

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 8, 2013

The July 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on July 8, 2013 at 6:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Hejl 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 was Chief of Police Fred Frego. Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala was not present due to a family emergency. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

June 3, 2013 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the June 3, 2013 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Long, 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 June 2013. Chief Frego stated that from June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,177 miles and responded to 578 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 22 adult arrests with 32 charges being filed, and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed. There were 230 traffic citations issued along with 57 written warnings for a total of 287 citations being issued during the month of June 2013 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of June, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$6,917.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. The total number of traffic stops for the month of June was 597, for a year-to-date total of 3,307 traffic stops.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hejl queried whether Officer Sidenbender had completed his training to become a School Resource Officer (SRO). Chief Frego advised that Officer Sidenbender attended a 40-hour training class to become a SRO in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he successfully completed said training. Chief Frego stated that Officer Sidenbender is currently conducting Active Shooter Training at the high school. This is the department's second time around conducting Active Shooter Training with other departments.

Chief Frego advised the department's new officer, David Wortsman, was sworn in at the Town Council's last meeting. Officer Wortsman started work a week ago today on July 1, 2013.

Officer Wortsman is scheduled to attend the Physical Agility Assessment on July 29, 2013, and he will start the Academy on August 5, 2013.

In response to Commissioner Long's question, Chief Frego advised the Department currently has eight (8) active Reserve Officers.

HUMAN RESOURCES

COPS Grant to Hire a Veteran – Chief Frego stated regarding the COPS Grant, a Progress Report is due by July 30, 2013. At this time, we will be able to report we have, in fact, hired an officer, which will enable them to begin the payout on the Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Long made a motion to approve the Organizational Chart presented by Chief Frego to add the position of Commander. With a second by Commissioner Vale, the motion carried (3 in favor / 0 against / 1 abstaining; namely, Commissioner Chapranda).

Commissioner Vale made a motion to begin the process to establish an Eligibility List for Police Officer with advertising for applications in August. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously. Much discussion ensued, after which the Commission agreed to the following agenda for the process:

Advertise for Applications:	August 1, 2013
Accept Applications:	August 1-16, 2013
Applications Due:	Friday, September 20, 2013 by 4:00 P.M.
Orientation:	Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.
Physical Agility / Written Test:	Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 8:00 A.M. (Locations to be announced)

Commissioner Long made a motion to conduct a Sergeant's test on a date to be determined. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, the motion carried unanimously (4-0).

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego had no further comments 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, August 12, 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 Long made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, the motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

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

Ronald Vale, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary