

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

701 Kelly Road, Room 112

Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

C Ron Miller, Commissioner

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

P. Terry Carolan, Chief Inspector

Tom Melvin, Inspector

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

MINUTES – March 21, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting was Chairman - Thomas Farrell, Commissioner - C. Ron Miller, Commissioner – Dan Laffey, Inspector – Tom Melvin, Inspector – Terry Carolan, and Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon. Board Attorney Ramani Pillai was present for the meeting. Also in attendance were Glenn Hall, Rod McIntyre, Sam Bennett, David Landis, and Amy Moyer. There were also officers from the Frostburg State University Campus Police present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the March 7, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license was approved for Samantha Bennett, Bryan Miller, and Jeffrey Pfister for the Shaft Volunteer Fire Department Gun and Cash Bash. The event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Shaft Fire Department, 19303 Shaft Rd in Frostburg. Sam Bennett said there would be a beer truck for the event. IDs would be checked and given wristbands for anyone over the age of 21. There will be a member of the Fire Department working at the beer truck checking for wristbands.

A One-day special class “C” license was approved for David Landis, Edward Williams, and D. Mark Williams for the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department Cash Bash. The event will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie. David Landis stated that there were 500 tickets to the event sold. Tickets for the event included the cost of alcohol. The fire department will be checking IDs and providing wristbands to individuals 21 and older.

A One-day special class “C” license was approved for David Landis, Edward Williams, and D. Mark Williams for the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department All you can eat chicken wing dinner event. The event will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire

Department, 14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie. Beer will be available for purchase separately. A member of the fire department will be checking identification before selling alcohol.

A One-day special class "C" license was approved for Amy Moyer, Charles Koelker, and David Sanford for their Chefs Competition. This event will take place at the Culinaire Café, 110 Baltimore Street, Cumberland, MD. This is the primary fundraiser for the Western Maryland Food Bank. Students from Allegany College of Maryland will compete against professional chefs. Tickets for the event will include the cost of alcohol. They will be checking IDs before serving alcoholic beverages.

Rodney McIntyre was present for the meeting. The Board spoke with Rodney about his current liquor license. Rodney stated that he needed to file some paperwork with the state of Maryland. He said that he filed the necessary paperwork. He stated that he has at least 6 different people interested in the liquor license. The board told him to keep working on the transfer of the license. Rodney is to attend the meeting on April 4, 2023 to keep the Board updated on his progress.

There was a violation hearing for The Beach Club, 202 Center Street, Frostburg, MD 21532. Licensee, Glenn Hall was present for the meeting. The Beach Club was requested at this meeting because we received 12 police reports regarding the establishment. These police reports mentioned opened containers, fighting, and underage individuals being served. Mr. Hall stated that he recently purchased an ID reader. He stated that if the identification card does not go through the scanner the individual does not get served. He has also purchased a metal wand detector. He said that this would help because it catches someone trying to come in with a pocket knife. Pocket knives are not allowed in his establishment. Mr. Hall stated that you can never anticipate when a fight is going to break out. He said that he is at the establishment and anyone that fights then gets humiliated on social media. He also stated that he has someone work the gate in the back outside area. This is to prevent anyone from getting in without ID being scanned. Glenn is concerned about his establishment. He does not want his establishment to have a bad reputation. He has worked too hard to let it all go. The Board suggested a meeting with Frostburg State University Administration, Frostburg State Police, Frostburg University Police, the Liquor Board, and Beach Club to see if there is anything that can be done to prevent further incidents at the Beach Club. The liquor board clerk is going to try to set up a day and time for this meeting.

There was general discussion among the Board. There was a picture shown from a local establishment, The Balcony, of bartenders doing shots with patrons from behind the bar. It was requested that the Balcony attend the next meeting. There was also talk about the Democrat Club. The bartender there refused to serve an intoxicated woman that was beating on the bar. It took two people to carry her out of the bar. When she got outside, she supposedly pulled a knife. However, when law enforcement arrived no knife was found. There was also discussion about requiring a trader's license. Senate Bill 496 no longer requires restaurants to obtain a trader's license. The Board asked the attorney, Ramani Pillai for some assistance with this matter. Mr. Pillai said that he would get in touch with the Clerk's Office and find out more information.

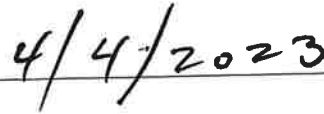
Inspectors reported on 199 routine inspections between February 21, 2023 and March 6, 2023.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for April 4, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date