

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2020

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Davis Kohl, Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Majewski along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and General Manager Scott Baker.

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes from May 6 and May 20; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Harford Bank	Withholding	2504.13
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	690.66
Payroll	Payroll	5900.48
It's PayDay	Accounting	71.40
State Retirement	Retirement	651.09
BGE	Utilities	101.28
Interconnect Services	Telephone	154.50
Self Storage Plus	Rent	109.00
Sprint	Telephone	246.77

All parties that would be testifying were sworn in.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Bel Air Downtown Alliance request

Chris Pineda, Executive Director, Bel Air Downtown Alliance, requested that this issue be rescheduled for a future date.

2) EBAN, L.L.C. T/A Mucho Gusto - New License Application

Nelson Ruiz, Jr., Class A Managing Member, John Beranek, Jr., Class B Member, EBAN, L.L.C. t/a Mucho Gusto, 1215 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 1014, were present along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with an Application for a new Class BNR - BWL - On Sale Only License. Application indicates Mr. Ruiz holds 93.67%

interest in the L.L.C. and Mr. Beranek holds 6.33%. Mr. Ruiz will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. An Outside Service Area Application has also been submitted. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the license application and Outside Service Area Application with all members voting in favor of the motion.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge – Outside Service
Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. previously had permission for outside service on the second floor patio that was used as a smoking area where patrons could take their alcohol. License holder has now requested that full alcohol service be permitted to that area. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve outside service to the second floor patio; the vote was unanimous.

2) Jack Graham, GM, Aberdeen Ironbirds

Jack Graham, General Manager, Aberdeen Ironbirds, has requested approval for R.S. Concessions to pay a prorated Class B3 License fee from July 1, 2020, through March 15, 2021, and a prorated stadium fee from March 15, 2021, through April 30, 2021. Any remaining balance would be credited to the 2021 – 2022 license year. Due to COVID 19, Governor Hogan has signed an executive order that allows flexibility in terms of payment of liquor license fees. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this request; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chair Tilley and Vice Chair Davis Kohl approved the use of their signature stamps on the accounts payable checks.

One hundred thirty-nine licenses have been picked up and staff continues to work on distribution.

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., attorney for JBST Enterprises, Inc. t/a Cork, Wine & Spirits, advised that the Town Planning Commission has granted the special exception in connection with the location of this new store which was appealed to the Circuit Court; Mr. Snee filed a motion to dismiss which was granted. Locations and a date for the public meeting will be researched.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on June 24, 2020, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Sheryl Davis Kohl, Vice Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski II, Commissioner