

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

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

The December 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on December 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 Ronald Vale. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioner Robert Long was not present at tonight's meeting, and this meeting did not require legal representation from the law firm of Austgen, Kuiper and Associates, PC.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the November 14, 2005 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

### **CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no items of Correspondence / Communications at tonight's meeting.

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

Chief Frego read the monthly report for November 2005. Chief Frego stated that from November 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 19,027 duty miles and responded to 344 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 28 adult arrests with a total of 38 charges, and 0 juvenile arrests with a total of 0 charges. There were 265 traffic citations issued along with 64 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of November 2005 is 329 citations. Also during the month of November, vehicle thefts totaled \$17,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$25,968.00. The total value of recovered property was \$17,200.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 64 traffic citations and 78 written warnings for a total of 142 citations being issued on the grants during the month of November 2005. The investigation of these violations resulted in 5 adult arrests with 7 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of November 2005.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no matters of "Old Business."

## REPORTS

**Budget** – There was nothing new to report under this topic.

**Physical Plant** – Chief Frego stated there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, December 13, 2005, with the architect to discuss finalization of the plans for the new Police / Fire Facility. This meeting will allow for additional fine-tuning of the plans, as well as discussion on intricate issues such as the Radio Room.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Dodaro advised the current Eligibility List for Hire of Patrol Officers is due to expire in March 2006. Therefore, as a Board, it will be necessary to begin the process to create a new eligibility list. This matter will be addressed at the start of 2006.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Revised General Order 14.02 – Required Police Uniforms & Equipment Issued by Department** – Chief Frego explained the revision to this general order included amending the uniform pants that the officers are wearing (from French blue to navy), as well as the white shirt requirement for patrol officers with the rank of sergeant or higher. Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve and accept revised General Order 14.02 as presented. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously.

## CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving realized that the high costs of fuel was hurting the budgets of the Towns who had officers working the grant. The Council decided to reimburse those departments for a portion of the fuel that has been used. The St. John Police Department received a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 for reimbursement of fuel costs.

Commissioner Hejl questioned as to whether the officers are still not allowed to drive their squad cars off-duty. Chief Frego stated on January 1, 2006, the officers would be allowed to resume off-duty driving of their squad cars.

## ANY AND ALL

Councilman Pearson stated he would like to thank all the police officers and reserve officers of the St. John Police Department for the excellent job they did on the night of the opening of "Christmas in the Park." Their efforts on that cold and windy night were very much appreciated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments received from the public.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2006. There will be no Work Study Session held on January 9, 2006, 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 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