

EAST DUNDE
Meeting of the Village Liquor Commission
Monday, November 19th, 2007
East Dundee, Illinois

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Liquor Commissioner Dan O'Leary at 6:00 PM.
2. Attendance: Liquor Commissioner Dan O'Leary, Trustees Robert Gorman and Jim Carlini (who arrived at 6:08). Also in attendance were Village Attorney Pat O'Connor, Police Chief Terry Mee, and Village Administrator Frank Koehler. In the absence of Village Clerk Sue Norton, Administrator Koehler volunteered to take the minutes. Also attending were applicants Levent Yagci; representatives of Abanazz Restaurant; and Christopher Quinn, Manager, East Dundee Wal-Mart.
3. Minutes: It was moved by O'Leary and seconded by Gorman to approve the minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting of October 15th, 2007. On a voice vote, the motion carried 2-0.
4. Action Items

4.1 Levent Yagci, 165 Prairie Lakes, Class B-3 On-Line Sales liquor license

Chief Mee noted that Mr. Yagci was seeking an on-line sales license. Mr. Yagci noted that most of his selections are imported, and that the selections are then offered for sale on line. Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Carlini and seconded by Gorman to approve the issuance of the on-line sales license, pending successful completion of the background check and inspection. Motion carried 3-0.

4.2. Abanazz Restaurant, 102 North River, Class E

Chief Mee introduced the owners of Abanazz Restaurant, who are taking over the space formerly occupied by Mason's. They had submitted their application for a Class E License, but would like to amend their application to reflect a Class A License.

Mr. Fernando Silva introduced himself and his partner Juan Acevedo, indicating a desire to work with the Village. He noted that they have an agreement with the neighboring Lavender Café for food service. But that this creates a problem when Lavender is closed on Sunday's and Mondays, or when the owners of Lavender's are on vacation.

In response to a question from the Commission as to target clientele, Mr. Acevedo noted that he would like to see a relaxed setting, much like a "Starbucks", not just a sports bar. Chairman O'Leary noted that the Village is trying not to have just bars in the downtown, but would like to see restaurants and other facilities.

In response to a follow up question, Mr. Acevedo added that he favors a restaurant first and foremost, but in seeking longer hours, he wanted to avoid conflicts as when the Lavender Kitchen closes at 10 PM, this would require closing of the Restaurant at 11 PM.

Finally, Mr. Acevedo noted that as far as entertainment goes, he would envision Jazz and Mariachi music.

Mr. Carlini pointed out that the Village is working on new liquor license regulations, and it is the Village's intent to address food service, hours of operation, and other issues. In response to a question from the Commission, Chief Mee noted that he hopes to have the draft revisions completed by mid-January.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Gorman and seconded by Carlini to approve a Class E License for the Abanazz Restaurant, pending successful completion of the background check and inspection. Motion carried 3-0.

4.3 Wal-Mart, Route 25 and Route 72, Class B-1

Chief Mee noted that the application from Wal-Mart was in order, and he was following through on the background report. The application is for B-1 Packaged Liquor Sales/Grocery. Chris Quinn, Manager of the East Dundee Wal-Mart, indicated that the store is seeking to add more services, and this would allow for "eight feet of beer, and 16 feet of wine" shelving in the store.

In response to a question, Mr. Quinn noted that he is conducting in-house training of his cash register attendants, and that they would look to card anyone who appeared to be age 27 or younger. A discussion then ensued as to the type of training being conducted.

It was then moved by Carlini and seconded by Gorman to approve the liquor license, pending successful completion of the background check and inspection. Motion carried 3-0.

4.4 Unpaid Fine / Liquor Code Violation – Mason's

Chief Mee noted that the former owners of Mason's had not paid the \$500 for past violation. He was seeking the Commission's concurrence to send the fee to collections. Gorman commented that in so far as Mason no longer has a valid liquor license, he would consider the issue closed. Carlini noted however that sending the fee to collections would be at no cost to the Village.

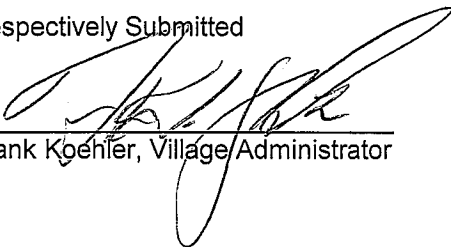
Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Carlini and seconded by O'Leary to send the unpaid fine to collection.

Roll Call Vote:	O'Leary	yea
	Carlini	yea
	Gorman	yea

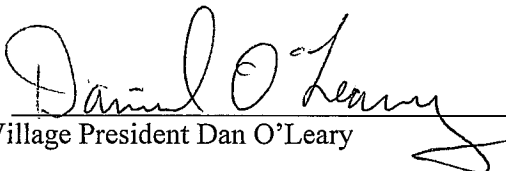
Motion carried

5.0 Adjournment: Following a motion by Carlini, seconded by O'Leary, and on a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.


Respectively Submitted



Frank Koehler, Village Administrator

By: 

Village President Dan O'Leary

Attest: 

Village Clerk Susan Norton