

## **ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2014**

The November 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on November 11, 2014 at 6:30 P.M., as advertised, pursuant to law. Commissioner Haluska called the meeting to order promptly at 6:40 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, Paul Haluska, Rose Hejl, Robert Long, Charles Sawyer and Kevin Vana. Also present were Chief of Police Fred Frego and Attorney David Austgen. Town Councilman Kenneth Gembala was not present at tonight's meeting.

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

**September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting** - Commissioner Hejl moved to approve the minutes as written from the September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried unanimously (3-0-2, with the two new members abstaining).

### **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 October 2014. Chief Frego stated that from October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 16,761 miles and responded to 449 law incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 20 adult arrests with 32 charges being filed, and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed. There were 214 traffic citations issued along with 31 written warnings for a total of 245 citations being issued during the month of October 2014 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Also during the month of October, vehicle thefts totaled \$7,000.00, and all other thefts totaled \$25,730.00. The total value of recovered property was \$7,000.00.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Police Department's Accreditation Process** – Chief Frego stated the Commission has approved all the policies and orders. The Department is currently in the process of creating the tests on the new policies, and they are approximately three-quarters of the way done on completing the tests. The officers are now reading through the new policies and then taking the tests on the policies. Chief Frego stated he feels the Department is about half way through this phase. Chief Frego advised they are aiming for early January to conduct a mock accreditation by the Committee in Indianapolis. Chief Frego stated he hopes for the Department to become accredited in the first quarter of 2015.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Sergeant's Test** –The results are back from the Sergeant's Written Test, and Chief Frego advised the Commission he feels this matter needs to be discussed further but due to other events taking place, this matter is taking a back seat. Chief Frego stated he does not feel it is critical or imperative to promote a Sergeant right now.

**Corporal's Eligibility List – Extend Expiration Deadline** – Chief Frego advised the current Corporal's Eligibility List expires on December 10, 2014, and by authority of the old and new general orders, and with the Commission's approval, Chief Frego stated he is asking to extend the expiration date of the list for an additional 120 days. Commissioner Long asked Chief Frego if his request to extend the expiration deadline was due to the fact there was a lot going on, and if the Chief was just not ready to do another list at this time. Chief Frego replied he did not feel it benefits the Department at this time to have another testing process due to the expense involved. Chief Frego stated there is a good candidate on the current list and hopefully, he would like to get him promoted; therefore, he needs an extension. Commissioner Hejl moved to extend the expiration date of the current Corporal's Eligibility List by 120 days. With a second by Commissioner Sawyer, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers** – Commissioner Haluska opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Long moved to nominate Rose Hejl as Chairman of the Police Commission. With a second by Commissioner Sawyer, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Haluska opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Long moved to nominate Paul Haluska as Vice-Chairman of the Police Commission. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Commissioner Haluska opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Long moved to nominate Charles Sawyer as Secretary of the Police Commission. With a second by Commissioner Hejl, the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **CHIEF'S COMMENTS**

Chief Frego stated he would like to thank the Commission for their time and dedication as always, and he stated he would like to welcome the two (2) new Commissioners. He also stated things are going well with the Accreditation and with the Department itself.

Chief Frego commented he would like to recognize that today is Veteran's Day, as it is a day that should be recognized. Chief Frego stated he is a veteran, and he went to a program today at the school for Veteran's Day. He felt it was really nice to see all that is being done to recognize Veterans, especially the young guys who are now coming back. Chief Frego stated the students are being educated about veterans, they seem to receive the information very well, and it is really nice to be appreciated. Some discussion ensued.

**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, December 8, 2014. The Regular Public Meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. There will be a Work Study Session only if deemed necessary. Per Attorney Austgen's recommendation, it should be noted there is a tentative Executive Session scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. Any and all Executive Sessions will be advertised pursuant to law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Haluska moved for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Long, the motion carried (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

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Charles Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:

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Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary