

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2007**

The April 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on April 23, 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 were Police Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Chuck Pearson. Commissioner Robert Long 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 Vale made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the March 12, 2007 Regular Meeting as written. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **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 March 2007. Chief Frego stated that from March 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 23,250 miles and responded to 472 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 42 adult arrests with 65 charges being filed and 5 juvenile arrests with 5 charges being filed. There were 256 traffic citations issued along with 273 written warnings for a total of 529 citations being issued during the month of March 2007 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of March, vehicle thefts totaled \$13,100.00, and all other thefts totaled \$5,075.00. The total value of recovered property was \$49.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 24 traffic citations and 80 written warnings for a total of 104 citations being issued on the grants during the month of March 2007. The investigation of these violations resulted in 6 adult arrests with 8 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of March 2007.

### **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 wall paper is up and the painting is done. The new radio console is being installed. It is anticipated that the move into the new facility will be at the end of May 2007.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Police Officer Hiring Process Update** – Chief Frego advised one of the two new officers hired who needed to attend the Academy is, in fact, attending. However, the other officer failed the physical agility entrance exam and was not able to continue at the Academy at this time. This officer will be re-tested in June. If he fails this test, he will no longer be eligible to attend the Academy. Some discussion ensued.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**New General Order 1.02A – Vehicle Crash Review Board (VCRB) and Revised Table of Contents** - Chief Frego presented a new general order along with a revised Table of Contents, which incorporates the new general order, for review by the Commission. After some discussion, Commissioner Vale made a motion to accept the revised Table of Contents and the new General Order 1.02A – Vehicle Crash Review Board as written. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously.

### **CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego advised the Commission he would like to hire additional Reserve Officers. He stated he has gone through the list of the Final Register of Police Officer Candidates posted on November 29, 2006, and it was learned that the majority of those queried are currently working for other departments who will not allow them to participate in a reserve program. 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, May 14, 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 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