

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2007

The December 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on December 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, Robert Long and Ronald Vale. Also present was Town Council Liaison Charles Pearson. Captain Bernard J. Johnsen was in attendance this evening representing Chief Fred Frego who could not be in attendance.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

September 10, 2007 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Farris made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the October 8, 2007 meeting. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of Correspondence and/or Communications brought before the Commission at tonight's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Captain Johnsen read the monthly report for November 2007. Captain Johnsen stated that from November 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 23,040 miles and responded to 450 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 23 adult arrests with 34 charges being filed and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed. There were 228 traffic citations issued along with 109 written warnings for a total of 337 citations being issued during the month of November 2007 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of November, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$1,690.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. Regarding grant activity, Chief Frego stated the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 118 traffic citations and 51 written warnings for a total of 169 citations being issued on the grants during the month of November 2007. The investigation of these violations resulted in 7 adult arrests with 13 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of November 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

REPORTS

Budget – There was nothing new to report under this topic.

Physical Plant – Captain Johnsen advised that all is well with the new station.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Reserve Officer Applicants – Captain Johnsen advised the interviews of the Reserve Officer applicants have been completed. The interviews were conducted by Chief Fred Frego, Captain Bernard Johnsen, Corporal David Demeter and Reserve Officer Joseph O’Leary. A list has been compiled, and letters have been sent out to the applicants. Captain Johnsen advised that at this time, four (4) new Reserve Officers are expected to be added; two of whom are females.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of “New Business” brought before the Commission at tonight’s meeting.

CHIEF’S COMMENTS

Captain Johnsen advised he was just glad to be in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

ANY AND ALL

Commissioner Hejl reminded the Commission that next month letters would be going out to all the tow firms regarding the Annual Tow Meeting. Also the Police Department’s Annual Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for 12:30 P.M. on Friday, December 21, 2007, at the new station. Everyone is cordially invited.

Commissioner Dodaro advised tonight’s meeting is Councilman Chuck Pearson’s last official presence at a Police Commission Meeting as Town Council Liaison. Commissioner Dodaro stated the last four (4) years have been a wonderful experience having Mr. Pearson as the liaison. Mr. Pearson stated it was an interesting and pleasurable experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, January 14, 2008. 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