

ORDINANCE NO. 367

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND ABOLISHING THE OFFICE OF TOWN MARSHALL IN THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SAID BOARD OF METROPOLITAN POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND FIXING THE TERMS OF OFFICE AND THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, the question of the advisability of abolishing the office of Town Marshall and the establishment of a Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners was submitted to the voters of the Town of St. John on May 2, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the voters of the Town of St. John voted in favor of abolishing the office of Town Marshall and establishing a Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners on May 2, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the said vote of said question has been canvassed and certified by the County Election Board to the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, that

Section 1

The office of Town Marshall of the Town of St. John is hereby abolished as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 2.

That there is hereby established a Metropolitan Board of Police Commissioners, which said Board shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees, and which Board shall be officially known as the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the Town of St. John, Indiana.

### Section 3

The said Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John. The Commissioners shall be appointed to commence to serve as of May 15, 1972 and said terms shall be as follows: one Commissioner shall be appointed to serve until January 1, 1973; one Commissioner shall be appointed to serve until January 1, 1974; and one Commissioner shall be appointed to serve until January 1, 1975. On January 1, 1973, and on the first day of January thereafter, one Commissioner shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; provided, however, that said Commissioners shall be subject to removal by the Board of Trustees for any cause which the Board may deem sufficient by law.

### Section 4

Prior to entry upon their duties, the Commissioners thus appointed shall each take and subscribe an oath of office before the Clerk of the Circuit or Superior Court of Lake County, Indiana, and shall also take and subscribe before such Clerk the further oath or affirmation that they, in any and every appointment or removal to be made by them to or for the Police Force created and to be organized by them under the provisions of the laws of the State of Indiana, shall in no case and under no pretext appoint or remove any policeman, officer of police or other person because of any political affiliation of such person, or for any cause or reason other than that of fitness or unfitness of such person. Said Commissioners shall each give bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) payable to the State of Indiana, conditioned upon the faithful and honest discharge of their duties

which bond shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and the premium therefrom shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Town of St. John.

Section 5

The salary of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners is hereby fixed at the sum of \$ NONE per year, payable quarterly out of the Treasury of the Town.

Section 6

VICTOR MONNETT, is now hereby appointed as a Commissioner to serve on said Board for the term expiring on January 1, 1973.

STANLEY GAELECKI, is now hereby appointed as a Commissioner to serve on said Board for the term expiring on January 1, 1974.

THOMAS SMITZLEY, is now hereby appointed as a Commissioner to serve on said Board for the term expiring on January 1, 1975.

WHEREAS, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this Ordinance, the same shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, this 15 day of MAY, 1972.

William T. Tully  
Kenneth C. Fellberg

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OF THE TOWN  
OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

ATTEST:

Betty L. Spedlman  
Clerk-Treasurer