

LIQUOR AND LICENSE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The following Commission members were present: John Hammerand, Chairman; Diane Evertsen; and John Jung. Bob Bless and Barb Wheeler were absent. Also in attendance: Kenneth Koehler, County Board Chairman and Liquor Commissioner; Jamie Rein and Sarah Jansen, State's Attorney's Office; and Lt. John Miller, McHenry County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Koehler, Ms. Rein and Ms. Jansen arrived at 10:35 a.m.

John Hammerand, Chairman
Bob Bless John Jung, Jr.
Diane Evertsen Barbara Wheeler

MINUTES: Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 and February 15, 2011 Liquor and License Commission meetings. The minutes were approved as submitted with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

Chairman Hammerand requested that Item 5.2 be heard next.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Liquor License, Manager and/or Amusement License Requests:

Cary Country Club, Inc.: Ken Swoboda and Debra Grochocinski met with the Commission to present their application for a liquor license for the Cary Country Club, Inc. Mr. Swoboda is the general manager of the golf course, one of the owners, and is the Director/Vice President of the corporation. Ms. Grochocinski will be the manager of the bar. There are six applicants for this liquor license and the remaining four applicants were present at the February 15, 2011 meeting. It was noted that Ms. Grochocinski's fingerprint results have not been received as of today's meeting. Mr. Hester's fingerprints previously forwarded to the Illinois State Police were returned to the Commission stating they were not of sufficient quality. He has since been re-fingerprinted and his fingerprints have been resubmitted to the Illinois State Police. Mr. Greele's fingerprints previously forwarded to the FBI were returned to the Commission stating they were not of sufficient quality. Mr. Greele is currently out of the country and upon his return to the United States, he will be re-fingerprinted and his set of fingerprints will be sent to the FBI. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve a Class A and Class D liquor license for Cary Country Club, Inc. conditional upon the receipt of Ms. Grochocinski's fingerprint results from the FBI and the Illinois State Police; Mr. Greele's fingerprint results from the FBI; and Mr. Hester's fingerprint results from the Illinois State Police. On a roll call vote, the motion carried with three ayes (Evertsen, Jung and Hammerand). The Commission welcomed them to the business community of McHenry County and congratulated them and thanked them in advance for being good stewards of their liquor license.

Hearings on Liquor Ordinance Violations: None.

Raffle Permit and Special Liquor License Requests:

Raffle Permits:

Liquor Commissioner Koehler approved the following Raffle Permit Applications on February 15, 2011, those being the Church of the Holy Apostles; St. Peter's Church (February 26, 2011); St. Peter's Church (July 31, 2011); Zamindar Club, Inc.; and Crystal Lake Montessori School Parent Group. Noting all documents were completed and bond information provided, Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the five Raffle Permit Applications as submitted. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Evertsen, Jung, and Hammerand).

Commissioner Koehler asked if all of the organizations who have been issued raffle permits have submitted their required report to the Commission within 30 days after the conclusion of each raffle. It was noted that there were several organizations who have not complied with this requirement. Commissioner Koehler stated that if an organization does not comply with reporting their raffle results to the Commission, they should not be allowed to be issued any future raffle permits until they come into compliance. Ms. Rein asked Ms. Haines to send a reminder letter to all organizations that are not in compliance with reporting their raffle results within 30 days after the conclusion of their raffle. If an organization does not comply within 30 days of the date of a reminder letter, Ms. Haines will report the findings back to the Commission.

Special Liquor License Requests:

Chairman Hammerand requested that the two applications for Special Liquor Licenses for the Harvard Sportsmen's Club be reviewed and voted on at the same time. This was unanimously approved by the committee members present. The Commission reviewed two applications for Special Liquor Licenses for the Harvard Sportsmen's Club, the first event being held on February 27, 2011 and the second event being held on April 15, 2011. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to take the two applications together. Chairman Hammerand mentioned that the April 15, 2011 Smelt Fry application states that they may have up to 800 people in attendance. He suggested that the license for this event be granted with the understanding that the Harvard Sportsmen's Club meet with the Sheriff's Department and have them review the planned event and a safety plan. Lt. Miller will coordinate with the Harvard Sportsmen's Club concerning this matter. Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to approve the two Special Liquor Licenses for the Harvard Sportsmen's Club as submitted, with the understanding that the Harvard Sportsmen's Club will obtain the approval of the McHenry County Sheriff's Department for the April 15, 2011 Smelt Fry event. The motion carried with all members voting aye on a roll call vote (Evertsen, Jung, and Hammerand). Ms. Haines was instructed by Chairman Hammerand to present the Harvard Sportsmen's Club with the February 27, 2011 Special Liquor License Permit. She was also instructed by Chairman Hammerand to hold the Harvard Sportsmen's Club special Liquor License Permit for the April 15, 2011 Smelt Fry event until proof of approval of the event by the Sheriff's Department.

Committee Meeting Schedule for 2011: It was the consensus of the committee to have the remaining of the 2011 Liquor and License Commission meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pending Liquor Licenses: None.

Incident Reports: None.

Update on Sting Operations: Ms. Rein mentioned that the three prior liquor ordinance violations have been completed, those being Lakeside Liquors, China Girl, Inc., d/b/a Ed's Wonder Inn, and JIYA 1, d/b/a Alden Grocery. JIYA 1, d/b/a Alden Grocery has accepted and agreed to pay a \$500 fine for its liquor ordinance violation. They have 30 days from the date of the Order to pay the fine and the fine must be paid by March 15, 2011. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, that the Commission approve the State's Attorney's \$500 fine imposed upon JIYA 1, d/b/a Alden Grocery, for their liquor ordinance violation, that the fine must be paid within 30 days from the date of the Order, and that the fine must be paid by March 15, 2011. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes (Jung, Evertsen and Hammerand).

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

REPORTS TO COMMISSION: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Jansen mentioned that there was a question recently raised concerning Rachina 1, Inc. (Mobil Speed Mart) possibly selling their business, and whether or not a new owner could obtain a new liquor license from McHenry County. Rachina 1, Inc.'s McHenry County liquor license was revoked on November 18, 2010. Ms. Jansen has researched this matter and according to state statute, a new owner of a business located on these premises

would not be able to obtain a liquor license from McHenry County for one year from the date of revocation (November 18, 2010). After one year from November 18, 2010, anyone can apply for a new liquor license for a business located on these premises.

Ms. Jansen recently received an award from the Illinois Institute for Local Government. This award is for local governments and decisions that affect local government in a positive way.

Concerning The Snuggery (previously known as Snug Harbor), Lt. Miller reported to the Commission that there was an altercation in the parking lot on February 23, 2011 which resulted in arrests. He will provide a copy of the police report to Ms. Rein and Ms. Jansen.

ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, Ms. Evertsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION/REVIEW:

None

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