

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2011

The May 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on May 9, 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, Don Farris, and Rose Hejl. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Councilman Kenneth Gembala. Commissioners Robert Long and Ronald Vale were not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting. These minutes are compiled from notes taken by Commissioner Hejl as the meeting was not tape recorded and Recording Secretary Joan Gorcoc was not present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

March 14, 2011 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the March 14, Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

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 April 2011. Chief Frego stated that from April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,163 miles and responded to 465 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 22 adult arrests with 31 charges being filed, and 3 juvenile arrests with 6 charges being filed. There were 302 traffic citations issued along with 50 written warnings for a total of 352 citations being issued during the month of April 2011 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of April, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$14,958.00. The total value of recovered property was \$233.00. The officers of the St. John Police Department, while working the OPO / BCC / DDE / DUI Taskforce Grants, issued 115 traffic citations and 42 written warnings for a total of 157 citations being issued on the grants during the month of April 2011. The investigation of these violations resulted in 1 adult arrest with 1 charge being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed on the grants for the month of April 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

HUMAN RESOURCES

There were no matters involving "Human Resources".

NEW BUSINESS

New General Order 3.09 – Use of TASER X26 – Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve new General Order 3.09 – Use of TASER X26 as presented. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0). Chief Frego advised the Commission five (5) tasers were purchased for the Department. The St. John officers are scheduled to receive taser training, to be conducted by a Cedar Lake officer, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. The training is expected to last between 2-3 hours. The Taser Policy will also be reviewed at the training. Officer Luke Schreiber is scheduled for a two-day course on June 20-21, 2011, to become a Certified Instructor, and he will then train St. John's officers in the use of Tasers. Chief Frego also advised the Department has created a Taser Deployment Form, which will be completed every time a taser is deployed. The tasers come with software that tracks all use of the tasers.

Revised General Order 3.02 – Use of Force – Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve revised General Order 3.02 – Use of Force as presented this evening. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated correspondence was received from Town Attorney David Austgen requesting a meeting between the St. John Town Council and the Police Commission regarding the 911 Dispatch Consolidation. Chief Frego advised he would get further information and will inform the Commission as to the date of time of the requested meeting.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters brought up under "Any and All."

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 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 Farris, the meeting was adjourned (3-0).

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary