**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELVIDERE
HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2021 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 5:40 PM with the arrival of Commissioner Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL: All Commissioners were personally and physically present in the meeting room. No Commissioner attended by electronic or remote methods. Police Chief Shane Woody was personally present, as was Deputy Police Chief Wallace. The Fire Chief was not present. Board Counsel Roberta Holzwarth was not present. Also present was Belvidere City Attorney Michael Drella, Belvidere Police Officer Matthew Korn and his Attorney, John Roche. No members of the general public were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment presented.

APPROVING OF THE MINUTES: There were no Minutes considered by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. *Bills Payable.*

(1) An Invoice from Holmstrom & Kennedy, P.C., dated July 14, 2021 and numbered 29910 for legal services provided to the Board between June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of $1,935.00. Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Pay this Invoice As Presented. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

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

(2) An Invoice #106415 for $ 1,830.00 dated July 22, 2021 from C.O.P.S. And F.I.R.E. Personnel Services, Inc. for Administering three (3) Pre-Employment Psychological Tests and three Polygraph Examinations to Police Officer Candidates Steven Golden, Zachary Smith and Darrell Rackley. Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Pay this Invoice As Presented. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

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

B. Police Chief's Report. Police Chief Woody did not present a verbal or written report.

C. Fire Chief's Report. None presented as Fire Chief Hyser was absent from this Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Police – Discipline Matter Matthew Korn.*

City Attorney Michael Drella verbally summarized the Three-Count Charge filed by Police Chief Shane Woody at the Board's last Meeting as well as a negotiated disposition of said Charge.

Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion for the Board to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as amended, to discuss a personnel matter concerning one City employee and to allow Belvidere Police Officer Matthew Korn and his attorney John Roche, City Attorney Michael Drella, Police Chief Shane Woody and Deputy Police Chief Matthew Wallace to remain in room during this Executive Session. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

> Commissioner Gonzalez   Aye
> Commissioner Phillips   Aye
> Commissioner Hunter   Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion had passed and the Board entered into Executive Session at 5:40 PM. The Board returned to Public Session at 5:54 PM after the termination of the Executive Session.

On behalf of Belvidere Police Chief Shane Woody, City Attorney Michael Drella verbally requested Leave form the Board t o file a One-County Amended Charge in lieu of the original Three-Count Charge. City Attorney Drella summarized the allegations of the One-Count Amended Charge. Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Allow the Police Chief to file the Amended One-Count Charge in lieu of the previously-filed Three-Count original Charge against Police Officer Matthew Korn. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

> Commissioner Gonzalez   Aye
> Commissioner Phillips   Aye
> Commissioner Hunter   Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion had passed and the Police Chief is hereby granted permission to file the Amended One-County Charge against Police Officer Matthew Korn in lieu of the original Three-Count Charge previously filed with the Board.

At the request of City Attorney Drella, Police Officer Matthew Officer Korn verbally stipulated to the truth of the facts as contained in the Amended Charge filed this date and to the violation alleged therein. City Attorney Drella then presented the Board with a written document entitled "Finding and Decision" as the disposition of the Amended Charge as requested by both Police Chief Woody and by Police Officer Korn. The Board then reviewed the proposed Finding and Decision. Commissioner Phillips then made a verbal Motion to adopt the Finding and Decision as proposed by the parties hereto charge as the disposition of the Amended Charge and to impose the discipline upon Officer Korn as stated in the said Finding and Decision. Commissioner Gonzalez verbally seconded this Motion. A Roll Call Vote ensued with the following results:

Commissioner Gonzalez	Aye
Commissioner Phillips	Aye
Commissioner Hunter	Aye

Chair Hunter declared the Motion had passed and the Finding and Decision is hereby adopted as the official disposition of the said Amended Charge and the Discipline as stated in said Finding and Decision document is hereby imposed upon Belvidere Police Officer Matthew Korn.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Phillips made a verbal Motion To Adjourn. Commissioner 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 about 6:08 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 November 3, 2021.