

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Commissioners Welch and Burdette along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell. Vice Chair Majewski and Commissioner Merchant were previously excused.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Harford Bank	Withholding	1789.45
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	540.92
Payroll	Payroll	4542.64
ConnectPay	Accounting	70.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	207.17
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	665.28
BGE	Utilities	180.84
Sprint	Telephone	199.74
Staples	Supplies	694.65
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2342.98
Elaine Baxter	MLR Rebate (health ins.)	170.42
Mary Sporre	MLR Rebate (health ins.)	170.41

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicant – Harford County Chamber of Commerce – Per Diem Beer Wine & Liquor Application

First-time applicant Kate Rodriguez appeared on behalf of Harford County Chamber of Commerce in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor license application. The license will be used for a “Jingle Mingle” holiday party on December 2 at Rockfield Manor. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ish Krupa, L.L.C., T/A Hilton Garden Inn Bel Air – New License Tentative Approval

James D. Fitzsimmons, Authorized Person; Paras H. Bhavsar, Member; Jay H. Bhavsar, Member; Ish Krupa, L.L.C., T/A Hilton Garden Inn Bel Air, 4160 Philadelphia Road, Bel Air appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with an Application for Tentative Approval of a new Class B (Hotel)-BWL-On Sale Only license. Paras Bhavsar and Jay Bhavsar each hold a 45% interest in the business, with the remaining 10% split evenly between Hemant Bhavsar and Bhavika Bhavsar. Ish Krupa, L.L.C., is indirectly connected via a franchise agreement to Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc., which is a publicly traded company, therefore, Mr. Fitzsimmons is not required to hold an interest in the business, however, he will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. Mrs. Powell noted for the record that a floor plan showing 64 seats, consisting of 12 seats in the Hot & Cold display area; 42 in the dining area, and 10 at a table in the lounge area has been submitted for the Board’s review. As this is for tentative approval, a health department and fire marshal approval and a certificate of occupancy are not required at this time, but will be required before the final approval hearing, which has been scheduled for 1/12/22. Jay Bhavsar will be excused from that hearing. Motion was made and seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

3) JVille Foodies, L.L.C. T/A JVille Grille – Transfer Application (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been postponed due to outstanding issues and will be rescheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits – 180 Day Status Update

Construction continues on Harbor Wine & Spirits with an unknown completion date. Mr. Snee requests a tentative approval extension to June 16, 2022, to complete the build out and open for business. Motion was made and seconded to extend the tentative approval to June 16, 2022; the vote was unanimous.

2) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. – Request to Change Operational Hours

Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge has submitted a request to change their operational hours to 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. serving lunch and dinner. The request is due to a shortage of staff. Motion was made and seconded to approve the change in hours; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There have not been any applications submitted in person for the GM position.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on November 17, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner