



Monday, December 1, 2025
Liquor Control Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC NOTICE — in accordance with the applicable statutes of the state of Illinois and Ordinances of the Village of Wheeling, notice is hereby given that the Regular Meeting of the Wheeling Liquor Control Commission will be held in the Board Room, Wheeling Village Hall, 2 Community Boulevard, Wheeling, Illinois, at 6:30 PM, during which meeting it is anticipated there will be discussion and consideration of and, if so determined, action upon the matters contained in the following agenda.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting of September 15, 2025

5. **Citizen Concerns & Comments**

Municipal Code 2.03.060(b) Subjects of Orders of Business. Citizen Concerns and Comments. Members of the public may address the committee with comments regarding only those items that are relevant to village business. Issues relevant to Village business are defined to mean information about Village events; issues that the public body has the authority to address; items listed on the agenda; and items or issues previously voted on by the Village Board or that the Village Board has the authority to consider or vote on in the future. No citizen shall speak for more than five minutes without consent of the committee. The village president shall strictly restrain comments and questions to matters that are relevant to village business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the board must sign the request to speak form prior to the commencement of the public meeting.

6. **New Business**

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Motion to Declare the Class B-V and Class D-4 Liquor Licenses Held by Moe's Café, Inc. at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road to Be Forfeited and Lapsed
- B. Consideration of a Request for a Class N-V Liquor License from Bonnie's Gaming, Corp. d/b/a Bonnie's, a Proposed Video Gaming Café at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road

7. **Adjournment**

REGULAR meetings will be televised on channels 17 and 99. If you would like to attend a Village meeting but require an auxiliary aid such as a sign language interpreter, call 847-499-9085 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. To view the full agenda packet, visit <https://wheelingil.portal.civicclerk.com/>.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2025
FROM: Martin Seay, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Motion to Declare the Class B-V and Class D-4 Liquor Licenses Held by Moe's Café, Inc. at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road to Be Forfeited and Lapsed
DOLLAR AMOUNT:
BUDGETED: No
BUDGET SOURCE:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 23, 2025 Moe's Café, Inc. at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road permanently ceased operations. Per the municipal code, a business that ceases to operate for more than 60 consecutive days is subject to having its liquor license(s) declared lapsed and forfeit. On Monday, December 1, the Commission will be asked to make the subject declaration.

MEMO

On Monday, December 1, the Liquor Control Commission and the Village Board are expected to consider requests for liquor license and special use approval from a prospective video gaming café that seeks to operate at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road, the former site of Moe's Café. Moe's ceased operations on June 23 and vacated the subject premises, but has not submitted a voluntary affidavit forfeiting its liquor licenses, which remain valid through April 30, 2026.

In Chapter 4.32 ("Alcoholic Liquor Dealers") Section 4.32.105 ("Cessation of business"), the Wheeling municipal code states that "Any licensee who ceases to do business or closes the place of business for a period of more than sixty successive days shall be subject to having the license declared forfeited and lapsed by order of the [liquor control] commission."

Given that Moe's has been closed for well over 60 successive days, and given that another liquor retailer may soon be operating at 31–33 North Elmhurst, staff recommends that the Liquor Control Commission declare the Class B-V and Class D-4 liquor licenses held by Moe's Café, Inc. to be lapsed and forfeit in order to avoid the appearance of multiple valid liquor licenses being issued for the same premises.

Staff has provided Moe's Café, Inc. with written notice of the Commission's intent to declare the forfeiture. If you have questions or concerns about this declaration, please contact me.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2025
FROM: Martin Seay, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Request for a Class N-V Liquor License from Bonnie's Gaming, Corp. d/b/a Bonnie's, a Proposed Video Gaming Café at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road
DOLLAR AMOUNT:
BUDGETED: No
BUDGET SOURCE:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Monday, December 1, the Liquor Control Commission will be asked to consider a request for a Class N-V liquor license from Bonnie's Gaming, Corp. d/b/a Bonnie's, a prospective new video gaming café that seeks to operate at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road.

MEMO

Bonnie's Gaming, Corp. has submitted an application for a Class N-V liquor license for Bonnie's, a proposed gaming establishment at 31–33 North Elmhurst Road, the former Moe's Café site. The latter business, which closed in June 2025, held both liquor and video gaming licenses; therefore this site has an established history of both uses. The proposed floorplan for the business (attached) indicates table seating for fewer than 30 customers. Given the amount of seating, and because the business does not plan to offer an extensive selection of food or alcoholic beverages, the requested Class N-V license is an appropriate fit for its proposed operations.

The applicant has also requested special use approval as a gaming establishment, and an ordinance granting this approval will be on the Village Board's Monday, December 1 agenda. For additional information, please refer to the materials for that item.

The municipal code only allows issuance of a Class N-V liquor license and special use approval of a gaming establishment when the applicant or petitioner seeks to operate in a shopping center, in a development, or on a property that does not currently contain a Class N-V establishment or a gaming establishment. No such establishments are currently approved or operating at the shopping center that includes 31–33 North Elmhurst, and therefore Bonnie's meets this condition for the subject approvals.

In order to assist the Liquor Control Commission in evaluating the proximity and density of Wheeling video gaming establishments, Community Development staff worked with the Village's GIS System Specialists to create an interactive online map of such establishments, which can be accessed at [this link](#). (Clicking on each square on the map will provide identifying information for each establishment.) The red square represents the proposed Bonnie's location.

The applicant has submitted an application, an executed lease for the premises, and proof of BASSET certification for the owner. The business has also accepted the Village's basic policy for the sale and service of alcohol, and has provided a voluntary addendum describing additional restrictions it plans to implement (attached). The business has not yet submitted a certificate of liquor liability insurance, has not yet hired its employees, and has not yet paid its liquor license fees. Wheeling Police Department investigators are still in the process of conducting a background check on the owner. Based on these considerations, staff recommends approval conditional on:

- payment of all applicable fees,
- submittal of a certificate of liquor liability insurance,
- submittal of BASSET certificates for all applicable employees,

- satisfactory background check results,
- passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees granting applicable special use approval (which staff has placed on the Village Board's December 1 new business agenda), and
- passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new Class N-V liquor license (which staff has placed on the Village Board's December 1 consent agenda).

If the Commission approves this request for a Class N-V license, the business will still be required to apply for and receive a Village video gaming license—for which it will owe fees of \$1,000 per terminal—before its terminals can be activated.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the request for a Class N-V liquor license from Bonnie's, please let me know.

Class N-V

~ Video Gaming Cafés ~

CLASS N-V licenses shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in video gaming cafes for consumption on the premises, and authorize the operation of video gaming devices upon the licensed premises, subject to the following:

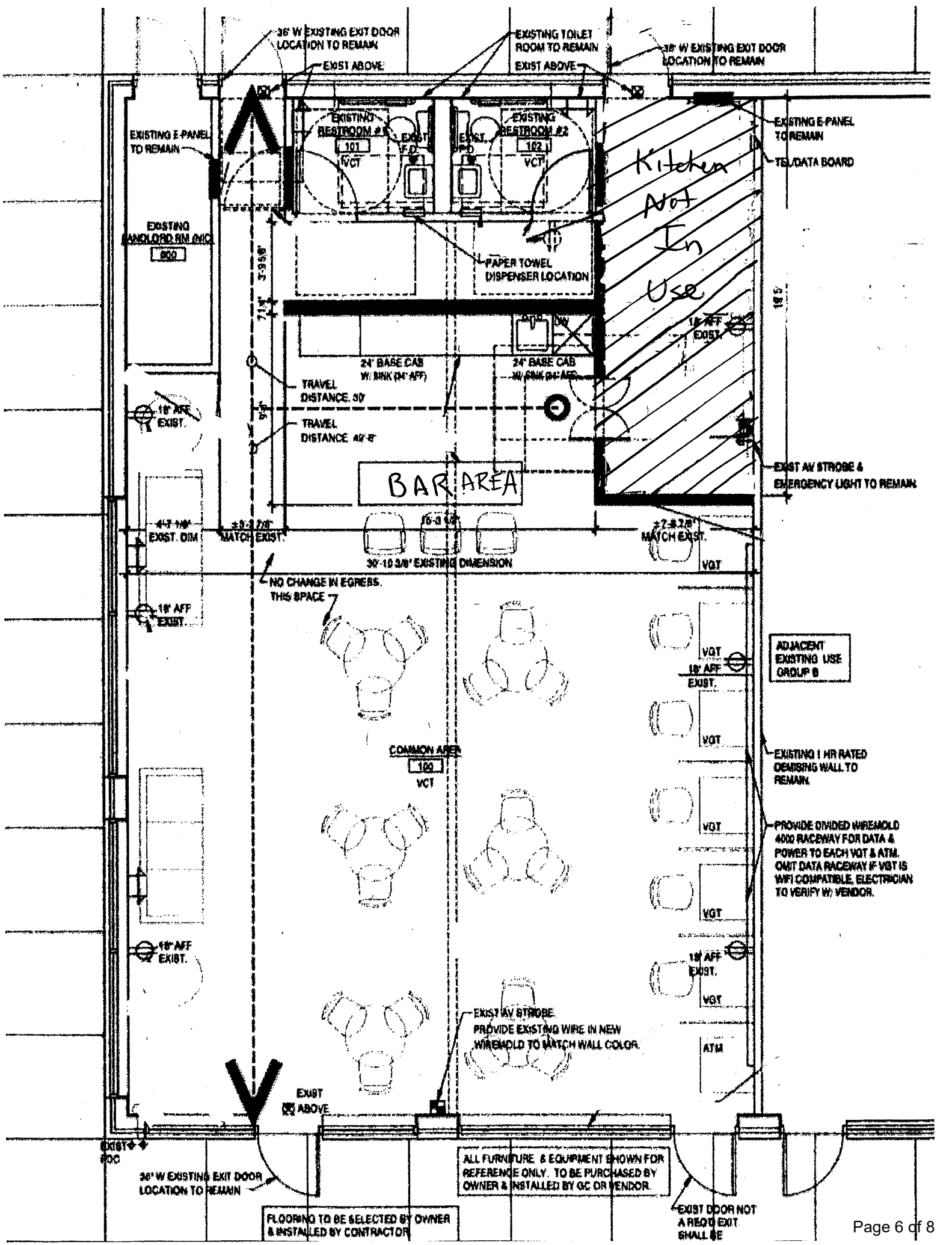
Conditions and qualifications: A Class N-V licensed premises must provide a maximum table seating capacity in the dining area of thirty persons. The primary business of the establishment shall be video gaming. A Class N-V license shall not be granted for any location in a shopping center (as defined in this Chapter), in a development, or on a property where a holder of a current and valid Class N-V license is already located. A Class N-V license holder must have a video gaming license issued by the Illinois Gaming Board in accordance with the provisions of the Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1 et seq.); shall comply with all provisions of the Illinois Video Gaming Act and all rules, regulations and restrictions imposed by the Illinois Gaming Board; and the operation of video gaming terminals shall be not be permitted during the hours alcoholic liquor sales are prohibited as provided in Section 4.32.200.

Current Class N-V Establishments

December 1, 2025

Café Parlay	1000 S. Milwaukee Avenue
Elsa's	735 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Gia's	1940 S. Wolf Road
Jugaadu Slots & Video Poker	860 S. Wheeling Road
Jugaadu Slots & Video Poker	216 McHenry Road
Kiki's Café Monte Carlo	1201 W. Dundee Road
Sip and Slots	30 W. Dundee Road
Sofia's Café	353 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Stella's Place—Lynn Plaza	534A W. Dundee Road
Stella's Place—Fresh Farms	255 E. Dundee Road
Stella's Place—Lexington Commons	1081 Lake Cook Road
Tracy's	18 W. Dundee Road
Vegas Lounge	280 E. Dundee Road

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CONDITIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS LICENSE CLASS, ALL WHEELING LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THE WHEELING MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING FAMILIAR WITH THOSE PROVISIONS.



36" W EXISTING EXIT DOOR LOCATION TO REMAIN

EXISTING TOILET ROOM TO REMAIN
EXIST ABOVE

36" W EXISTING EXIT DOOR LOCATION TO REMAIN

EXISTING E-PANEL TO REMAIN

EXISTING RESTROOM #1
101
VCT

EXISTING RESTROOM #2
102
VCT

EXISTING E-PANEL TO REMAIN
TEL/DATA BOARD

EXISTING HANDLOAD RM. IN IC
800

Kitchen Not In Use

PAPER TOWEL DISPENSER LOCATION

24" BASE CAB W/ SINK (34" AFF)

24" BASE CAB W/ SINK (34" AFF)

TRAVEL DISTANCE 50"

TRAVEL DISTANCE 42" 8"

BAR AREA

EXIST AV STROBE & EMERGENCY LIGHT TO REMAIN

47" 10" EXIST. DIM

30" 7/8" MATCH EXIST.

30" 10 3/8" EXISTING DIMENSION

27" 3/8" MATCH EXIST.

NO CHANGE IN EGRESS THIS SPACE

COMMON AREA

100
VCT

ADJACENT EXISTING USE GROUP B

EXISTING 1 HR RATED CEILING WALL TO REMAIN

PROVIDE DIVIDED WIREMOLD 400 RACEWAY FOR DATA & POWER TO EACH VGT & ATM. OMIT DATA RACEWAY IF VGT IS WIFI COMPATIBLE. ELECTRICIAN TO VERIFY W/ VENDOR.

EXIST AV STROBE
PROVIDE EXISTING WIRE IN NEW WIREMOLD TO MATCH WALL COLOR.

18" AFF EXIST.

ATM

EXIST ABOVE

ALL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY. TO BE PURCHASED BY OWNER & INSTALLED BY GC OR VENDOR.

36" W EXISTING EXIT DOOR LOCATION TO REMAIN

FLOORING TO BE SELECTED BY OWNER & INSTALLED BY CONTRACTOR

EXIST DOOR NOT A RECD EXIT SHALL BE

VILLAGE OF WHEELING
Basic Policy for Control of Sales and Service of Alcoholic Beverages

As a liquor store/restaurant owner/manager, or the operator of any establishment that is licensed to sell and/or serve alcoholic beverages, I agree to follow the rules listed below and to train all persons who serve alcoholic beverages to follow these rules:

1. No alcoholic beverages or non-alcoholic beer or wine will be served to any patron under 21 years of age.
2. More than one form of identification will be required for any patron who appears to be no more than 25 years of age.
3. The type of identification must be a valid driver's license or a state-issued photo identification card with birth date.
4. Any "Happy Hour" promotions will comply strictly with the requirements of the Illinois Liquor Control Law (235 ILCS 5/6-28 & 6.28.5).
5. For an establishment that functions as a restaurant, food orders will be taken and meals will be served until no earlier than two hours prior to actual closing time on any day.
6. The establishment will monitor the intake of alcohol by patrons to prevent intoxication.
7. The establishment will not serve alcohol to an intoxicated individual.
8. The establishment will call a cab for an intoxicated patron, or have a friend or relative drive the person home.
9. If an intoxicated individual becomes violent or abusive, the police department will be notified immediately.
10. Any attempted or actual violation of state or local law will be reported to the police department immediately.
11. Signage warning minors of applicable liquor service laws will be posted at the front entrance of the establishment at all times.

I realize that failure to follow these rules may result in the suspension or revocation of my establishment's liquor license. This Basic Policy supersedes any previous such policy executed on behalf of the establishment.

Bonnie Singer
Name

Bonnie's Gaming Corp. d/b/a Bonnie's
Establishment

11/17/2025
Date

Proposed Policy Regarding Serving of Alcoholic Liquor Beverages.

Every patron will be required to provide ~~state~~^{government issued} identification showing their age before being allowed to enter the premises.

We will have a very strict rule of a 3 drink maximum per day per patron. This will apply even if the patron leaves and returns to the premises multiple times in a day.

We will also have a strict rule that no patron shall be served an alcoholic beverage if they arrive on the premises intoxicated. Any patron that appears intoxicated will not be served any additional alcohol.

If a patron appears intoxicated we will call a cab or have a friend or relative drive them home.

If a patron becomes violent or abusive we will notify the police immediately.