

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2012

The December 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on December 10, 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, Rose Hejl, and Ronald Vale. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala. Commissioner Robert Long was not present. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Dodaro acknowledged Town Councilman Larry Bustamante's presence in the audience.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

November 12, 2012 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the November 12, 2012 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

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 November 2012. Chief Frego stated that from November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,790 miles and responded to 459 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 18 adult arrests with 27 charges being filed, and 3 juvenile arrests with 4 charges being filed. There were 191 traffic citations issued along with 59 written warnings for a total of 250 citations being issued during the month of November 2012 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 \$1,562.00. 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 874. The total number of Citations and Warnings issued, through both duty and grant activity, for the year to date is 6,265. The total number of traffic stops, through both duty and grant activity, for the month of November was 937. The total number of Traffic Stops year-to-date is 6,456.

OLD BUSINESS

ILEAC Accreditation – Chief Frego advised the Department is currently starting the process for accreditation. Chief Frego stated arrangements have been made to visit the Schererville Police Department on either Wednesday or Thursday of this week for the purpose of viewing how Schererville has their department set up. The Schererville Police Department is CALEA Certified, which ILEAC mirrors. Chief Frego commented the thumb drive with the necessary information to begin the accreditation process has arrived. Included on the thumb drive is a check list of 172 items that have to be gone through. Upon review of these 172 items, it may be determined that the Department will have to create some new policies, possibly modify some of the existing policies, and create forms for those policies. Chief Frego stated the accreditation process will be in full swing after the Holidays. In response to Commissioner Farris' question, Chief Frego stated the whole accreditation process should take about a year, maybe a year and a half, to complete.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Corporal's Promotional Test – Commissioner Dodaro advised they have the results of the Corporal's Promotional Test, and the Commission has finalized a Corporal's Eligibility List, which will be posted tomorrow morning. Commissioner Dodaro stated five (5) patrol officers took the test, and all five (5) officers interviewed with the Commission. Commissioner Dodaro commented all the officers did very well, and it was a very tough decision to score it all out. Commissioner Dodaro stated he believes the Commission made a good list, and he feels these officers will help with the supervision in the Police Department. Commissioner Farris made a motion to accept the Corporal's Eligibility List as presented. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Creation of New Eligibility List – This item has been deferred to the January 2013 Meeting, at which time the Commission will set a date for an orientation, and will move forward from there.

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 stated he is looking forward to a better, more successful year in 2013. Chief Frego wished the Commission a Merry Christmas.

ANY AND ALL

Town Councilman Gembala advised there will be a Christmas luncheon for all Town employees on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at the Town Hall, and he extended an invitation to all members of the Police Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, January 14, 2012. The Regular Public Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. There will be a Work Study Session only if deemed necessary. Any and all Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

It should be noted that the Commission has agreed to change the start time of their meetings to 6:30 P.M., beginning with the January 14, 2013 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hejl made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Farris, the motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

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

Rose Hejl, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary