

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

701 Kelly Road, Room 112

Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

Tom Melvin, Acting Chief Inspector

C Ron Miller, Commissioner

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

MINUTES – July 5, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 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, and Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon. Also in attendance were Robert Littleton, James Lashbaugh, Amile Shook, Manali Kotak, Khush Kotak, Yogesh Patel, Steven Hansrote, Patrick Leedy, Doug Macy, Charles Jones II, Juli McCoy, and Donna Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the June 21, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer) was approved for Robert Littleton, Randall Pyles, and Pamela Pyles for the Little Orleans Volunteer Fire Department. The license is for Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the Little Orleans Volunteer Fire Department Gun Bash. The ticket fee included the cost of alcohol. There will be two beer trucks for the event. Anyone over 21 will have a wristband. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer) was approved for Robert Littleton, Randall Pyles, and Pamela Pyles for the Little Orleans Volunteer Fire Department. The event is the Appel Mountain Bike Rally, 31307 Orleans Oldtown Rd SE, beginning on Wednesday, August 2 through Saturday, August 5, 2023. This event will have a cash bar. Guests will be carded at the main gate and again when purchasing alcohol. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Jeremy Jack, Charles Jones II, and Emilie Jones for the Bowman’s Addition Volunteer Fire Company. The license is for Saturday, July 8, 2023 Cash Bash at the Bowman’s Addition Fire Company, 11710 Boardwalk Ave NE, Cumberland. Members of the Fire Company will be serving the alcohol from the window. Anyone over 21 will receive a wristband. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Juli McCoy, Patrick Buck, and David Turnbull with the Allegany Chamber of Commerce. The event will be taking place on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at Turnbull, Hoover, and Kahl, 217 Glenn Street, Suite 200, Cumberland. This event is the Chamber After Hours Program. No minors will be present for the event and the ticket fee includes the cost of alcohol. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer) was approved for Patrick Leedy with the Salvation Army Red Shield Club. The event will be taking place on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Canal Place Festival Grounds, 13 Canal Way, Cumberland. Jimmy Crawford said that "Rock the Mountains" brought in about 2,000 people last year and they are looking for a bigger crowd this year. There will be two beer trucks for this event. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer) was approved for Daniel Williams, David Landis, and Edward Williams with the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department. The All You Can Eat chicken wing event will occur on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department, 14200 Ellerslie Rd. All beer sales are controlled by fire company members. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class "D" Beer, Wine, and Liquor License currently owned by Donna Thomas, Donna's Place LLC/Classic Liquor 806-814 N Mechanic Street, Cumberland. This license is being transferred to Manali Kotak and Khush Kotak with Sweet Ocean LLC/Queen City Liquor. The Board asked if there would be a bulk transfer permit. Donna said that there isn't much alcohol on premises it will all be removed. Sweet Ocean LLC has not yet received their trader's license, but they have applied. Closing on the property is not scheduled until July 7. Sweet Ocean LLC would not be opening the business for another two to three months. They plan for their hours of operation to be 10 AM to 10 PM. Chairman Farrell made a motion to pre-approve pending a copy of trader's license and closing of the property, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Miller. The Board requested that Sweet Ocean LLC come to the August 16, 2023 meeting to give an update on the opening of the business.

District 16 Volunteer Fire Company requested to speak with the Board about the price of their alcoholic beverage license and trader's license. No one from District 16 VFD was in attendance to speak to the Board.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 62 routine inspections between June 21, 2023 any July 5, 2023. The Board discussed the applications received for the Inspector position. The Board decided to repost the job advertisement until July 21, 2023 since the minimum number of applications was not received.

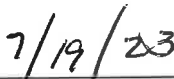
There was general discussion among the Board. Commissioner Miller spoke about ALL current class "C" (Club) license holders. He said that under a club license all their advertisements needed to be tagged members and guests. There was also discussion of being able to sell packaged goods with a one-day non-profit license. Violation hearings will be held at the next meeting. The Board reviewed the reports from the Sheriff's Department.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 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