

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

MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2021

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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 Judith Powell.

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the meeting for December 16; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

12/23/2020		
Crystal Springs	Supplies	3.99
MD State Retirement	Retirement	25,377.00
Driver's License Guide	Books	20.50
Sprint	Telephone	202.46
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	167.60
12/30/2020		
Harford Bank	Withholding	2531.34
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	719.79
Payroll	Payroll	5969.98
It's PayDay	Accounting	71.40
MD State Retirement	Retirement	651.09
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

01/06/2021		
Amy Finneran	Legal	1500.00
Kopin LLC	Rent	2590.00
Self Storage Plus	Rent	130.00
Comcast	Telephone	208.63
Baltimore Sun	Prof. books	5.52
01/13/2021		
Harford Bank	Withholding	2697.16
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	830.50
Payroll	Withholding	7098.72
It's PayDay	Accounting	369.70
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	2342.98
Md State Retirement	Retirement	686.09

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Sweet Union, L.L.C., T/A Water Street Seafood – New License (Postponed)

This hearing has been rescheduled to January 27, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

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

Tidewater Grille, Inc. submitted notice that effective December 7, 2020, the restaurant would be closed due to customers' reluctance to go to restaurants because of COVID 19. License holder indicated he will monitor the situation and advise when he would reopen. The Board was advised of the above at it's December 16 meeting. According to BR 2:30, a closure of more than 10 days requires a Board vote in order to avoid the license being declared null and void. Motion was made and seconded to approve License Holder's request to be closed, and the vote was unanimous.

2) Proposed Legislation (Class D Beer & Wine License & Assisted Living Program License)

Joseph F. Snee, Jr., Esquire, presented HB144 Class D Beer & Wine License. Board members requested that the license fee be amended to \$3,500.00, and to allow the holder of a Class B License to also hold a Class D Beer & Wine License. With these revisions, the Board will submit a Letter of Support to the delegation.

Mr. Snee also presented HB312 Assisted Living Program License. The Board will submit a Letter of Support to the delegation.

3) Proposed Legislation (Resort Complex License, Sale or Delivery for Off-Premises Consumption, Required Multiple Purchases)

Legislation for the proposed HB02871 – Resort Complex License was presented. Discussion was held regarding proposed hours, the expanse of the license, and the license fee.

Legislation for the proposed HB012 – Sale or Delivery for Off-Premises Consumption was presented and discussed. This is a statewide bill.

Legislation for the proposed HB185 – Required Multiple Purchases was presented and discussed. This is a statewide bill.

4) Performance Budget

The December 2020 performance budget was presented indicating 62% spent with payment of \$25615.45 to MD State Retirement.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chair Tilley will forward to staff and Commissioners contact information to register for the COVID 19 vaccine.

Inspector Colburn advised that an underage compliance test was held January 6, 2021, in cooperation with the Harford County Sheriff's Office. Of the 22 establishments that were tested, 19 passed the test for a compliance rate of 86%.

It was reported that The Mint Room is allowing customers to bring their own alcohol. The Mint Room has submitted an Application which is under review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Commissioner Merchant to convene to Executive Session to seek the advice of legal counsel; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding the residency requirement. Until such time that the AG's opinion is received, the Board agreed that the current State regulation, requiring the applicant to reside in the county where the business is located at the time the application is filed; and to remain a resident of the county or city where the business is located for the duration of time, is the policy that will be followed.

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