

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**

The September 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on September 18, 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, and Robert Long. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Commissioner Ronald Vale was not present. 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 August 14, 2006 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

#### **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 August 2006. Chief Frego stated that from August 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 21,009 miles and responded to 439 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 31 adult arrests with 51 charges being filed and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed. There were 270 traffic citations issued along with 79 written warnings for a total of 349 citations being issued during the month of August 2006 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of August, vehicle thefts totaled \$12,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$14,016.00. The total value of recovered property was \$4,185.00. 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 70 traffic citations and 16 written warnings for a total of 86 citations being issued on the grants during the month of August 2006. The investigation of these violations resulted in 11 adult arrests with 15 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of August 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 the Flexicore flooring was delivered earlier today. The brick layer is ready to go, and it is anticipated the building will be under roof before inclement weather arrives.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Creation of New Eligibility List – Receipt of Police Officer Applications** – Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission, at an Executive Session held prior to the start of tonight's meeting, reviewed all application packets that had been turned in for the position of Patrol Officer. Commissioner Dodaro advised there were a total of 34 complete application packets received. Those 34 applicants are eligible to attend the Mandatory Orientation Program scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. Letters regarding the Agility Test, scheduled for September 30, 2006, at the Midwest Ice and Training Center will be distributed at the Orientation. The Written Test is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006, at 9:00 A.M. at the Lake Central High School (Freshmen Center).

Chief Frego advised the Commission that Officer James Turturillo has returned to work from Sick Leave. Corporal Timothy Gardenhire recently had surgery on his neck due to his work related injury, and he is expected to be off work until the end of October, 2006. Corporal Richard Conaway has given notice that he will be retiring after 29 years of service. A retirement luncheon in his honor will be held at Noon on Thursday, September 28, 2006. Congratulations and best wishes to Corporal Conaway!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of "New Business."

### **CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego stated he had no additional comments to make at tonight's meeting.

### **ANY AND ALL**

There were no items of "Any and All."

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments received from the public.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2006. There will be a Work Study Session only if deemed necessary. The Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. Any and all 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