

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2013**

The May 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on May 13, 2013 at 6:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Dodaro called the meeting to order promptly at 6:32 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, Robert Long, and Ronald Vale. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting.

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

**April 8, 2013 Regular Meeting** - Commissioner Hejl made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the April 8, 2013 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **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 April 2013. Chief Frego stated that from April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 17,718 miles and responded to 444 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 34 adult arrests with 51 charges being filed, and 5 juvenile arrests with 5 charges being filed. There were 266 traffic citations issued along with 56 written warnings for a total of 322 citations being issued during the month of April 2013 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of April, vehicle thefts totaled \$38,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$14,096.00. The total value of recovered property was \$510.00. The total number of traffic stops for the month of April was 461.

Commissioner Farris queried if there were any issues at Lake Central High School reference theft from the construction site. Chief Frego stated he was not aware of any issues reference theft from the construction site at the high school. Chief Frego commented he believed they (the Lake Central School Corporation) have hired their own Security for the construction site.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of "Old Business."

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**COPS Grant to Hire a Veteran** – Chief Frego stated the applicant has been hired with a projected start date of July 1, 2013. The subject has completed his physical examination, and the psychological examination is scheduled for this Wednesday. The applicant's background investigation will be started, and the paperwork will be forwarded down to PERF for their approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items of "New Business."

**CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego stated everything is going well, and the Accreditation is going forward. Chief Frego commented he was sure the Commission was aware of the pursuit that occurred last week and the results of that incident. In response to Commissioner Farris' question, Chief Frego advised it was Officer David Rybicki who was involved in the pursuit. Commissioner Dodaro explained Officer Rybicki was attempting to stop a crotch rocket (sport styled motorcycle) when it took off. Officer Rybicki went after the crotch rocket, which resulted in a 4-car accident, including Officer Rybicki's car. People went to the hospital, the motorcycle got away, and the squad car is totaled. Chief Frego stated Officer Rybicki was released for duty starting tomorrow. Commissioner Hejl was not clear on this matter, wherein Chief Frego explain that Officer Rybicki was released by the doctor to return to work. Chief Frego stated the other injuries were not serious; however, he anticipates hearing more on this incident in the future. Commissioner Dodaro advised there was an internal investigation on going at this time.

**ANY AND ALL**

There were no items brought up during "Any and All."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, June 10, 2013. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hejl made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

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

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Ronald Vale, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary