

MINUTES

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board held their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Present for the meeting was Chairperson DeCorsey E. Bolden, Commissioner Michael J. Fratz and Administrator to the Board Deborah R. Owston.

Chairperson Bolden called the meeting to order. The Board signed mileage sheets.

The December 3, 2015 minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board. Chairperson Bolden made the motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. Ms. Owston noted for the record that there were no meetings in January and February.

There was general discussion prior to the hearings. Ms. Owston briefed the Board on the various legislative bills. She said that the following bills are on track and the necessary amendments have been approved. SB 682 / HB 1028 references the Sunday sales referendum vote. SB 897 / HB 1072 references the Wine Festival License 5-day return, the 7-Day license fee restructuring and the Special Class C administrative license hearing. SB 724 / SB 725 references the Code Revision of Article 2B and the creation of the new Alcoholic Beverage Article. Ms. Owston requested that the April meeting be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 due to a scheduling conflict on Thursday, April 7, 2016. The Board approved the date change and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in the Garrett County Commissioner's conference area in Room 207. Ms. Owston informed the Board that the LCB website has the posted information for accepting pre-applications for the Wine Festival License. The Oakland Town Police sent Incident Reports from the 2015 Oktoberfest per Ms. Owston's request. A meeting will be held sometime in the future with the Oakland VFD, LCB, Sheriff's Office, MSP and the Oakland Town Police in reference to future celebrations. Compliance checks were conducted on February 8, 2016. The Wisp Resort and FireFly Farms failed the compliance checks. The violation hearings will be held on April 4, 2016. The Health Department secured a grant to cover the costs of a training at Garrett College on March 15, 2016. The training will focus on planning safe events with alcohol service combined with an ID training called Alcohol S.A.L.E.S. (Safe and Legal Every Sale). Martin Johnson will teach the training. The lunch for the training will be paid for through a Maryland Highway Safety Office grant that was awarded to the LCB. The MVA has recently changed the license renewal procedures for a person turning 21. The policy change allows for license renewal a week prior to 21st birthdate. This will result in horizontal ID's being issued to someone getting ready to turn 21. Our Town Theatre held a fundraiser benefit called Couples of Comedy February 11-13, 2016. Friendsville VFRD held a Gun & Cash Bash on February 27, 2016. Eastern Garrett Co. VFRD will hold a Gun & Cash Bash on March 5, 2016. Oakland VFD will hold a Mega Bash fundraiser on March 12, 2016.

A Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License hearing was held at 9:20 AM for a Special Class "C" 2-day BWL License for the Deer Park Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The event will be held on May 7, 2016 from noon until 6:00 PM. Present for the hearing was applicant, Ronald O'Brien. The event will be at the Deer Park CVFD Fire Hall located at 5353 Maryland Highway in Deer Park. They will be selling 500 tickets at a cost of \$30. The Board and Ms. Owston asked several questions and pointed out various regulations to Mr.

O'Brien. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-day license to be used on May 6th & 7th, 2016. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Bolden and unanimously approved.

A Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License hearing was held at 9:40 AM. The Samantha Funding the Arts Foundation applied for a license to be used on March 19, 2016. Present for the hearing was Mike Green to represent the applicants, June McClosky and Charles McClosky who could not attend. The event will be held at the AG Heritage Hall at the Garrett County Fairgrounds located at 270 Mosser Road in McHenry. The Board and Ms. Owston asked several questions and pointed out various alcoholic beverage regulations to Mr. Green. Commissioner Fratz made a motion to approve the Special Class "C" BWL 2-Day License to be used on March 19th & 20th, 2016. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Bolden and unanimously approved.

A violation hearing was held at 10:00 AM for Garrett Memorial VFW Post #10077 for a bottle of alcohol on the licensed premise that was not purchased by the license holder. The business is located at 4107 Maryland Highway in Deer Park. Licensees Robert Hensley, James Swinson and John P. Hershman were present for the hearing. Chairperson Bolden made a motion for a letter of reprimand to be placed in the license file and a fine of \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fratz and approved. The licensees agreed with the facts as presented and the Board's decision on the matter and waived their right to appeal the Board's decision to Circuit Court. Ms. Owston informed the licensees that the fine is due within 30-days.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Bolden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

DeCorsey E. Bolden
Chairperson

April 5, 2016
Date