

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, November 12, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was convened at 6:30 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger, Commissioner Mark Kuchler and Commissioner Mark Langan

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn  
Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson  
Village Attorney Mark Burkland  
Applicants James and Daniel Horvath

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting on October 8, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Requests / Liquor License Applicants

Horvathian, LLC d/b/a Armand's Pizzeria

Commissioner Asperger indicated that James and Daniel Horvath were present as owners of Horvathian, LLC d/b/a Armand's Pizzeria to be located at 26 S. La Grange Road. It was confirmed that the applicants were not related to Village Trustee Horvath.

Commissioner Asperger informed the applicants that liquor control is taken very seriously and it is a privilege to sell and serve liquor in the Village. Commissioner Asperger explained that the Village is a family oriented community and a Class A-1 liquor license requires that more than 60% of the gross annual revenue of the dining establishment must result from the sale of food.

Adding that there is no set number of liquor licenses but rather that licenses are considered on an individual basis, Commissioner Asperger opened the floor to the other Commissioners to ask questions of the applicant.

Commissioner Kuchler asked representatives of Armand's Pizzeria to explain why they selected an Armand's franchise. Mr. Daniel Horvath indicated they have always loved the food and know the family that owns the business. The family recently began franchising. As residents of the general area they believe the central business district of La Grange is a good fit for their business.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired if Armand's Pizzeria would have concerns with parking for those dining in or would they focus primarily on carry out delivery service. Mr. Daniel Horvath said that it is obvious that people love to walk around downtown La Grange and are expecting to park and walk to their destination. They will offer eat-in, carry-out and delivery. Delivery vehicles have arrangements for parking in the rear of the business in the alley.

Commissioner Kuchler asked if they looked at other locations for opening the franchise. Mr. James Horvath responded that they also looked at Evanston and the South Loop, but that La Grange was the best location.

Commissioner Kuchler asked about if there was a standard size of the franchise restaurants. Mr. Daniel Horvath said that they have the flexibility to determine the location, and that the space they will be occupying is slightly larger than most other locations.

Commissioner Asperger inquired about seating and Mr. Daniel Horvath noted they would have approximately 30 to 35 seats available along with outdoor seating when permitted.

Attorney Burkland inquired about how the franchise regulates local operations. Mr. Daniel Horvath responded that although the franchise regulates the food it does allow the freedom to support special events in the community.

Commissioner Langan asked about the amount of time that each owner would spend in the restaurant. Mr. James Horvath responded that they would be splitting their time and expected to spend more than 40 hours per week at the restaurant. They would also be hiring a manager to fill in.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission make a recommendation: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class A-1 liquor license and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to Horvathian, LLC d/b/a Armand's Pizzeria to be located at 26 S. La Grange Road.

Commissioner Asperger stated that the recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on November 26, 2012.

4. Other Business

Commissioners discussed possible amendments to the current liquor code.

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 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Andrianna Peterson  
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: December 10, 2012