

1.0 Call to Order

President Bartels called to order the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Roll: Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Trustee Ruffulo was absent.

Also in attendance are Police Chief Terry Mee, Village Administrator Bob Skurla and Village Attorney Pat O'Connor.

Motion to appoint Village Administrator Skurla to serve as Clerk for tonight's meeting by Miller/Bartels.

Roll: Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Trustee Ruffulo and Village Clerk Rehberg were absent. Motion carries.

2.0 Approval of Past Minutes –

2.1 Approval of December 19, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 19, 2011, Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes by Miller/Bartels.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

3.0 Old Business – None

4.0 New Business –

4.1 Liquor Code Violation – Premier Banquet & Sports, LLC, 940 Dundee Ave. (December 11, 2011)

Chief Mee introduced the representatives of Premier Banquet & Sports, LLC, Carlos Luque and James Nagle. Chief Mee read the violation into the record. Premier served alcohol to patrons after 2:00 a.m. on December 11, 2011. Carlos Luque, a co-owner of Premier, had entered a plea of guilty which was being contested, according to David Sotomayor, legal counsel for Mr. Nagle and Mr. Luque at the meeting. Mr. Sotomayor alleged that Chief Mee coerced Carlos Luque to submit a guilty plea. He asked for a hearing on the matter at this time. Mee stated that, if there is a hearing, his Officers should be present. Mr. Sotomayor asks to examine Chief Mee. Chief Mee was sworn in by a court reporter, who appeared at the request of Nagle/Luque, and was examined by Mr. Sotomayor, regarding the Notification of Election (plea) form signed by Mr. Luque.

Mr. Sotomayor called Mr. Luque to speak through an interpreter. Village Attorney O'Connor stated that he needs to speak in English, as he spoke to Chief Mee in English. Mr. Sotomayor examined Mr. Luque in English. Mr. Luque explained what happened when he met with Chief Mee, and Mr. Sotomayor summarized the conversation.

President Bartels asked Chief Mee if he coerced Luque. Mee stated, "No." President Bartels asked Luque if he told Chief Mee that Premier was guilty. He was not clear with his answer. Bartels asked Luque if, when he left the Police Department, he realized he that he had pled guilty. Luque stated, "Yes."

Mr. Sotomayor gave his closing argument and asked that the plea be vacated from guilty to not guilty.

Bartels stated he does not believe that Mee coerced Luque and believes that Luque understood what he was doing when he left the Police Department.

Motion to vacate the plea is denied by Bartels/Miller.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

Attorney O'Connor asked Sotomayor if he had any evidence in aggravation or mitigation. He stated, "Yes". He would like to question Chief Mee, regarding the incident, and that Nagle will present mitigation. Sotomayor questioned Mee regarding the violation incident. Nagle stated that this is a family-oriented business and that they are trying to work with the Village.

4.2 Liquor Code Violation – Taqueria Los Cocos, 503 Dundee Ave. (December 31, 2011)

Mee introduced Nora Lopez, representing Taqueria Los Cocos at the owner. Mee read the violation into the record. The violation included patrons consuming alcoholic beverages after 2:00 a.m. on December 31st. Mrs. Lopez offered a guilty plea. A translator, Ingrid Gonzales, spoke for Mrs. Lopez. She apologized and understands the patrons need to leave by 2:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn into closed session to deliberate on the violations by Bartels/Miller.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

Motion to reconvene in closed session by Bartels/Miller.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller/Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

Discussion revolved around past fines of similar violations.

Motion to reconvene the Liquor Commission Meeting at 7:06 by Bartels/Miller.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

President Bartels stated the Commission finds Premier Banquet & Sports guilty of the violation with a fine of \$500 to be paid within 30 days.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

President Bartels stated the Commission finds Taqueria Los Cocos guilty of the violation with a fine of \$500 to be paid within 30 days.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries.

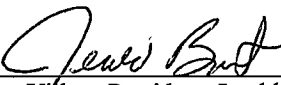
5.0 Adjournment

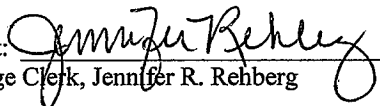
Motion to adjourn the Liquor Commission Meeting, dated January 17, 2011, at 7:08 p.m. by Miller/Bartels.

Roll: Ayes – 2 – Trustee Miller and President Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent – 1 – Trustee Ruffulo. Motion carries. Meeting adjourns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer R. Rehberg

By: 
Village President, Jerald Bartels

Attest: 
Village Clerk, Jennifer R. Rehberg