

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF STEVENS POINT POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
HELD ON
MARCH 29, 2021
10:00 AM**

1. **Roll Call:** Kirschling, Moore, Ostrowski, Wescott

Also present: Attorney Dean Dietrich, Fire Chief Finn, Police Chief Zenner, Attorney
 Check Blumenfield, Attorney William Morgan, Assistant Chief Moody,
 Casey Bielen

2. **Announcement of Commission decision regarding charges filed against
Firefighter/Paramedic Casey Bielen**

 This matter involved two disciplinary charges brought against Firefighter Casey Bielen, a
 member of the Stevens Point Fire Department.

Charge No.1:

 The first proceeding arises from the Appeal of a Disciplinary Suspension issued by Fire
 Chief Robert Finn to the Stevens Point Police and Fire Commission dated April 8, 2020.
 Because of the pandemic, an agreement was reached between the City of Stevens
 Point and Casey Bielen that this matter would be postponed until a hearing at a later
 date and Bielen would serve the four day suspension.

ORDER:

 The commission hereby issues the following order:

- The Statement of Charges issued by the City should be upheld in its entirety,
 including the issuance of a "Last Chance Letter" to Bielen for his conduct on
 January 26, 2020;
- The disciplinary action in the form of a four day suspension without pay and other
 requirements shall be implemented and the disciplinary notice shall be placed in
 the personnel file of Bielen.

Charge No. 2:

The second proceeding involved the Amended Statement of Charges filed against Bielen on August 19, 2020. The parties initially proceeded to schedule a hearing on this matter but the scheduling of the hearing was delayed due to requests from the city for postponement and the continued impact of the pandemic.

ORDER:

Having considered all of the evidence, testimony and arguments presented by the parties, the Commission issues the following order:

- Casey Bielen is hereby removed from the service of the Stevens Point Fire Department for violation of the Department Rules and Regulations and Standard Operating Procedures effective immediately.

The Vote by Commissioners in each of the two matters was four voting in favor of the issuance of the order and zero voting against the issuing of the order.

3. Adjournment

Commissioner Wescott moved, seconded by Commissioner Moore to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.