

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Public Meeting
April 22, 2024

The meeting of the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024. Present were Chairman Jack M. Gottschalk, Commissioner Edward M. Bridges, Jr., Alternate Jacqueline O’Neil and Board Secretary Victoria E. Bradley.

OLD BUSINESS

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner O’Neil, the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2024, were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Sonny NY, LLC – Application for a Substitution of license holders and renewal

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicants Cheryl Ann Cook and Jannie Lee Regino).

The applicant, Ms. Cook, gave opening statements regarding the application and the reason for the substitute licensee request. Ms. Cook testified that the current license holders have moved out of Talbot County and are unable to stay on as the license holders.

Chairman Gottschalk asked if the applicants had a current copy of Chapter 11 of the County Code. The applicants testified that they did not have a copy at this time. Chairman Gottschalk explained that it is important for them to have, and that Secretary Bradley will be able to provide it. Chairman Gottschalk explained the importance of the County Code and the rules that need to be followed.

Chairman Gottschalk discussed the criminal background check for the applicants and asked if they would like to discuss it further so the Board could have a better understanding before they make their decision. Chairman Gottschalk stated the record is from a few years ago and considered dated.

Ms. Cook testified that the criminal record is old and of a personal nature that is in her past and has not and will not affect the operation of the business. Ms. Cook further testified she plans to take her responsibilities seriously and uphold the law.

Chairman Gottschalk explained the importance of following the laws to keep everyone safe. Chairman Gottschalk further testified the importance of not over serving and id checking and the different ways the business can ensure to follow the law and keep everyone safe.

Chairman Gottschalk explained to the applicants the reason the board requested them to come in for a hearing. Chairman Gottschalk further explained the board wanted to make sure the applicants take this seriously and will uphold the law.

Commissioner Bridges noted that both applicants are TIPS certified.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion made by Commissioner O’Neil, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that the Borad approve the application for the substitute licensees and renewal of the Class B license. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The Chairman discussed that at the last meeting on April 8, 2024, the board discussed if they should have a rule or standard about considering the criminal background check. The Chairman doesn’t believe they can have a standard rule because not everything is black and white, and some cases need to be discussed and reviewed. Commissioner Bridges and O’Neil agreed that each case should be reviewed and make sure applicants are sincere about upholding the laws.

The board would like to discuss and look into having rules in place regarding requiring food for a one-day class H and J license. The current County Code does not state anything regarding food being served for this type of license.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board moved to adjourn.

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner O’Neil, there being no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:36 a.m.