



Liquor Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Committee Members Present

Hank Gamel, Herman Fogal, Loise Haines

Committee Members Not Present

Wayne Mathis

Others Present

Mayor Charles Smith, Administrator Scott Eisenhauer, Chief Tony Brown, Attorney David Wesner, Clerk Janet Gray, Trustee Sherry Johnson, Jim Johnson, Eric Thompson, Gage Peters, Norma Sole

Mayor Smith, Liquor Commissioner, opened the meeting at 6:34pm.

Agenda

Mr. Gamel made the motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Fogal seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Public Participation

No public participation.

April 1, 2021 Minutes

Ms. Haines made a motion to remove the following sentence from the Rantoul Family Sports Complex discussion, "The Village would rent him a window at the concession stand," and to change the sentence, "the meeting resulted at..." to "the meeting resumed at..." from the draft minutes. Mr. Gamel seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Fogal made the motion to approve the April 1, 2021 meeting minutes with the amendments noted above, Mr. Gamel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Class R Liquor License Semi-Annual Reporting Structure

Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 31 (7) - Class R, Restaurant License

- d. Total gross revenues from the sale of alcoholic liquor by a restaurant having a class R, restaurant license shall not exceed 50 percent of the total gross revenues from the combined sale of food and of alcoholic liquor in any calendar quarter. Any licensee holding a class R, restaurant license shall file with the local commissioner on or before May 1 and November 1 of each year an affidavit setting forth the gross revenues from the sale of food and of alcoholic liquor, respectively.*

Mayor Smith was approached by a current Class R Liquor Licensee regarding how sales from a third-party food truck affect the current requirements of the food and liquor sales documented on the semi-annual reporting. The licensee sales from the establishment are to be tallied separate from those of the food truck. Mr. Gamel stated that the license holder is responsible for the appropriate food sales percentages, this unconventional arrangement would be setting a non-standard precedence. Chief Brown added that if it were the licensee's food truck, and not an outside vendor, that the sales would count towards those totals. Attorney Wesner will draft a response on behalf of the Village to the licensee in question.

Liquor Delivery

Gage Peters, Owner of Swiftly Delivers, operates a food delivery service based in Rantoul servicing Rantoul, Thomasboro, Gifford, and soon Paxton. Mr. Peters would like to expand his services to bring alcohol delivery to the area. Mayor Smith stated that clarification would be needed for the ordinance to add these services. Mr. Gamel added that an alcohol delivery service from point A to point B would boost sales for our current licensees. Mr. Thompson stated that this could detour an already intoxicated person from getting behind the wheel of a vehicle. Ms. Haines indicated concerns about the end-user being of age. Mr. Peters shared that he has special guidelines in place, which include: ordering safeguards within the app, drivers being over age 21, an ID scanner to assure that the purchaser receiving the alcohol is of age, and all alcohol will be kept in the locked vehicle until the identification has been verified. Chief Brown added that routine checks would take place for compliance, such as do currently for the license holders. Administrator Eisenhower stated that under the State of Illinois code, third party delivery is only allowed of pre-packaged alcohol, with an unbroken seal from a licensee that allows for off-premises consumption. Class P-1, Class P-2, and Class A are the only Village licenses with this provision. The State of Illinois has adopted new liquor delivery guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attorney Wesner will research what current guidelines are in place, and what would be required for an ordinance to bring to the Village Board meeting in August.

Class T-1 Liquor License

*Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Beverages
Article III – Temporary Permits / Class T-1 Permit*

- a. A Class T-1 Permit may be issued to any duly constituted educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious or other nonprofit organization other than a club for certain premises located in any zoning district other than any residential district established under and pursuant to the zoning ordinance, as supplemented and amended from time to time.*
- b. A Class T-1 Permit may be issued for any specified period of time of not to exceed two consecutive days.*
- c. Any authorized organization shall not be issued more than three Class T-1 Permits in any calendar year.*
- d. The fee for each Class T-1 Permit shall be in the amount determined from time to time by the village board.*

Proposed Class T-1 Permit Modification:

c. The temporary liquor license shall specify the dates and times approved by the Liquor Commissioner for the license.

Administrator Eisenhower shared that under the Class T-1 Permit, organizations are restricted to three permits per calendar year. With the current language, events such as Freedom Fridays, Farmer's Market, Shop n' Sip, and Christmas Market are required to obtain a separate permit for each event held. With the recommended verbiage change, this would allow for same or similar events to be under one umbrella, such as the Chamber of Commerce, allowing recruitment of local licensee vendors to participate. All other restrictions with this Class T-1 Permit would remain intact. Ms. Haines questioned how this would affect the current COVID changes. Mr. Gamel stated that he envisions this being a positive change with various opportunities downtown, Wabash Park, the Hangars, etc. Mr. Fogel reviewed the current dram insurance requirements for events such as these. The Committee agreed to move forward with the changes outlined.

Other Business

The Committee requested updates on the status of the proposed liquor licenses for the Sports Complex. Administrator Eisenhower shared that marked discussions in regards to exclusivity, method of delivery, security, consumption limits, and the duration of licensee terms are needed prior to moving forward. Ms. Haines expressed concern about individuals being over-served and consumption by minors. Chief Brown stated that routine checks would occur for compliance. Mr. Thompson added that this is a very controlled environment, and it is unlikely to get out of hand with the parents present and the proper protocols in place. Administrator Eisenhower stated that in researching other similar facilities, they simply do not experience over-sales or over-consumption. The Fringe's Class A Liquor License allows liquor to be served only on their premises, and The Fringe is currently the only Liquor Licensee at the complex. Mr. Gamel stated that there are development opportunities around the complex for other adult consumption options. Mr. Fogel added that there are some organizations that may only commit if they know that liquor is available physically on the premises.

New Business

No new business items presented.

Announcement

Mayor Smith announced that Brenda Runyon retired today after 22 years of service to the Village.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Minutes prepared, submitted, and filed by Tana Ward, Deputy Clerk