

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

The November 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on November 12, 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, Rose Hejl, and Ronald Vale. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala. Commissioners Donald Farris and Robert Long were not present. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATION BY MRS. MARION THIEL**

Mrs. Marion Thiel addressed the Commission with a story regarding her late husband, James Thiel. Mrs. Thiel advised years ago when Jim came home after 2 years and 9 months in the service, Jim's friend Bob Miller, who was a Town Marshall at that time, advised the Town Council at that time that he wanted Jim to be his Deputy. The Town Council agreed that Jim could be a Deputy, but they stated he could not carry a gun. It was decided that Jim could carry a "billy club." Mrs. Thiel then showed the Commission the "billy club" that Jim had been given. The "billy club" was just a heavy spring wrapped in black electrical tape. Mrs. Thiel stated she thought it was time to surrender the weapon because she did not want to be caught with it! Some discussion ensued while the "billy club" was viewed by Commissioners. Chief Frego stated a search was underway in an attempt to locate some of Jim Thiel's documents from when he was a Deputy, and they would be placed on display with the "billy club." The Commission thanked Mrs. Thiel for her story and for surrendering the weapon!

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

**October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting** - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the October 8, 2012 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, 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 October 2012. Chief Frego stated that from October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 19,959

miles and responded to 477 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 22 adult arrests with 37 charges being filed, and 3 juvenile arrests with 5 charges being filed. There were 230 traffic citations issued along with 28 written warnings for a total of 258 citations being issued during the month of October 2012 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of September, vehicle thefts totaled \$70,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$11,044.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. The total number of citations and warnings issued, through both duty and grant activity, for the month of October was 859. The total number of Citations and Warnings issued, through both duty and grant activity, for the year to date is 5,391. The total number of traffic stops, through both duty and grant activity, for the month of October was 412. The total number of Traffic Stops year-to-date is 5,519.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ILEAC Accreditation** – Chief Frego advised the Department’s completed application and the \$500 application fee were sent in to ILEAC, and the Department has been approved. On Friday, a thumb drive was received containing the necessary information to get the accreditation process started.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Corporal’s Promotional Test** – Commissioner Dodaro advised that the Corporal’s Promotional Test is scheduled for this Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 1:00 P.M. Five (5) officers have submitted letters requesting to take the test. The test will be given in the Training Room at the Police Department.

**Creation of New Eligibility List** – After some discussion, it was decided to defer this item to the January 2013 Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of “New Business” at tonight’s meeting.

### **CHIEF’S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego stated the ILEAC Accreditation is moving forward. Chief Frego also informed the Commission that Sergeant David Demeter’s mother had passed away recently.

**ANY AND ALL**

There were no matters of "Any and All."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, December 10, 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 Vale, the motion carried (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

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

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Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary