

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2012

The June 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on June 11, 2012 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 Rose Hejl. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala. Commissioners Robert Long and Ronald Vale were not present. No legal representation was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting and April 26, 2012 Special Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting and the April 26, 2012 Special Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of "Correspondence / Communications" at tonight's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for May 2012. Chief Frego stated that from May 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 19,777 miles and responded to 519 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 20 adult arrests with 35 charges being filed, and 9 juvenile arrests with 9 charges being filed. There were 215 traffic citations issued along with 46 written warnings for a total of 261 citations being issued during the month of May 2012 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of May, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$9,482.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. Chief Frego commented that there were a total of 896 traffic stops made by the St. John police officers in the month of March. The total number of citations issued, through both duty and grant activity, was 610. Commissioner Dodaro questioned what type of property was recovered this month. Chief Frego advised that the \$15,200 was the value of a recovered vehicle as well as a couple of miscellaneous items stolen in a burglary.

Note: There was a typographical error pointed out by Commissioner Farris regarding the total number of citations being issued during the month of May 2012. The correct number is 261, as indicated above.

Chief Frego advised that the officers just finished working a grant during the month of May, and the total number of traffic stops for May 2012 is 779. Commissioner Dodaro inquired about the number of traffic accidents in comparison to years' past. Chief Frego stated there has been no significant increase.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of "Old Business."

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hire Update – Chief Frego advised that Officer Daniel Kolodziej is doing well at the Academy, and he has heard no negative comments regarding his time at the Academy. Officer Kolodziej is expected to graduate from the Academy on Friday, August 3, 2012.

Emergency Hire – Commissioner Dodaro advised interviews regarding the Emergency Hire are scheduled for this Saturday, June 16, 2012. Based on the result of those interviews, an offer of conditional employment will be made pending the passing of all necessary tests.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Frego requested the Commission's permission to attend the annual IACP Conference scheduled for October 3-5, 2012 in San Diego, California. Chief Frego stated this is an excellent conference that provides much valuable and useful information, and the Department currently has funds in the L.E.C.E. line item to cover the cost. Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve Chief Frego's attendance at the annual IACP Conference scheduled for October 2012 in San Diego, California. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised the Commission that Officer Eric Andersen was injured on a call on Memorial Day. Officer Andersen has already had an MRI and is in the process of being evaluated by the doctor. At this time, it is not known how long Officer Andersen will be off work. Commissioner Dodaro asked Chief Frego to notify the Commission of the results of Officer Andersen's MRI. Some discussion ensued.

Chief Frego advised the three (3) new squad cars are parked behind the station. The installation of equipment for the new squads is being done in-house by Cliff Wroe. Cliff is doing a great job, and is a very knowledgeable "Tech Guy." Also, with Cliff doing the installation, the Department is saving money.

ANY AND ALL

Councilman Gembala thanked the Police Department for making the new ID Badges for the Fire Department. Some discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Adrian Bugariu, off 11747 W. 90th Avenue, addressed the Commission by stating he strongly believes he made requests and those requests should be carried out; namely, Chief Frego resigns, Bill Dodaro resigns, and (Sergeant) Fryzel's behavior behind the wheel is unacceptable. He stated that he demands these requests be carried out. Commissioner Dodaro thanked Mr. Bugariu for his input.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, July 9, 2012. 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 at 7:12 P.M. (3-0).

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary