

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, April 11, 2016 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston, Commissioner Mark Langan and Commissioner Mark Kuchler.

Absent: None.

Also present: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, and Executive Assistant Erica Stewart.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Livingston to approve the minutes of October 12, 2015, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class A-2 / Victory Pizza La Grange LLC d/b/a Armand's Victory Pizza

President Livingston asked Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the applicant, and to provide an overview of the liquor license application.

The Village has received an application for a Class A-2 liquor license for Armand's Victory Pizza at 26 South La Grange Road. Anthony Gambino is the Managing Partner and Daniel Horvath continues as a Member of the new LLC. Kenneth Patchak is the Liquor Manager.

Mr. Gambino indicated that he was the franchisor for the current Armand's Pizza restaurant and will now be taking over Armand's as a company store. Mr. Gambino's restaurant group manages 23 restaurants and owns seven restaurants currently. Mr. Gambino indicated that this store was selected by him because of La Grange's strong and vibrant downtown. The existing restaurant will be remodeled to include an eleven seat bar area and the menu will be enhanced to function as a full service restaurant.

Mr. Gambino expressed appreciation for the downtown valet program. President Livingston thanked Mr. Gambino for the feedback as the Village Board continues to evaluate the pilot valet program.

President Livingston also thanked the applicant for his investment in La Grange.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommends: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new Class A-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Victory Pizza La Grange LLC d/b/a Armand's Victory Pizza located at 26 South La Grange Road. Motion carried.

President Livingston stated that the recommendation for approval would be made to the Village Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 25, 2016.

4. Other Business

President Livingston stated that John and Maria Hutzler from Vino e Birra have requested that their current liquor license be modified to authorize the sale of wine in its original packaging at the La Grange Farmers Market. The C-2 Wine Boutique License classification allows for the sale of wine in its original packaging at off-premise events if specifically authorized by the license.

John Hutzler noted that Vino e Birra is considering sharing a booth at the La Grange Farmers Market with Olivaceto to sell a small selection (2 or 3) of bottled wines. No wine tastings or sales of wine by the glass would be provided. Mrs. Hutzler added that they believe that people shopping at the Farmers Market may appreciate the ability to pick up bread, olive oil and wine for dinner that evening.

After discussion, Commissioners directed staff to amend Vino e Birra's Class C-2 Wine Boutique license to allow them to sell wine in its original packaging for consumption off premises at the La Grange Farmers Market between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: April 25, 2016