

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD**  
**COOK and LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL**  
**MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**

**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**

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

Absent: Mary Papantos

Commissioner Papantos was absent with prior notice.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of April 21, 2025

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

Motion by Dave Vogel, seconded by Mary Krueger.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Mary Papantos

**5. Citizen Concerns and Comments - None**

**6. New Business**

**A. Consideration of a Request for a Class D Liquor License from Lenny's Wheeling Liquors, LLC for a Proposed Package Liquor Store at 1920 East Hintz Road**

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

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

There were no questions from the Commission.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Mary Papantos

**B. Hearing in the Matter of Keing Corporation d/b/a Chicago Ramen Wheeling (743 North Milwaukee Avenue) Docket No 25-01**

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Village Attorney James Ferolo stated that there will be three (3) hearings before the Commission this evening related to the Village's annual compliance checks. The manager of Chicago Ramen, Terumi Tokita, was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Attorney Ferolo presented the evidence and confirmed that Chicago Ramen will no longer be serving liquor. Ms. Tokita pleaded guilty and answered a question from the Commission. Attorney Ferolo stated that the Commission will recess into executive session after all the hearings to deliberate.

**C. Hearing in the Matter of RMPT Beverages LLC d/b/a SWEJ Wine & Liquor (208 McHenry Road) Docket No 25-02**

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Tej Patel, co-owner, was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Attorney Ferolo reviewed the facts and confirmed that the business does have a liquor policy in place. Mr. Patel pleaded guilty and answered a question from the Commission. President Horcher noted that this is the second consecutive violation for this business.

**D. Hearing in the Matter of Krystyna's Deli, Inc. d/b/a KD Market (835 West Dundee Road) Docket No 25-03**

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Manager Agnieszka Colon was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Attorney Ferolo reviewed the facts and confirmed that the business does have a liquor policy in place. Ms. Colon pleaded guilty and answered a question from the Commission.

**[Executive Session]**

Chairperson Horcher requested a motion to recess and enter an Executive Session to discuss the consideration of evidence or testimony presented during an open hearing.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Ray Lang.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Approved; the meeting recessed at 6:42 PM.

**[Reconvene from Executive Session]**

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to reconvene the open session.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Dave Vogel, that the open meeting reconvene.

Motion carried by voice vote, the open meeting reconvened at 6:45 PM.

**Liquor Commission Findings**

**In the Matter of Keing Corporation d/b/a Chicago Ramen Wheeling (743 North Milwaukee Avenue) Docket No 25-01**

Attorney Ferolo requested a motion to impose the following penalties: a \$500 fine and one-third of the administrative costs, to be paid by May 26, 2025. Attorney Ferolo stated that the business will be served with an order outlining the findings.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Dave Vogel.

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

**In the Matter of RMPT Beverages LLC d/b/a SWEJ Wine & Liquor (208 McHenry Road) Docket No 25-02**

Attorney Ferolo requested a motion to impose the following penalties: a \$1,500 fine, a one-day suspension of their liquor license on June 9, 2025 (during regular business hours), and one-third of court costs, to be paid by May 26, 2025. Attorney Ferolo stated that the business will be served with an order outlining the findings.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Dave Vogel.

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

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Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

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

## **7. Adjournment**

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Dave Vogel, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion carried by voice vote, six ayes, one absent; the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 4th day of August 2025, by the Chairperson and Commissioners