

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2006

The June 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on June 20, 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, Rose Hejl, and Ronald Vale. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioners Donald Farris and Robert Long were not in attendance. 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 April 10, 2006 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for May 2006. Chief Frego stated that from May 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 22,399 miles and responded to 420 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 26 adult arrests with 32 charges being filed and 2 juvenile arrests with 2 charges being filed. There were 272 traffic citations issued along with 68 written warnings for a total of 340 461 citations being issued during the month of May 2006 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of May, vehicle thefts totaled \$15,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$5,109.00. The total value of recovered property was \$15,000.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated that the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 121 traffic citations and 161 written warnings for a total of 282 citations being issued on the grants during the month of May 2006. The investigation of these violations resulted in 10 adult arrests with 17 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of May 2006.

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 site work is still being worked on. The foundation appears to be about 90% complete. Cement work (the installation of forms) and infrastructure type work is underway. Chief Frego stated he spoke with the construction manager today, and he advised they are on schedule.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chief Frego advised two (2) officers of the St. John Police Department; namely Corporal Dale Poston and Corporal Jay Dahlin, graduated from Northwestern's Staff and Command School on June 9, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised that the four (4) new squad cars have arrived. The new squads are Dodge Chargers with one of them being an unmarked unit and the remaining three being marked units. The marked units have been stenciled, and it is anticipated that one of them will be on the road in the next 3-4 days. Chief Frego stated the officers that are being assigned to the marked units (Officers Brett Sidenbender, Nicholas Stamate and Michael Moffitt) have looked at the vehicles, and they like them. New equipment has been ordered for the new squad cars. Earlier today, the Department received from Federal Signal a free new LED light bar and smart siren, along with several other small LED lights. The light bar is a new product, and Federal would like the Department to try it out and provide them with feedback. The light bar is valued at \$2000.00. Some discussion ensued. The new LED light and smart siren will be installed on Officer Moffitt's squad car (Number 17).

ANY AND ALL

Town Councilman Pearson stated the new acquisition of police vehicles are VERY PROFESSIONAL looking, and he compliments the Chief on purchasing vehicles that are "state of the art" looking. Some discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2006. There will be no Work Study Session held on July 10, so the Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Any and all Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vale 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