

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2013

The December 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on December 16, 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 was Chief of Police Fred Frego. Commissioner Robert Long and Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala were not in attendance. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

November 11, 2013 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the November 11, 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 November 2013. Chief Frego stated that from November 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 20,876 miles and responded to 399 incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 20 adult arrests with 37 charges being filed, and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed. There were 157 traffic citations issued along with 36 written warnings for a total of 193 citations being issued during the month of November 2013 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 \$2,809.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00. The total number of traffic stops for the month of November was 685, for a year-to-date total of 6,200 traffic stops.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no matters of "Old Business."

HUMAN RESOURCES

Eligibility List – Commissioner Vale made a motion to approve the Final Register as presented. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised the Department's new officer is in field training at this time, and is doing well. Chief Frego stated it is going to take a little bit of time for this officer to learn the streets, but he felt everything was going to be okay.

ANY AND ALL

Commissioner Chapranda asked Chief Frego if there was anything more regarding the position of Commander such as duties, responsibilities, etc. Chief Frego advised that a job description exists for that position, and it's the same job description as when Commissioner Chapranda was a Commander. Commissioner Chapranda stated he does not have a copy of that job description in his manual. Chief Frego presented Commissioner Chapranda with copies of both the Administrative Commander's and the Patrol Commander's job descriptions. In response to Commissioner Chapranda's question, Chief Frego confirmed that the Commander position will be for Patrol when it comes about.

Commissioner Chapranda queried as to the progress of the new policies and procedures. Chief Frego stated they were being worked on and developed. Chief Frego stated that as he explained before, there are 172 standards which have to be met for accreditation and some of our current policies meet those standards, some of them do not, and there are some policies that we currently do not have. Chief Frego gave a verbal example of a policy. Chief Frego advised all the policies have to be completed and then presented to the accreditation company for approval. Once the accreditation company approves them, the policies will be provided to the Commission for adoption. Some discussion ensued. Chief Frego said it takes about a 1-1/2 – 2 years to get the policies written and then approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, January 13, 2014. 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.

Commissioner Chapranda stated he would like to schedule an Executive Session just for the Commission for the purpose of getting some matters cleared up as to what the Commissioners can and cannot do, and then possibly a second Executive Session that would include the Chief. After some discussion regarding the date and purpose of the Executive Session, it was determined an Executive Session would be scheduled for 5:30 P.M. on January 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vale made a motion for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Chapranda, the motion carried (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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

Ronald Vale, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary