

ST. JOHN POLICE COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 10, 2015

The August 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John was held on August 10, 2015 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, Paul Haluska, and Charles Sawyer. Also present was Chief Fred Frego and Attorney David Austgen. Commissioners Robert Long and Kevin Vana, along with Town Council Liaison Kenneth Gembala, were not present.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

Commissioner Haluska moved to approve the previous minutes. With a second by Commissioner Sawyer, the motion carried unanimously (3-0). It should be noted the signed minutes given to the Recording Secretary at the conclusion of tonight's meeting were not the same minutes prepared by the Recording Secretary and presented to the Commission for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Austgen reminded Chairman Hejl the Commission did receive a letter of communication from the Police Chief concerning the recommendation and imposition of discipline. Attorney Austgen stated he would request the solicitation of a motion and a second to authorize the Chairman of the Commission to issue notice to the affected officer. Commissioner Haluska moved to authorize the Police Commission Chairman to issue a letter to the affected officer concerning the issue at hand. With a second by Commissioner Sawyer, the motion carried unanimously (3-0).

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Frego read the monthly report for July 2015. Chief Frego stated from July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015, the members of the St. John Police Department logged 18,359 miles and responded to 507 law incidents. The investigation of these incidents led to 17 adult arrests with 26 charges being filed and 0 juvenile arrests with 0 charges being filed. There were 146 traffic citations issued, along with 33 written warnings, for a total of 179 citations being issued during the month of July 2015 by the officers of the St. John Police Department. Vehicle thefts totaled \$0.00. Other thefts totaled \$2,464.00. Recovered property totaled \$0.00.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Department's Accreditation Process – Chief Frego advised the department is in the very, very final stages of the Accreditation, and are working on the last element which involves auditing the Evidence Room. Chief Frego stated they are on schedule for the mock assessment

in September. The final Accreditation check is scheduled for some time in the month of October.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Chief Frego stated there currently is one Reserve Officer in the Field Training phase. This Reserve Officer is doing well, and they are looking forward to getting him out on his own.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of "New Business."

CHIEF'S COMMENTS

Chief Frego stated the Department hosted the National Night Out on August 4, 2015, and it was a nice event. Chief Frego commented he would like to publically thank the St. John Target and the Strack and Van Til's in St. John for their very generous contribution and participation in our National Night Out. The St. John Target had a large staff present, and they supplied all the beverages and ice for the event, while Strack and Van Til's supplied all the food (hot dogs, buns, etc.). Chief Frego stated he felt their participation really enhanced the partnership between the business community and the Town, and it aided in the safety of the Town. It was a nice event and hopefully, it will grow larger next year.

ANY AND ALL

There were no matters of "Any and All."

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no matters of "Public Comment."

MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Regular Meeting should be held on Monday, September 14, 2015. 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 Haluska moved for adjournment. With a second by Commissioner Sawyer, 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

Charles Sawyer, Secretary

ATTEST:

Joan M. Gorcos, Recording Secretary