

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2010

The December 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on December 13, 2010 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 Ronald Vale. Also present was Chief of Police Fred Frego. Commissioners Rose Hejl and Robert Long, as well as Town Council Liaison Michael Forbes, were not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting. These minutes were compiled from notes taken at the meeting. The meeting was recorded but the recording is inaudible.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Farris made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the November 8, 2010 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Frego advised correspondence was received from Mr. Dennis Balassone, of 13301 Monix Drive, St. John. Mr. Balassone commended the St. John Police Department for the outstanding job the officers did regarding the burglary that occurred at his residence on November 27, 2010. Among other items, two (2) firearms were stolen from his residence. The stolen items were tracked to a pawn shop, wherein camera footage was reviewed and the suspects in this burglary were identified. A search warrant was executed and several of the items were located, and the suspects were arrested.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for November 2010. Chief Frego stated that from November 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 15,664 miles and responded to 433 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 14 adult arrests with 16 charges being filed, and 6 juvenile arrests with 6 charges being filed. There were 186 traffic citations issued along with 63 written warnings for a total of 249 citations being issued during the month of November 2010 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 \$4,194.00. The total value of recovered property was \$3,000.00. The officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DDE / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 0 traffic citations and 0 written warnings for a total of 0 citations being issued on the grants during the month of October 2010. The investigation of these violations resulted in 0 adult arrest with 0 charge being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of October 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised General Order 14.07 – Station Video Recording Equipment – Chief Frego advised this matter has to do with a new State mandate that goes into effect on January 1, 2011, wherein all felony arrests are to be video recorded. IBT will be installing the necessary equipment at the station on December 21, 2010. It is expected that the Department's General Order will be ready for the Commission's approval at the January 2011 meeting.

REPORTS

Budget – Chief Frego advised the 2011 Budget has been finalized and is in place.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources – Commissioner Dodaro advised oral interviews were conducted on Saturday, December 11, 2010, with the two (2) corporals who passed the Sergeant's written examination. After the interviews, a Sergeant's Eligibility List was created by the Police Commission ranking Corporal David Demeter as Number 1, and Corporal James Turturillo as Number 2. The Sergeant's Eligibility List will remain in effect for two (2) years and shall expire at midnight on December 12, 2012. (See attached copy of Sergeant's Eligibility List.)

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego had no comments.

ANY AND ALL

Lt. Richard Kouder was in the audience at tonight's meeting. Members of the Police Commission congratulated Lt. Kouder on his pending retirement (December 18, 2010) and wished him well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, January 10, 2011. The Regular Public Meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. There will be a Work Study Session only if deemed necessary. 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 at 7:08 P.M.

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary