

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF WHEELING
BOARD ROOM - 2 COMMUNITY BOULEVARD
COOK AND LAKE COUNTIES, WHEELING, IL
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Clerk 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 Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 2, 2026

Chairperson Horcher requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Dave Vogel.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

5. Citizen Concerns & Comments

None

6. New Business

All Listed Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Consideration of a Request for a Class N-V Liquor License from Wheeling 7 LLC d/b/a Zina Gaming Café, Contract Purchaser of the Existing Video Gaming Café at 860 South Wheeling Road

Clerk Brady read titles 6.A and 6.B into the record. Village Manager Jon Sfondilis reviewed the requests and read the following conditions for approval, which apply to both items.

- submittal of a certificate of liquor liability insurance
- submittal of a lease for the subject premises for the full period for which the liquor license is to be issued
- satisfactory background check results
- payment of all applicable fees

Petitioner Kartik Patel was present and answered a question from the Commission. Chairperson Horcher called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Mary Krueger, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: Jim Ruffatto

- B. Consideration of a Request for a Class N-V Liquor License from Wheeling 7 LLC d/b/a Zina Gaming Café, Contract Purchaser of the Existing Video Gaming Café at 216 McHenry Road

Chairperson Horcher called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: Jim Ruffatto

C. Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses – 2026–2027

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

- the submittal in good order of all application materials,
- satisfactory background check results for all responsible parties,
- the payment of any outstanding food and beverage tax, and
- payment of all applicable liquor license fees.

At the request of Trustee Lang, the Village will send a supplemental communication to liquor license holders on how to properly verify identification when serving or selling liquor, and will suggest that it be posted in an area accessible to all employees.

Chairperson Horcher called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Jim Ruffatto, seconded by Mary Papantos.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

No: None

D. Consideration of a Request for a Class I Liquor License from the Village of Wheeling for an Event to Be Held on June 27, 2026

Clerk Brady read the title into the record. Manager Sfondilis introduced the item, noting that it is for the annual Rock n Run The Runway event, and read the following conditions for approval:

- submittal of a certificate of liquor liability insurance, and
- submittal of BASSET certificates for all applicable individuals.

Manager Sfondilis announced that this year's event has been moved to the other side of the airport and confirmed that liquor sales will be available only during the evening event. More information will be posted on social media and via e-blasts.

Chairperson Horcher called for a motion to approve.

Motion by Mary Krueger, 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

7. **Old Business**

None

8. **Executive Session**

None

9. **Action on Executive Session Items**

None

10. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Horcher called for a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Mary Papantos, seconded by Ray Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion approved by voice vote, all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 1st day of June 2026, by the Chairperson and Commissioners.