

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The February 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on February 12, 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, Robert Long, and Rose Hejl. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council President Michael Fryzel. Commissioner Ronald Vale 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 Farris made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the January 9, 2007 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

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

ANNUAL TOW MEETING

Letters were sent to the Town's five (5) tow providers on January 18, 2007, inviting them to attend the Annual Tow Meeting held between the tow providers and the Town of St. John Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners for the purpose to discuss any concerns, comments, complaints or exchanges of information that they may have. There was representation present tonight from the following tow providers: Kubiak's Service, St. John Auto & Towing and Emerald Towing. The tow firms present advised they were satisfied with the way things were going and stated they had no comments or complaints. All three (3) tow firms thanked the Town for the business they have received.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for January 2007. Chief Frego stated that from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2007, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 17,803 miles and responded to 420 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 30 adult arrests with 44 charges being filed and 3 juvenile arrests with 5 charges being filed. There were 193 traffic citations issued along with 150 written warnings for a total of 343 citations being issued during the month of January 2007 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of January, vehicle thefts totaled \$30,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$24,195.00. The total value of recovered property was \$30,180.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 13 traffic citations and 72 written warnings for a total of 85 citations being issued on the grants during the month of January 2007. The

investigation of these violations resulted in 3 adult arrests with 4 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of January 2007.

2006 YEAR END REPORT

Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission is in receipt of the 2006 Year End Report. He suggested the commissioners review the report and if there are any questions, the commissioners could discuss them at next month's regular meeting.

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 still on schedule. Completion of the new building is expected to be in late May or early June 2007.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Police Officer Hiring Process Update – Commissioner Dodaro commented that the three (3) new police officers were sworn in on January 20, 2007 at the Town Council's Regular Meeting. Chief Frego advised the three new officers have completed an abbreviated FTO Program, and all three (3) officers have been released for solo duty.

NEW BUSINESS

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

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised he had no 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, March 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 Hejl made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Long, 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