

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting on January 6, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Bea Crosco and Mike Fratz, Chairperson Thomas Gearhart; and Deborah Owston, Coordinator of Support Services. Administrator to the Board, F. Gary Mullich attended the legislative meeting with the County Commissioners, Senator John Hafer and Delegate George Edwards.

Chairperson Gearhart called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratz to approve the December 2, 2004 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved. The Board signed mileage sheets.

Before the hearings, Pamla and Eugene Dixon met with the Board to discuss the transfer hearing of Ken's Tavern in Friendsville to Glen Jordan. The Dixon's were concerned as to how the license could be transferred without a zoning hearing with the Town of Friendsville as they had to when they were denied the exception to hold an alcoholic beverage license at their motel. Chairperson Gearhart responded to the Dixon's that the Board approved them for an alcoholic beverage license pending zoning approval of the Town of Friendsville; it was the Town that denied them. Debbe Owston mentioned that she had spoke with the Mayor of Friendsville about the transfer and he responded that there was no need for a zoning hearing since it was an existing business with an alcoholic beverage license.

A hearing was held at 9:30 AM for the transfer of license # 04- 41 Class "D" BWL On-Sale License from Ken Friend of Ken's Tavern, LLC operating as Ken's Tavern to Glen's Tavern, LLC operating as Glen's Tavern with Glen Jordan as the licensee. Mr. Jordan was present for the hearing in addition to Cheryl McLane, who will be helping Mr. Jordan with book keeping for the business. Mr. Jordan explained to the Board that he would be leasing the business from Mr. Friend until all paperwork is finalized on the sale of the building including an adjoining vacant lot. The hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 AM, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM until 2:00 AM. The licensed establishment will have a sports bar atmosphere and they will continue to sell the famous Ken's cheeseburgers. He intends on employing at least three employees and would like to expand the business in the future. Debbe Owston informed Mr. Jordan that his background check results have not been received, the small punch list for Tina Buckel must be completed and a copy of a lease must be submitted prior to the license being transferred. Chairperson Gearhart made a motion to approve the transfer of the Class "D" BWL On-Sale license contingent on Mr. Jordan meeting all administrative issues at the sale of the property and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Crosco and unanimously approved.

A hearing was held at 9:45 AM for the issuance of a Class "D" Beer On-Sale License to be located at 3484 Kitzmiller Road for Scott's General Store, LLC operating as Scott's General Store. Applicants for the license are Betty Crosco, Allan Scott and Melissa Harvey who was present for the hearing. Ms. Harvey informed the Board that the store is currently in operation selling basic convenience items and they would also like to sell cold beer. Tina Buckle of the Health Department has restricted them to selling pre-packaged and refrigerated items only and specified that a new well must be drilled by July 30, 2005. Ms. Buckle is not permitting any on-premise consumption due to their current water conditions and no on-site restrooms. Debbe Owston informed the Board that all required paperwork has been received with the exception of the criminal background results for the licensees. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the issuance of a Class "D" Beer On-Sale License, contingent on favorable background results, with no on-premise consumption until approval from the Health Department is granted and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gearhart and approved. Commissioner Crosco abstained from the vote.

A hearing was held at 10:00 AM for the issuance of Multi-Event License (5) for the Avilton Community Association, Inc. Applicants for the license are Thomas McCartney, Perry Kamp and Timothy Galica, who was present for the hearing, in addition to Allan Turner. Mr. Galica explained to the Board that the premise for the multi-event license would be the Avilton Community Building located at 8295 Avilton-Lonaconing Road. Currently the

building is not ready for use and they would like permission from the Board to allow an exception for the first event to be held at the Wilhelm Flats on February 12, 2005 for a Valentine's Dance to benefit the building fund. The ticket cost to the event will be \$20 per couple and they expect to sell 150 tickets which will include dinner and dancing. The alcohol will be sold separately. Debbe Owston gave Mr. Galica several MVA posters for valid Maryland Driver's Licenses. Mr. Galica and Mr. Turner told the Board that they intend on sending some members of the organization to an upcoming alcohol awareness training course offered in the area. Mr. Turner also mentioned that he and two of his currently trained employees of Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquors will be serving the alcohol at the February 12th dance. Commissioner Crosco made a motion the multi-event license be approved for five events to be used by June 30, 2005 with the first event to be held at the Wilhelm Flats and seconded by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved.

There was general discussion after the hearings in which Debbe informed the Board that Ruth Beitzel of The Chalet Restaurant picked up the licenses on January 5, 2005. Wendell Beitzel was also added as a licensee as a result of the license being issued to Beitzel Corporation, Inc.

After the general discussion, the next meeting date was set for February 3, 2005. There being no further business, Commissioner Fratz motioned the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Chairperson Gearhart.

Thomas A. Gearhart
Chairperson

February 3, 2005
Date