

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The November 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on November 9, 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, Rose Hejl, Robert Long, and Ron Vale. Also present was Chief Fred Frego. Commissioner Donald Farris and Town Council Liaison Jerri Teibel were not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting. Commissioner Dodaro welcomed Town Council Vice President Michael Forbes, who was in the audience at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Frego advised he has received the test results from the Written Test that the police officer applicants took on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Chief Frego stated the envelope is sealed, and he has not viewed the results.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for October 2009. Chief Frego stated that from October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,874 miles and responded to 532 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 21 adult arrests with 29 charges being filed, and 1 juvenile arrest with 2 charges being filed. There were 163 traffic citations issued along with 51 written warnings for a total of 213 citations being issued during the month of October 2009 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of October, vehicle thefts totaled \$21,400.00, and all other thefts totaled \$9,859.00. 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 30 traffic citations and 11 written warnings for a total of 41 citations being issued on the grants during the month of October 2009. The investigation of these violations resulted in 5 adult arrests with 5 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of October, 2009.

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, but he believes the 2010 Budget will be the same as the 2009 Budget.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Police Officer Eligibility List – Commissioner Dodaro stated the Commission is in the process of compiling an Eligibility List for Police Officer. To date, an orientation, an agility test and a written test have been completed. Chief Frego currently is in possession of the results of the written test, and tonight the Commission will schedule an Executive Session for opening the test results and for determining the minimum standards. Letters will be mailed to the applicants after the Executive Session. The Commission then scheduled an Executive Session for Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. to be held in the Police Chief's Conference Room in the Public Safety Building.

NEW BUSINESS

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

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated he believes they have had the final meeting with the Schererville Police Department reference the technical grant that was received through Congressman Visclosky's Office. Schererville is administering the grant, but all three (3) towns (Dyer, Schererville, and St. John) are getting equal shares. St. John's share is \$155,000. Clarification was needed on bidding, invoicing, etc. St. John is currently in the process of submitting the necessary request forms with quotes for the items we are looking to purchase; namely, lap tops, a server, personal computers, walkies, wiring, cabling, etc. The new server will be installed in the Public Safety Building and not in Town Hall. Commissioner Long questioned Chief Frego reference the existence of a records retention program for the documents and records that reside on the current server. Some discussion ensued. Commissioner Long suggested that Chief Frego look into this matter further.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters of "Any and All."

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, December 14, 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 has been scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Police Chief's Conference Room located in the Public Safety Facility. 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 at approximately 7:07 P.M.

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Kolodziej, Recording Secretary