

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room 209. Present for the meeting was Chairperson Michael Fratz, Commissioner Lisa Herman and Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston.

Chairperson Fratz called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The Board approved the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Herman made the motion. Chairperson Fratz made the motion unanimous.

There was general discussion before the scheduled hearings. A quick overview of the potential 2019 legislation was presented. Some of those items include, repeal the business requirement and out of state Class A and Class D license restrictions. Amend the Draft Beer License to become a license option due to the new MUNIS software restrictions. Create a new raffle basket permit. Allow an administrative office hearing for Per Diem 2-day license applications based on attendance. Consider on-line advertisement verses newspaper notice of advertisement. Consider multi-event non-profit license holders to cater events on their premise and establish an administrative violation hearing fee. The Legislative Meeting with Garrett County Commissioners is scheduled for December 3, 2018. Robert Thrift replaced Larry Smith on the BPO Elks Lodge #2481 license. Mr. Smith passed away June 12, 2018. BPO Elks Lodge # 2481 failed an inspection on September 18, 2018 because of a bottle of alcohol with a price sticker affixed. The license for North Glade Inn was transferred on September 18, 2018 upon receiving the Sales Tax Number and Transfer Release. Back Nine closed September 29, 2018. Grantsville VFD held an event on September 29, 2018. Friendsville VFRD held an event on October 6, 2018. Alder Street Diner was licensed as a Class B Beer On-Sale 7-Day License on October 2, 2018. They plan to open October 10, 2018. Tomanetti's was upgraded to a Class B BDR Deluxe B&W On-Sale License upon the issuance of the Alder Street Diner license. Sipside Lounge was licensed as a Class D BWL On-Sale 7-Day License on October 2, 2018. They plan to open in November. If needed, the Board will conduct the December meeting on December 3, 2018 meeting at 3:00 prior to the Garrett County Commissioner's legislative meeting.

A discussion session took place at 9:20 AM with Autumn Newcomb-Shay. The Board requested Ms. Newcomb-Shay provide them an update on the opening of the Eats on Alder restaurant. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to extend the license approval. Commissioner Herman made a motion to expend approval of the Class "B" BDR Deluxe B&W On-Sale 7-Day License until December 31, 2018. Chairperson Fratz made the motion unanimous.

A violation hearing was held at 9:20 AM for the Oakland BPO Elks Lodge located at 100 Elk Street in Oakland. Licensee Robert B. Thrift was present for the hearing. The violation hearing was the result of a failed inspection on September 18, 2018 conducted by Ms. Owston. The business was cited with a violation of the Alcoholic Beverages Article. AB § 6-311, specifically, did unlawfully purchase or keep alcoholic beverages on licensed premises which were purchased from other than a duly licensed manufacturer or wholesaler. AB § 1-408, specifically, did unlawfully fail to keep complete and accurate records of all

alcoholic beverages purchased. Ms. Owston stated that during a routine inspection a bottle of alcohol with an affixed price sticker was located on the bar in the banquet room. Mr. Thrift acknowledged the information. Commissioner Herman made a motion for a letter of reprimand and a \$50 fine due within 30 days. Chairperson Fratz made the motion unanimous. The license holder indicated he would accept the Board's decision and waive his right to appeal the Board's decision to Circuit Court.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fratz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Michael J. Fratz
Chairperson

November 8, 2018
Date