

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Horcher called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Horcher

3. Roll Call Led by Village Clerk Kathryn M. Brady

4. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 16, 2024

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Mary Papantos, second by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

5. Citizen Concerns and Comments - None

6. New Business

A. Consideration of a Request for a Class P Liquor License from Crystal Rain Distillery, Inc., an Existing Craft Distillery at 2281 South Foster Avenue

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Village Manager Jon Sfondilis introduced the item and read the following conditions for approval:

Motion to approve conditionally on 1) passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new Class P liquor license, 2) payment of all associated fees, 3) submittal of BASSET certificates for all applicable individuals, and 4) satisfactory background check results for all applicable individuals.

The Petitioner was present and answered questions from the Commission. Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to approve with conditions as read. Manager Sfondilis read the Class P license description.

Motion by Ray Lang, second by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Ray Lang, Mary Papantos, Jim Ruffatto, Joe Vito, Dave Vogel

B. Consideration of a Request from WHG, Inc., Owner of the Existing Savory Plate / Brown's Chicken Restaurant at 71 South Milwaukee Avenue, to Convert an Existing Class B-V Liquor License to a Class N-V Liquor License in Order to Do Business as The Lucky Emerald, a Video Gaming Café

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Manager Sfondilis reviewed the request and read the following conditions for approval:

Motion to approve conditionally on 1) passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new Class N-V liquor license, and 2) passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees granting a special use for the subject premises.

The Petitioner was present and answered questions from the Commission. Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to approve with conditions as read.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, Joe Vito

No: Ray Lang, Jim Ruffatto, Dave Vogel

7. Executive Session

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion recess into Executive Session to discuss Pending, Probable, or Imminent Litigation.

Motion by Mary Krueger, second by Mary Papantos.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all ayes. The open meeting recessed at 6:42 PM.

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to reconvene the Liquor Control Commission meeting.

Motion by Dave Vogel, second by Mary Papantos.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all ayes. The open meeting reconvened at 7:06 PM.

8. Action on Executive Session Items - None

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mary Papantos, second by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion carried by voice vote, all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of December 2024, by the Chairperson and Commissioners