

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 14, 2011

The March 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on March 14, 2011 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 Ronald Vale. Also present was Chief of Police Fred Frego. Commissioner Donald Farris was not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of correspondence presented at tonight's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for February 2011. Chief Frego stated that from February 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 11,442 miles and responded to 429 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 10 adult arrests with 15 charges being filed, and 4 juvenile arrests with 4 charges being filed. There were 176 traffic citations issued along with 23 written warnings for a total of 199 citations being issued during the month of February 2011 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of February, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$34,907.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. 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 February 2011. 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 February 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hire – David L. Rybicki – Chief Frego advised that Officer David Rybicki has completed his Field Training and has been released for solo duty. Chief Frego commented that Officer David Rybicki is working out well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding upgrading the Department's equipment; specifically, the purchase of tasers. Commissioner Hejl made a motion authorizing the Chief of Police to purchase five (5) tasers to be utilized by the officers with a check out/check in system, pending Town Council approval. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (4-0). The Commission agreed the tasers are needed for the option of use of non-deadly force.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated he would like to replace the Department's long guns, which the Department has had since 1990, with more tactical type weapons like M-4s. Chief Frego advised some of the officers have purchased their own long guns. Chief Frego stated he would like to buy four or five guns, at a cost of about \$800 each. Commissioner Dodaro recommended a vendor. Chief Frego indicated Officer Luke Schreiber, Certified Range Master, will research this matter. One possibility that will be investigated is that of trading in the old guns.

ANY AND ALL

Officer Brett Sidenbender inquired as to the progress of the approval of the proposed SWAT Agreement. Chief Frego advised he was still waiting for the Town Council's approval of the MOU.

Commissioner Dodaro stated he would like to get the gun range up and running. Chief Frego stated the Department was in the process of completing the range but due to the recession, the range was put on hold.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 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 Hejl made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the meeting was adjourned (4-0).

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary