

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Horcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Village Clerk Kathryn M. Brady called the roll.

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

Absent:

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the December 1, 2025, Special Meeting

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

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Jim Ruffatto.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

Absent:

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.

None

6. **New Business**

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Consideration of a Request for a Class C Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road

Village Manager Jon Sfondilis introduced the item and noted that staff does not recommend the approval of a Class C license, which is for taverns allowing a closing time of 4:00 AM; however, Manager Sfondilis stated that staff did recommend approval of a Class A license, which is for a restaurant that will enable them to stay open until 2:00 AM. The Petitioner was present and answered the Commission's questions. Chairperson Horcher requested the Commission's consensus on a 2:00 AM versus 4:00 AM closing time. There was a unanimous consensus for a 2:00 AM closing time.

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to approve the item as written, for a Class C license.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion FAILED

Yes: None

No: Pat Horcher, Mary Krueger, Mary Papantos, Ray Lang, Dave Vogel, Joe Vito, Jim Ruffatto

Manager Sfondils asked for a motion to approve a Class A license with the following conditions:

- passage of an ordinance by the Board of Trustees authorizing the creation of a new liquor license of the approved class (which staff will place on the agenda of an upcoming Village Board meeting),
- submittal of BASSET certificates for all appropriate individuals,
- payment of all associated liquor license fees, and
- satisfactory background check results

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Ray Lang

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

- B. Consideration of a Request for a Supplemental Class C-LC Liquor License from Delta Kilo Inc. d/b/a Red Bottle Restaurant, a Proposed Restaurant, Entertainment Establishment, and Assembly Use at 401 East Dundee Road

Village Attorney James Ferolo stated that this agenda item is now moot because the Class C has been denied; therefore, there is no need to take a vote.

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **Executive Session**

None

9. **Action on Executive Session Items**

None

10. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Horcher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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

No: None

Kathryn M. Brady, Village Clerk

Approved this 2nd day of February 2026, by the Chairperson and Commissioners.