

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON JULY 14, 2008

The July 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on July 14, 2008 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, and Rose Hejl. Also present was Chief Fred Frego of the St. John Police Department. Commissioner Robert Long, Commissioner Ronald Vale and Town Council Liaison Jerri Teibel were not present at this meeting. No legal representation was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

June 9, 2008 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the June 9, 2008 meeting. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for June 2008. Chief Frego stated that from June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 20,279 miles and responded to 591 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 38 adult arrests with 56 charges being filed and 4 juvenile arrests with 9 charges being filed. There were 292 traffic citations issued along with 99 written warnings for a total of 376 citations being issued during the month of June 2008 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of June, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$5,713.00. The total value of recovered property was \$566.00. Regarding grant activity, the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 84 traffic citations and 48 written warnings for a total of 132 citations being issued on the grants during the month of June 2008. The investigation of these violations resulted in 7 adult arrests with 12 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of June 2008.

In response to Commissioner Farris' question regarding the 4th of July holiday, Chief Frego advised it was very uneventful with a minimum amount of calls regarding fireworks. Commissioner Farris stated he felt the Town's fireworks were very nice.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

REPORTS

Budget – Chief Frego advised the 2009 Budget will be the same as the 2008 Budget, which was the same as the 2007 Budget. There will be no salary increases in 2009, and the probability of hiring additional officers is minimal at this time unless current officers choose to quit or retire.

Physical Plant – There was nothing new to report on this topic.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Reserve Officers – Chief Frego advised the Commission that Reserve Officer Toni Lozano has resigned and is no longer a part of the Reserve Officer Program.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters brought before the Commission under this topic.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated the Police Department will be hosting a National Night Out at Prairie West Park on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. This is the first time for an event of this nature to be hosted by the Department in a central location and open to all Town residents. In the past, individual subdivisions hosted a National Night Out which was tied into a subdivision block party. There will be hot dogs, chips, pop, and games for the children. The Fire Department will also be present at this event in a limited capacity. Chief Frego stated they are hoping for a good response by residents. The Department has attempted to notify the community of this event by a notation on the water bills, through local businesses and their marquee signs, a letter that was sent to local homeowner associations, information on the Town's website, etc. Chief Frego said he will be contacting the local newspaper in an attempt to have a story ran about National Night Out.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters brought before the Commission tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments received from the public.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 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 Hejl, 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