

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The September 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on September 8, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Haluska called the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 P.M. and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Haluska requested a moment of silence for fallen Merrillville Police Officer Nickolaus Schultz.

Roll call was taken with the following members of the Police Commission being present; namely, Paul Haluska, Rose Hejl, and Robert Long. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Town Councilman Kenneth Gembala. Commissioners Ronald Vale and Frank Chapranda were not present at tonight's meeting. No legal representation was in attendance at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting - Commissioner Long moved to approve the minutes as written from the August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of "Correspondence / Communications" brought up at tonight's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for August 2014. Chief Frego stated that from August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 17,854 miles and responded to 480 law incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 25 adult arrests with 51 charges being filed, and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed. There were 236 traffic citations issued along with 38 written warnings for a total of 274 citations being issued during the month of August 2014 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of August, vehicle thefts totaled \$4,500.00, and all other thefts totaled \$3,230.00. The total value of recovered property was \$0.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Department's Accreditation Process – Chief Frego advised they were in the process of developing tests for all the procedures. The tests will be in the Power DMS and will take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete. The officers are required to sign off on the policy

and then take a short test on the policy. All activity by officers reviewing policies will be recorded through Power DMS. Currently, there are approximately four or five tests which have been completed. Chief Frego advised they are moving towards the mock assessment.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Sergeant's Test – Test Date Change – Chief Frego advised the Sergeant's Test is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. The officers have been studying hard. The books have been available for some time, and are due to be returned in approximately two weeks. Chief Frego stated he felt the officers have had ample opportunity to study the books, and he is looking forward to giving them the test. Commissioner Long queried if all the Commissioners need to be present to help administer the Sergeant's Test. Commissioner Haluska advised that commissioners were only present to proctor the test and since there were only three (3) officers taking the test, it would not necessary for all the Commissioners to be present. Commissioner Long then questioned the length of the test, and Chief Frego advised it would be done in two (2) hours. Chief Frego stated the Commissioners did not need to be present but if they wanted to be present, that would be fine.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters of "New Business" brought up at tonight's meeting.

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego advised Commissioner Frank Chapranda submitted a letter of resignation from the Commission earlier in the day. Further, Commissioner Ron Vale was removed from the Commission by the Town Council on August 28, 2014. Chief Frego stated hopefully, the Town Council will appoint two (2) new commissioners in a timely fashion, as the Commission really needs five (5) members.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters brought up under "Any and All."

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, October 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hejl moved for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Long, 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

Paul Haluska, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary