

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 3, 2013

The June 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on June 3, 2013 at 6:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Dodaro called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 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, Rose Hejl, Robert Long, Ronald Vale, and Frank Chapranda. 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

May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Resignations of Commissioners – Commissioner Hejl advised that William Dodaro and Donald Farris have resigned from the Police Commission. Commissioner Hejl stated she would like to acknowledge their service and dedication to the Commission for the past nine (9) years, and on behalf of all the present commissioners, she would like to thank them.

New Commissioner(s) – Commissioner Hejl stated the Commission would like to welcome its newest Commissioner, Frank Chapranda. Commissioner Chapranda was present and acknowledged the welcome.

Chief Frego stated he spoke with Attorney Timothy Kuiper earlier today regarding the Chairman's position of the Police Commission due to the resignation of the Chairman, and Attorney Kuiper advised that Commissioner Hejl does not automatically assume the position of Chairman. Attorney Kuiper stated once the Board is full again with five (5) Commissioners, then they re-elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Until then, Commissioner Hejl will assume of the position of Interim Chairman. Commissioner Hejl queried as to when the Commission would be getting its fifth member, and Chief Frego stated he did not know at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Due to re-scheduling the monthly meeting of the Police Commission to a week earlier and being the month of May did not end until just this past Friday, there was not sufficient time to compile the Monthly Report for tonight's meeting. The Monthly Report will be compiled as usual and will be distributed upon its completion.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of "Old Business."

HUMAN RESOURCES

COPS Grant to Hire a Veteran – Chief Frego stated he has extended a Conditional Offer of Employment to Applicant David Wortsman pending his successful completion of the medical and psychological exams and PERF approval. Mr. Wortsman has completed both his physical and psychological examinations, and is currently waiting for PERF approval. Chief Frego stated he does not foresee any problems obtaining PERF approval, and is still hoping to have Mr. Wortsman on staff by July 1, 2013. Chief Frego stated he would like the Commission to make a motion to approve the hiring of David Wortsman effective July 1, 2013. Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve hiring Applicant David Wortsman effective July 1, 2013, pending PERF approval. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated Officer Brett Sidenbender has been selected to be the Student Resource Officer (SRO) at Lake Central High School. Later this month, Officer Sidenbender will be attending a 40-hour NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) course in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At the completion of the 40-hour course, Officer Sidenbender will be a Certified School Resource Officer and will attend continuing education classes after that. Officer Sidenbender is looking forward to his training and getting settled over at Lake Central High School. He will begin his duties on or around August 12, 2013. Chief Frego stated he is looking forward to having Officer Sidenbender in the school.

Regarding the new officer, Chief Frego stated David Wortsman will be attending NILEA on or about August 5, 2013. The physical agility test is on July 29, 2013. The Academy will last 16 weeks, and Mr. Wortsman will not be back at the department until almost January, 2014.

Chief Frego stated he would like to welcome Commissioner Frank Chapranda to the Police Commission. Chief Frego commented he worked with Frank for a long time, during which time Frank was a Sergeant, a Commander, and the Assistant Chief while employed by the Department. Chief Frego stated Frank served the department and community well, and he feels Frank will do the same as a Commissioner.

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, July 8, 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 Vale made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, the motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

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

Ronald Vale, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary