

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 12, 2009

The October 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on October 12, 2009 at 7:00 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Dodaro called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. 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 Ron Vale. Also present were Chief Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Jerri Teibel. Commissioners Rose Hejl and Robert Long were not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Farris made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (3-0). There are no minutes to be approved from the September 2009 Regular Meeting as that meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

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 September 2009. Chief Frego stated that from September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 17,926 miles and responded to 504 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 14 adult arrests with 21 charges being filed, and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed. There were 277 traffic citations issued along with 54 written warnings for a total of 331 citations being issued during the month of September 2009 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of September, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$30,967.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. Regarding grant activity, the officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / OSS / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 49 traffic citations and 29 written warnings for a total of 78 citations being issued on the grants during the month of September 2009. The investigation of these violations resulted in 0 adult arrests with 0 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of September, 2009. Chief Frego explained that the majority of the loss reported for thefts (\$30,967.00 for the month) came from one burglary case in particular wherein the resident claimed a large amount of expensive jewelry had been stolen.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of "Old Business" for tonight's meeting.

REPORTS

Budget – Chief Frego stated the 2010 budget has not yet been approved. The budget is due to be approved and adopted at the Town Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2009.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Police Officer Eligibility List – Commissioner Dodaro advised that on Saturday, October 3, 2009, the written exam was taken by 38 applicants. The test has been sent out to be scored, and the results are expected in 7-10 days. When the results of the Written Exam are received, the Commission will then schedule an Executive Session to determine the minimum standards and to review the test results.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items brought up under "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated the traffic situation that is currently occurring on Wicker Avenue and W. 93rd Avenue due to the road construction is horrendous. Fortunately, there have not been many accidents due to the traffic and the construction. Some discussion ensued regarding the road construction.

ANY AND ALL

Reference the Eligibility List, Commissioner Dodaro informed Town Council Member Jerri Teibel that originally there were 126 application packets purchased, but only 63 application packets were returned. After the Orientation, there were only 39 applicants who responded to take the Physical Agility Test. All 39 applicants passed the Physical Agility Test, and only 38 participated in taking the Written Exam. Currently, the number of applicants stands at 38. At this time, hiring any of the applicants is not anticipated; however, a new Eligibility List will be generated. Chief Frego advised Mrs. Teibel that originally the Police Department had anticipated hiring as many as three (3) officers with grant monies that were applied for; however, the St. John Police Department was not awarded any grant monies (neither were any neighboring Towns who had applied). Chief Frego stated that 84% of the departments that applied for the grant money to utilize for hiring new officers were denied, and only 16% were awarded the grant monies. Commissioner Dodaro stated at this time there are no plans for hiring additional officers and the intent is to create the Eligibility List to have available should hiring become an option, possibly due to the retirement of current officer(s). Some discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no "Public Comment" at tonight's meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, November 9, 2009. The Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Work Study Session only if deemed necessary. An Executive Session will be scheduled once the written exams are returned. Any and all Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vale made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:09 P.M.

Town of St. John, Lake County
Indiana, Board of Metropolitan
Police Commissioners

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary