

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and the limited access to the Garrett County Courthouse, the meeting was conducted by teleconference. Present on the call was Chairperson Lisa Herman, Commissioner Mike Fratz, Commissioner David Moe, Administrator to the Board Deborah Owston and Attorney to the Board M. Elizabeth Georg.

Chairperson Herman called the meeting to order. There were no mileage sheets to be signed by the Board since the meeting was a teleconference.

The Board approved the July 9, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Moe made the motion. The motion was second by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Herman.

There was general discussion before the hearings. The 2020-2021 alcoholic beverage renewal application approval and extension for payment were discussed. It was decided that the applications would be approved in September. Governor Hogan's July 14, 2020 Directive regarding active and aggressive local enforcement of critical public health issues was discussed as well as Executive Order 2020-08-03-01 which expanded the mask order. Ms. Owston talked to Chris Watson, Wantz Distributors, and the Comptroller's Office about Shrimp on The Barbie, LLC inquired about the removal of one of the license holders from the LLC and the implications of the US citizen requirements. A proposed legislative bill that would have allowed an applicant with legal status to hold a license did not make it out of the House and Senate, therefore there must be at least one license holder with US citizenship. Sweitzer's BBQ did not submit the requested paperwork by the August 1, 2020 deadline. It was mentioned that they will reapply later. The Little Crossings, LLC dba Cornucopia Café license was upgraded and mailed on July 9, 2020 upon receipt of payment. The Pawn Run property closing was held on August 8, 2020. The Board briefly spoke about the temporary closure of the business and transfer application requirements. The Board agreed the new owners need to finalize the transfer application process by submitting the outstanding administrative items as well as making payment for licensure. The re-opening of the business and building renovations were also mentioned as they relate to the special exception use of the property. The Manor Steakhouse is temporarily closed. TIPS trainings have recently been held for both on-premise and off-premise businesses. TIPS-C classes will be held August 17th & 20th, 2020. Health Department complaints of non-compliance with face covering requirements.

A new license hearing was held at 9:20 AM for Last Exit Ventures, LLC dba Friendsville Public House for a Class B BWL On-Sale 7-Day License with Draft Beer Option in accordance with AB § 21-902 & 21-1103. Michelle Leadbeter and Kenneth Leadbeter are the applicants for the license. They have equal ownership in the business. The restaurant is located at 246 Maple Street in Friendsville. Mr. Leadbeter told the Board the new restaurant is expected to be open late this year. Ms. Owston reviewed the license issuance procedures and regulations as well as read the applicants responses. Commissioner Moe made a motion to approve the Class B BWL On-Sale 7-Day License with Draft Beer Option

pending outstanding administrative items. The motion was second by Commissioner Fratz and unanimously approved by Chairperson Herman.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Moe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Lisa Herman
Chairperson

September 10, 2020
Date