

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

MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 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 and Welch, along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell. Commissioner Majewski entered the meeting later.

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the meeting for November 18; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

11/25/2020		
Crystal Springs	Supplies	3.99
First Bankcard	Credit card	309.16
Staples	Supplies	50.16
TASC	Admin Fees	317.16
Baltimore Sun	Prof. Books	6.50
12/02/2020		
Harford Bank	Withholding	3042.72
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	932.15
Payroll	Payroll	8032.13
It's PayDay	Accounting	78.40
Amy Finnerean	Legal	1500.00
Kopin LLC	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	461.75
12/16/2020		
Harford Bank	Withholding	2474.01
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	702.57
Payroll	Payroll	5816.03
It's PayDay	Accounting	71.40
Petty Cash	Petty Cash	120.00
BGE	Utilities	150.40
Comcast	Telephone	208.24
Interconnect Services	Telephone	154.40
Kelly & Assoc.	Health Insurance	2342.98
MD State Retirement	Retirement	238.45
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00
Baltimore Sun	Prof. Books	3.96
MD State Retirement	Retirement	651.09

All parties that would be testifying were sworn in.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) KPD Group, Inc. T/A 7-11 – Trade Name Change & Request to Escrow the License

Bipin Patel, President, KPD Group, Inc., 1302 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air, MD 21014, was present along with his attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with Mr. Patel's recent trade name change and request to escrow the license. License holder Bipin Patel contacted the office several months ago stating that 7-11 was not going to renew his lease as of 11/30/20. Several possible scenarios were discussed, and Mr. Patel agreed to contact the office again when he had more information. Several weeks ago, Mr. Patel advised the Board office that he had obtained a lease with the landlord directly, and that he intended to operate as a convenience store at that same location, with the same Class A-BW-Off Sale Only license he currently holds. Based on that information, Mr. Patel was asked to submit a request to change his trade name and a detailed list of the products he intended to sell. Those items were submitted on 12/1/20 by Mr. Snee's office on behalf of Mr. Patel. On 12/7/20, Inspector Colburn learned that the business had apparently been closed since 11/30/20. Since we were close to the ten-day mark, Inspector Colburn contacted Mr. Snee's office, and a request to escrow the license during the transition from a 7-11 Store to a convenience store was submitted on 12/8/20. The business will reopen tomorrow, December 17, 2020, and will be operating as Moores Mill Convenience with Beer and Wine.

2) Tidewater Grille, Inc. T/A Tidewater Grille – Temporary Closure

Ralph Shapot, President, Tidewater Grille, Inc. T/A Tidewater Grille, 300 Franklin Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078, has submitted notice that as of December 7 the business would be closed due to the COVID 19 situation. He will advise when the restaurant reopens.

3) Saiamba, Inc., T/A Cliff's Liquors – Update on Settlement & License Issuance

The Board previously approved the transfer of this license on 9/9/20, contingent on proof of settlement. The time frame for closing was initially approved through 11/6/20, and then extended through 12/7/20. Settlement was held on 12/4/20; and the license issued that same date.

4) Winters Run Golf Club, Inc. T/A Winters Run Golf Club – Temporary Closure (December 4 – 8)

Ryan Howard, Winters Run Golf Club, Inc. T/A Winters Run Golf Club, 1000 North Tollgate Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 has submitted notice that the club was closed for 4.5 days between 12/4/20 and 12/8/20 while they worked with the Health Department following notification that one of the members had tested positive for COVID and had utilized the restaurant while being symptomatic. The club reopened as of 12/8/20. Food and alcohol are being served following all guidelines at their normally scheduled hours.

5) Edgewood Sunoco, L.L.C. T/A Sunoco – License Issued

On November 18, 2020, the Board approved the application for change in class to a Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License filed on October 30, 2020, for Sunoco. Issuance of the license was contingent upon completion of work to change one of the on-site bathrooms into a storage space. Inspector Colburn was directed to inspect the completed space prior to license issuance. The inspection was conducted on November 25, 2020, and license was issued the same day.

6) MTBR Golf Course, L.L.C. T/A Bulle Rock Gourmet Pub & Grill – Resignation of Resident Licensee

Damon Kelpczynski, license holder for Bulle Rock, has advised that the Responsible Operator, Michael Burton, has left their employ. A supplemental application will be filed to remove Mr. Burton from the license; Mr. Kelpczynski will remain on the license and serve as the Responsible Operator.

7) Performance budget

The operating account balance of \$112,678.01 does not include the \$50,000.00 grant which was deposited on 12/07/20. A bill from MD State Retirement System is expected shortly for the Board's contribution. On 12/18/2019, we paid \$26,914.00. This year we budgeted \$28,000.00.

STAFF REPORT / BOARD REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commissioners were advised that they each received a Christmas card from the Office of the State's Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and duly seconded to convene to executive session to seek legal advice from counsel; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held in connection with alternate office space; Mrs. Finneran will review the lease and draft a letter to the County Executive.

Routine inspections of licensed establishments will resume. Inspector Colburn will contact the Sheriff's Office to schedule an underage compliance test.

Vice Chair Kohl will be the contact person for the delegation.

Health insurance through Carefirst will be renewed for 2021 and will be sent out for bid for future renewals.

Motion was made and duly seconded to return to public session; the vote was unanimous.

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 December 16, 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