

LA GRANGE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, June 11, 2018 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Control Commission was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston, Commissioner Michael Kotynek and Commissioner Mark Kuchler

Absent: None

Also present: Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Community Development Director Charity Jones, and Police Chief Kurt Bluder.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Kotynek to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 meeting with one correction to Commissioner Kotynek's name. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class A-3 / Liquor License Applicant C.I.K. Restaurant d/b/a Blueberry Hill 49 S. La Grange Road

Liquor Commissioner Livingston welcomed owner Chris Manolis and expressed appreciation for his long term investment in the community.

Liquor Commissioner Livingston asked Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the application. Ms. Peterson stated that the Village has received an application for a Class A-3 liquor license from C.I.K Restaurant d/b/a Blueberry Hill located at 49 S. La Grange Road. Licensees of a Class A-3 license must prove to the satisfaction of the Village that more than 60% of the gross annual revenue of the dining establishment has resulted from the sale of food.

Chris Manolis is a Secretary and has 49% ownership. Steve Zervaikis is the President (25 ½% ownership) and George Nikolopoulos is a Secretary (25 ½% ownership). Chris Manolis will be the Liquor Manager.

All three applicants were fingerprinted by the La Grange Police Department. An affidavit has been received from Police Chief Bluder affirming that Chris Manolis, Steve Zervailis and George Nikolopoulos conform to the requirements of the Liquor Code and are recommended for consideration of the issuance of a liquor license.

Mr. Manolis thanked the Liquor Commission and noted that Blueberry Hill has been operating for seventeen years in La Grange. They have remodeled and expanded twice. The owners are requesting a liquor license in order to bring more people into the restaurant. They do not expect to offer a full liquor offering – focusing mostly on breakfast / brunch drinks such as mimosas and bloody mary's. Mr. Manolis indicated that there are many options in La Grange for breakfast / brunch, particularly on weekends, and that it will help them to be competitive.

Commissioner Kuchler thanked Mr. Manolis for the investment and asked him if he had any concerns with parking. Mr. Manolis said that he had no concerns and that out of all the Blueberry Hill restaurants in the area (each individually owned), the one in La Grange was the most successful.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommend: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new Class A-3 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to C.I.K. Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Blueberry Hill at 49 S. La Grange Road. Motion carried.

4. Amendment to Chapter 111 Section 111.60 of the La Grange Liquor Code to add two additional morning hours to the Class A-2 and A-3 licenses for breakfast and brunch restaurants.

Blueberry Hill is requesting an amendment to the Liquor Code to add two additional morning hours to Class A-2 and A-3 licenses for restaurants that serve breakfast and brunch items. The proposed change would allow for liquor to be sold beginning at 8 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. for those restaurants that hold a Class A-2 and A-3 license and that also serve breakfast and brunch.

Commissioner Kotynek asked about current statutes related to the extension of liquor service in early morning hours, particularly on Sunday. Staff indicated that they believed that changes to the statutes in the last few years relaxed Sunday hours but that they would confirm any concerns with the Village Attorney.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to recommend that Section 111.60 (B) of the Liquor Code be amended to authorize service of alcohol commencing at 8 a.m. each day for restaurants that hold an A-2 or A-3 Liquor License and regularly serve breakfast and brunch. The motion carried on a voice vote.

4. Other Business

Manager Peterson reported that staff is working with Barrel House Social regarding food focused events.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek 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 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Village Manager

Date Approved: