

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 13, 2006**

The March 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on March 13, 2006 at 7:00 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Due to the renovation of the Town Hall, tonight's meeting was held in the Police Department's Training Room, and there was no audio recording made. 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, and Rose Hejl. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioners Robert Long and Ronald Vale were not present at tonight's meeting. Further, tonight's meeting did not require legal representation from the law firm of Austgen, Kuiper and Associates, PC.

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

Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the February 13, 2006 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" presented at tonight's meeting.

### **2005 YEAR END REPORT**

The Police Commission reviewed the 2005 Year End Report and stated it was an excellent report.

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

Chief Frego read the monthly report for February 2006. Chief Frego stated that from February 1, 2006 through February 28, 2006, the members of the St. John Police Department responded to 318 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 21 adult arrests with 30 charges being filed and 9 juvenile arrests with 10 charges being filed. There were 359 traffic citations issued along with 140 written warnings for a total of 499 citations being issued during the month of February 2006 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of February, vehicle thefts totaled \$38,500.00, and all other thefts totaled \$20,448.00. The total value of recovered property was \$20,000.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 63 traffic citations and 61 written warnings for a total of 124 citations being issued on the grants during the month of February 2006. The investigation of these violations resulted in 6 adult arrests with 9 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of February 2006.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no matters of "Old Business."

**REPORTS**

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

**Physical Plant** – With the current demolition of the surrounding sections of the old facility, Chief Frego stated the police station now has a foul, musty odor. Commercial air cleaning machines have been ordered and will be installed within the next day or two. The building is also experiencing new leaks in the roof. Regarding the new safety building, bid openings are scheduled for this Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Approximately 80-85 sets of plans were taken out and expected to be bid upon. Some discussion ensued.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Commissioner Dodaro advised the Final Register of Police Officer Candidates expires on March 30, 2006. Chief Frego stated with all the projects that are currently in progress, he felt the Department would not be able to hire any additional officers until sometime in the Year 2007. Chief Frego stated he would like to begin the process of creating a new Final Register of Police Officer Candidates later in the year, with the possibility of accepting applications starting in August or September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of "New Business."

**CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego advised the Commission that the laptop computers have all been installed in the squad cars, and they operating on the Spillman Mobile program. Two (2) officers are IDACS certified and can run driver license inquiries (10-27) and vehicle registration inquiries (10-28) from their laptops. Some discussion ensued.

**ANY AND ALL**

There were no comments received under this topic.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments received from the public.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, April 10, 2006. There will be no Work Study Session held on April 10, 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

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Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary