

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 8, 2007

The January 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on January 8, 2007 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 Ronald Vale. Also present was Police Chief Fred Frego. Commissioner Robert Long and Town Council Liaison Chuck Pearson 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 December 11, 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 December 2006. Chief Frego stated that from December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,407 miles and responded to 407 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 21 adult arrests with 34 charges being filed and 3 juvenile arrests with 7 charges being filed. There were 106 traffic citations issued along with 56 written warnings for a total of 162 citations being issued during the month of December 2006 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of December, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$15,428.00. The total value of recovered property was \$400.00. 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 58 traffic citations and 179 written warnings for a total of 237 citations being issued on the grants during the month of December 2006. The investigation of these violations resulted in 14 adult arrests with 18 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of December 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 construction of the new facility is on schedule. Drywall is being hung in the lower level, and the upstairs is waiting for concrete to be poured. Completion of the new building is expected to be in late May or early June 2007.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Police Officer Hiring Process Update – Chief Frego advised approval has been received from PERF for two (2) of the new hires, and he was currently awaiting approval on the third new hire. It is anticipated all three (3) new officers will be sworn in at the Town Council's next regular meeting scheduled for January 18, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business" brought before the Commission this evening.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego thanked the Commission for their cooperation in the Year 2006 and for all the time and effort the Commission extended in the hiring of the three (3) new officers. Chief Frego stated overall it was a good year.

ANY AND ALL

There were no items of "Any and All."

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Recognizing & Honoring Corporal R. Conaway – Commissioner Vale addressed those present at tonight's meeting and continued with the following statement:

First of all, we want to welcome everyone to the Police Commission Meeting. It's really nice to see everyone here. We, as a Commission, want everyone associated with the St. John Police Department, which includes officers, dispatchers, secretary, to know how very proud we are of all of you. We don't often get the opportunity to tell you this, and sometimes it may seem that nobody cares, but quite the contrary – we do care about each and every one of you.

This evening also offers us the opportunity to show our gratitude and appreciation to an officer who has served this community with pride and professionalism over an extended period of time. As with any profession, there are mile stones that are reached in one's career. The officer we are here to honor this evening has – indeed – reached a milestone in his career with 29 years of service before retiring. It gives us great pleasure to present this man with an achievement award – Corporal Rick Conaway.

The Commission then presented Corporal Conaway with a plaque acknowledging and recognizing his 29 years of dedicated service. At the close of the meeting, cake was served to all present. Commissioner Dodaro thanked everyone in attendance for taking time out of their busy schedules to be present tonight, and he thanked Commissioner Vale for his efforts in making tonight's plaque presentation a reality.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, February 12, 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 Farris made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Vale, 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