

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 – September 6, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Chairman - Thomas Farrell, Commissioner – C. Ron Miller, Commissioner – Dan Laffey, Inspector – Tom Melvin, Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon, and Board Attorney Ramani Pillai. Also, in attendance were Gopi Patel, Doug Bauer, Mary Shrout, Dave Sanford, Steven Hansrote, Juli McCoy, Lisa Hout, Sandra Lippold, Elizabeth Rhodes, Mark Eanes, Doug Macy, and Carissa Hillebrecht.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the August 16, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Kurt Hoffman, William Rocks, and David Sanford with Allegany College of Maryland. The license is for Monday, September 18, Thursday, September 28, Tuesday, October 17, Thursday, November 9, and Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Allegany College of Maryland will be having an adult education class at the Culinary Café, 110-114 Baltimore Street, Cumberland on the designated days. Mr. Sanford did say that if not enough people signed up for the class that the class would be cancelled. No one under the age of 21 is able to sign up for the course. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Jennifer Flinn and Mark Eanes with the Bishop Walsh Athletic Association for a cash bash fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Bishop Walsh School, 700 Bishop Walsh Road, Cumberland. If minors are present for the event, then they will use bracelets to identify people over age 21. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer, Wine, and Liquor) was approved for David Matthews, Elizabeth Rhodes, and Kim Leonard with the Western Maryland Health System Foundation. The license is for Thursday, September 14, 2023 for the annual golf classic dinner. The dinner is provided to the golfers and sponsors of the event. The ticket fee for the event includes

everything. No minors will be present for this event. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer) was approved for John Ensminger, David Landis, and Steven Hansrote with the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Department for their all you can eat chicken wing dinner event on Saturday, September 9, 2023. This is an all-day event. Anyone that orders a beer is asked for identification. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer and Wine) was approved for Juli McCoy, Patrick Buck, and James Horstkamp with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. They will be having their After-Hours Program meeting at Energy Select, 119 Baltimore Street on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. This is a networking event. No one under 21 will be in attendance. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer, Wine, and Liquor) was approved for Jeff Hedrick, Chris Garrity, and Carissa Hillebrecht with ARC of Frederick for their Bacon Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Canal Place, 13 Canal Street, Cumberland. There will be a beer truck for the event. TIPS certified people will be serving alcoholic beverages. Wristbands will be given to anyone over 21. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

The Woman's Civic Club applied for a one-day license to be able to serve "whiskey sours" at their Heritage Days Kick-off dinner. The Woman's Civic Club currently holds a Class "C" beer and wine license. Ms. Shrout was told that the only way they would be able to serve liquor is if they purchased a Special Pouring Permit license. The fee would be \$250, but would allow them to serve liquor all year. The Board could not approve the one-day license because two licenses can not be issued to the same address. Ms. Shrout understood and said that maybe they would be interested in the pouring permit in the future, but not currently.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class "D" Beer, Wine, and Liquor License currently owned by James "Doug" Bauer, Bedford Road Liquors/DOJAC LLC, 11506 Bedford Rd NE, Cumberland. This license is being transferred to Gopi Patel with Jay Ramesth Inc to continue doing business as Bedford Road Liquors. Jay Ramesth Inc will be the new owners of the property. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.

Melinda Twist-Rice with Helmick's Grocery called into the office and said that she could not attend today's meeting due to having a class. She said that she was working with a lady that was trying to secure funding to purchase current license. Chelsea Boyle came into the office and had her name removed from the New Creamery LLC license.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 158 routine inspections between August 16, 2023 and September 5, 2023. The Board discussed when the

new inspector position would be filled. The background check came back and now we are waiting to hear if the selected candidate accepts or declines the offer.

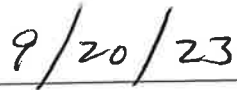
There was general conversation among the Board to determine whether or not online TIPS training would be accepted in Allegany County. The Board believes that this is what the world is coming to. The Board determined that online TIPS training would be acceptable, but the TIPS certificates must be printed and prominently displayed at each establishment. Commissioner Miller expressed concern with Clubs having events and not tagging their events for "members and guests." This is a requirement for a Class "C" license holder. A letter will go out to all Class "C" social clubs to attend a meeting to make the rules clear to the licensees. A guest sponsorship should be handed in to the Board and approved before any advertising for an event occurs. The Board also discussed having legislation written for Allegany County to establish regulations to perform wine tastings.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 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, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date