

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2006

The January 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on January 9, 2006 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 were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. This meeting did not require legal representation from the law firm of Austgen, Kuiper and Associates, PC.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments – President – Commissioner Hejl motioned to appoint William Dodaro as President of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John for the Year 2006. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Appointments – Vice-President – Commissioner Dodaro motioned to appoint Ronald Vale as Vice-President of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John for the Year 2006. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Appointments – Secretary – Commissioner Farris motioned to appoint Rose Hejl as Secretary of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John for the Year 2006. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Appointments – Recording Secretary – Commissioner Vale motioned to appoint Joan Kolodziej as Recording Secretary of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John for the Year 2006. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the December 12, 2005 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Long, 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 December 2005. Chief Frego stated that from December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,188 duty miles and responded to 320 incidents. The investigation of these incidents resulted in 13 adult arrests with a total of 16 charges, and 0 juvenile arrests with a total of 0

charges. There were 103 traffic citations issued along with 59 written warnings and 0 parking violations. The grand total of citations issued during the month of December 2005 is 162 citations. Also during the month of December, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$3,219.00. The total value of recovered property was \$374.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 16 traffic citations and 39 written warnings for a total of 55 citations being issued on the grants during the month of December 2005. The investigation of these violations resulted in 7 adult arrests with 10 charges being filed and 1 juvenile arrest with 3 charges being filed on the grants for the month of December 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 advised the St. John Fire Department has moved into the new Public Works facility, which will be there headquarters temporarily. The demolition of the fire station is scheduled for within the month, and construction of the new public safety facility is scheduled to begin April 1, 2006. The Police Department will remain in its current facility as the new public safety facility is being built. A completion date of May 2007 is anticipated.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chief Frego advised the Commission the current Eligibility List for Hire of Patrol Officers expires March 2006. He suggested discussion be held in the near future regarding the initiation of the procedures to create a new eligibility list.

Commissioner Dodaro requested that in the future, Chief Frego have either his secretary or the Patrol Commander notify the Police Commission when an officer has been nominated and is being considered for an award. Chief Frego stated he would like this noted in the minutes and that in the future, he would make sure the Commission is notified of such events.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Frego advised that the Annual Tow Meeting should be held at the next regular meeting. The recording secretary was directed to notify the current tow providers of this meeting.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego thanked the Commission for its support and cooperation through the Year 2005. He stated the he felt they all should be pleased and happy regarding the items that were accomplished during the year (i.e., hired two additional officers, the Spillman records management program has been installed and is up and running within the Department, the lap tops were acquired and are currently being installed in the officers' cars, the plans for the new public safety building are moving forward, etc.). Chief Frego stated he felt that the year ahead was going to be a good year, and there will be a lot to celebrate in the Year 2007.

ANY AND ALL

Chief Frego thanked Mr. James Curran, of 8780 Patterson Street who was present in the audience, for his assistance in being a witness to a recent incident of public indecency that occurred at 9:00 A.M. in the Walgreens' parking lot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, February 13, 2006. There will be no Work Study Session held on February 13, 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 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