

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

NOTE: Due to the tape recording of this meeting being inaudible, these minutes were transcribed from notes and memory.

The September 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on September 10, 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 Robert Long. Also present were Police Chief Fred Frego, Town Council Liaison Chuck Pearson, and Attorney David Austgen. Commissioner Ronald Vale was not present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

August 13, 2007 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the August 13, 2007 meeting. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Dodaro read correspondence addressed to the Commission dated September 10, 2007 from Chief Fred Frego. Said correspondence was reference "Corporal's Promotion," which advised of the vacancy in the Corporal's rank due to the retirement of Corporal Richard Conaway. Further, in his correspondence, Chief Frego stated it was his request that the next name on the Corporal Eligibility List, that being James Turturillo, be promoted and placed in that position. He felt this promotion would substantially enhance supervision in the Patrol Division and strengthen the Department's commitment to professionalism and leadership. Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve Chief Frego's request to promote Officer James Turturillo to the rank of Corporal. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried (4-0). At this point, the meeting was momentarily suspended and Officer James Turturillo, who was in the audience, was promoted to the position of Corporal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for August 2007. Chief Frego stated that from August 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 23,185 miles and responded to 544 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 31 adult arrests with 45 charges being filed and 2 juvenile arrests with 2 charges being filed. There were 243 traffic citations issued along with 103 written warnings for a total of 346 citations being issued during the month of August 2007 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of August, vehicle thefts totaled \$7,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$3,065.00. The total value of recovered property was \$3,000.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 84 traffic citations and 212 written warnings for a total of 296 citations being issued on the grants during the month of August

2007. The investigation of these violations resulted in 8 adult arrests with 12 charges being filed and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed on the grants for the month of August 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 new station is good and is up and running. There still is some fine-tuning going on, but things are good overall.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Corporals' Eligibility List – This matter was addressed under "Correspondence – Communications."

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of "New Business" brought before the Commission at tonight's meeting.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego thanked the Commission for their approval of his recommendation to promote Officer James Turturillo to the position of Corporal.

ANY AND ALL

Chief Frego advised the Police and Fire Departments' Annual Open House will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. At 2:00 P.M., all activities will be suspended for a Dedication Ceremony of the new facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, October 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 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