued on the grants during the month of August 2005. The investigation of these violations resulted in 1 adult arrest with 3 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of August 2005.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no matters of "Old Business."

**REPORTS**

**Budget** – Chief Frego stated the preliminary budget for Year 2006 has been worked up but has not yet been adopted.

**Physical Plant** – Chief Frego advised the Public Works building is doing fine. Once that is done, the Town Hall will be started followed by the Police and Fire portion.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Corporal's Test Update** – Commissioner Dodaro advised the Commission has completed a preliminary list. Said list will be posted soon, probably within the next two weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego stated he would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the efforts of the members of the St. John Police Department for their time and efforts during the Town's recent Festival. Chief Frego advised the Festival was a huge success, and the police presence was obvious there. Chief Frego felt that due to the police presence, the entire Festival had zero incidents (no fights, no arguments, no thefts, etc.). Chief Frego stated he felt the men of the department need to be commended for a job well done. Councilman Chuck Pearson stated that having worked the Festival all four days, he received nothing but compliments about the Police Department, their presence, their demeanor and the lack of incidents. Councilman Pearson stated he would also like to thank the Reserve Officers who donated all their time and for the wonderful job that they did. Commissioner Farris stated he was in complete agreement with Chief Frego and Councilman Pearson in that the officers of the St. John Police Department did an outstanding job during the Festival. They all looked sharp and professional. Commissioner Dodaro stated he would like to "ditto" these comments.

**ANY AND ALL**

There were no matters of "Any and All."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Adrian Bugariu, of 11747 W. 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, advised that he had requested public information from Chief Fred Frego on two different occasions and as of today, he has only received a stack of radio logs and not the other information that he had requested. After much discussion, it was determined that Mr. Bugariu did not utilize a Request for Public Information Form to obtain the desired information. Mr. Bugariu was advised that he could obtain the necessary form at the St. John Police Department and upon its completion and return to the Police Department, the information would be provided.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, October 10, 2005. There will be no Work Study Session held on October 10, 2005, so the Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 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 Long, 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