

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2013**

The August 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on August 12, 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, Ronald Vale, and Frank Chapranda. 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.

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

**July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting** - Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, 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 July 2013. Chief Frego stated that from July 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 20,251 miles and responded to 509 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 20 adult arrests with 30 charges being filed, and 1 juvenile arrest with 1 charge being filed. There were 170 traffic citations issued along with 26 written warnings for a total of 196 citations being issued during the month of July 2013 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of July, vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00, and all other thefts totaled \$18,601.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. The total number of traffic stops for the month of July was 641, for a year-to-date total of 3,948 traffic stops.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hejl queried whether the availability of applications for the Police Officer Eligibility List was advertised as specified. Recording Secretary Joan Gorcos advised they were and to date, 46 application packets had been given out. Commissioner Hejl requested Ms. Gorcos check the Town website to make sure the advertisement for the hiring process was posted there as well. Chief Frego advised the application packets will be available until Friday, August 16, 2013.

Chief Frego advised that the Department's new officer, David Wortsman, is currently in the Academy at NILEA and doing well.

Regarding the Interlocal Agreement for the School Resource Officer (SRO), Chief Frego stated the agreement has been signed by the Lake Central School Corporation, as well as by the Towns of Dyer, Schererville and St. John. SRO Sidenbender was in the high school today, and the first day of school for the students is tomorrow, August 13, 2013.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Eligibility List** – Commissioner Hejl inquired as to which Eligibility List this item referred to, and Commissioner Vale and Chief Frego advised it was reference the application packets that had just been discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Frego stated the Department received approval from the Town Council for the purchase of two (2) new vehicles, and he wished to thank the Town Council for their approval. The vehicles are 2014 Ford all-wheel drive vehicles that look like Explorers. The vehicles were ordered Friday, and it will be approximately eight (8) weeks before they arrive.

**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, September 9, 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 (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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