

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The November 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on November 13, 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, 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. 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 September 18, 2006 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0). There was no October 9, 2006 meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

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 October 2006. Chief Frego stated that from October 1, 2006 through October 31, 2006, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,607 miles and responded to 425 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 28 adult arrests with 43 charges being filed and 2 juvenile arrests with 6 charges being filed. There were 267 traffic citations issued along with 56 written warnings for a total of 323 citations being issued during the month of October 2006 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of October, vehicle thefts totaled \$34,900.00, and all other thefts totaled \$12,530.00. The total value of recovered property was \$29,000.00. 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 35 traffic citations and 76 written warnings for a total of 111 citations being issued on the grants during the month of October 2006. The investigation of these violations resulted in 11 adult arrests with 14 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of October 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 building is under roof, and appears to be on-schedule. It is anticipated the building will be closed up by Thanksgiving, and they will be running temporary heat into it. The brick layer needs approximately 12 more days of work before his work is completed. The heating/duct work is in, the electrical is in and all the cement is in.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Creation of New Eligibility List – Receipt of Police Officer Applications – Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission has 23 applicants who are still in contention. Interviews are scheduled from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 18, 2006 and from 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Monday, November 20, 2006. The preliminary list will be posted shortly thereafter. Chief Frego advised that two (2) applicants never called to confirm their scheduled interview appointment, even though they had been requested to do so in correspondence sent to them. Some discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised General Orders 9.02 – Alarms – Bank – Commissioner Bill Dodaro advised this general order had been updated to include information regarding the procedure for bank alarms currently practiced by the St. John Police Department. Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approved revised General Order 9.02 – Alarms – Bank as presented. With a motion by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Revised General Order 11.01 – Care & Use of Department Owned Vehicles – Chief Frego advised the Commission General Order 11.01 had been revised on April 12, 2004, but due to that period of time being a transition period, the Police Commission never took formal action to approve the revision. The general order was revised to allow officers who reside out of town to take their squad cars home as long as they lived within 15 miles of the Town's limit. Commissioner Farris questioned the terminology of "marked commission" in this general order, and after some discussion, it was determined that the word "marked commission" would be replaced by the word "marked vehicle." Commissioner Farris made a motion to accept revised General Order 11.01 – Care & Use of Department Owned Vehicles as presented with the exception of replacing the word "commission" with the word "vehicle" throughout the general order for uniformity. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised the Commission that the St. John Driver Education Program (SJ-DEP) will be discontinued as of December 31, 2006 due to a ruling by the State Board of Accounts. The Town attorney was consulted regarding this ruling, and it was learned that the Town attorney concurs with the State Board of Accounts. The traffic school generated a large amount of revenue for the Town in the past, and it is hoped that it can be reinstated at a later date. The Town Council will be looking into this matter in an effort to determine a legal way to continue the SJ-DEP through the use of a Town Judge. Currently, there are only two (2) more days SJ-DEP classes will be held; those are December 2 and December 16, 2006. The officers have

been advised to discontinue offering the SJ-DEP class to Ordinance 511 violators as of midnight on November 12, 2006. Some discussion ensued.

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, January 8, 2007. 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 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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary