

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE BELVIDERE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hunter called this Special Meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to Order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: All Commissioners were personally and physically present in the meeting room. No Commissioner attended by electronic or remote methods.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment presented.

READING OF THE MINUTES: No proposed Minutes of prior Meetings of the Board were distributed. By consensus, the Board decided to Postpone Consideration of these proposed Minutes until the next Board Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. *Bills Payable.* An Invoice for \$520.10 from Swedish-American Hospital was presented for its medical examination of Police Officer Candidate Anthony Jones. Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Pay this Invoice As Presented. Commissioner Gonzalez seconded this motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion had passed and the Invoice was approved for payment.

B. *Police Chief's Report.*

Police Chief Shane Woody presented the following report:

(1) Probationary Police Officer Kasperovich is now in Step II of the FTO Program under the supervision of FT Officer Bell. He is progressing as expected.

C. *Fire Chief's Report.*

As Fire Chef Hyser was absent (no Fire Department items were on tonight's Agenda), there was no Report presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) *Police – Review and Approval of the Psychological Exam for Anthony Jones*

The Board reviewed the written Psychological Examination Report of original Police Officer Candidate Anthony Jones. Commissioner Gonzalez made a verbal Motion That Candidate Jones had successfully completed the Psychological Examination portion of the required steps of the Hiring Process. Commissioner Phillips verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and Candidate Jones has successfully passed the Psychological Examination portion of the Board's Hiring Process.

(B) *Police – Review and Approval of the Psychological Exam for Anthony Jones*

The Board reviewed the written Medical Examination Report of original Police Officer Candidate Anthony Jones. Commissioner Gonzalez made a verbal Motion That Candidate Jones had successfully completed the Medical Examination portion of the required steps of the Hiring Process and that he be appointed as a Probationary Police Officer for the City of Belvidere. Commissioner Phillips verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and Candidate Jones has successfully passed the Medical Examination portion of the Board's Hiring Process and that Candidate Jones is hereby appointed as a Probationary Police Officer for the City of Belvidere.

(C) *Police – Approval for hiring of Anthony Jones*

Commissioner Gonzalez made a verbal Motion That Candidate Anthony Jones be appointed as a Probationary Police Officer for the City of Belvidere. Commissioner Phillips verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and Candidate Jones has successfully passed the Medical Examination portion of the Board's Hiring Process and that Candidate Jones is hereby appointed as a Probationary Police Officer for the City of Belvidere.

(D) *Police – Review of Backgrounds*

The Board then reviewed the written background reports of candidates for the original hire as Police Officer of the City of Belvidere. No Motion or vote was made and no action was taken

(E) *Police – Review and Approval/Removal of Candidates based on Background Investigations.*

(1) Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Find that Police Officer Candidate John M. Rodriguez (#11 on the Initial Eligibility Register) did not successfully pass the required background Investigation and that his name be removed from the Initial Eligibility Register. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the name of Police Candidate John M. Rodriguez shall not be placed on the Final Eligibility Register.

(2) Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Find that Police Officer Candidate Marcos Contreras (#12 on the Initial Eligibility Register) successfully passed the required background Investigation and that Candidate Contreras shall continue to be considered for placement on the Final Eligibility Register for the position of Police Officer of the City of Belvidere. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Police Candidate Marcos Contreras shall continue through the hiring process for the position of Police Officer of the City of Belvidere.

(3) Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Find that Police Officer Candidate Tristan Seitz (#13 on the Initial Eligibility Register) did not successfully pass the required background Investigation and that his name be removed from the Initial Eligibility Register. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the name of Police Candidate Tristan Seitz shall not be placed on the Final Eligibility Register.

(4) Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Find that Police Officer Candidate Jonathan Lerch (#14 on the Initial Eligibility Register) successfully passed the required background investigation and that Candidate Contreras shall continue to be considered for placement on the Final Eligibility Register for the position of Police Officer of the City of Belvidere. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote was held with the following results:

Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye
Chair Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Police Candidate Jonathan Lerch shall continue through the hiring process for the position of Police Officer of the City of Belvidere.

(F) *Police – Review and Approval of next available candidates for polygraph exams.*

Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Request that Police Officer Candidates Marcos Contreras and Jonathan Lerch undertake the Polygraph Examination portion of the required hiring process for the position of Police Officer for the City of Belvidere. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Voice Vote was held and Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed. The Police Department shall tender this request to Candidates Contreras and Lerch and shall schedule the said Polygraph Examinations.

OTHER BUSINESS: None considered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Gonzalez made a verbal Motion To Adjourn. Chair Hunter verbally seconded this Motion. A voice vote was held and Chair Hunter declared the Motion as Passed and the Meeting as adjourned. The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Phillips

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Secretary of the Board of Fire and
Police Commissioners

APPROVED by Vote of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners on April 1, 2020 