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Scatchell v. Board of Fire and Police Commisioners for Village of Melrose Park

Appellate Court of Illinois - September 30, 2022 - N.E.3d - 2022 IL App (1st) 201361 - 2022 WL 4590759

Former police officer appealed decision of village board of fire and police commissioners, which terminated officer after finding that he had violated departmental policies.

The Circuit Court upheld the board's decision. Officer appealed.

The Appellate Court held that:

- Seven of eight factual findings that officer violated departmental policies were not against the manifest weight of the evidence;
- Decision to terminate officer was neither unreasonable nor arbitrary, and was appropriate considering nature and scope of his misconduct;
- Police department not violate its own policies, collective bargaining agreement with officer's union, or any other procedural challenges while investigating officer;
- Officer failed to establish that board violated the Open Meetings Act; and
- Trial court did not abuse its discretion in denying officer leave to amend his complaint.

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