

**DOWNERS GROVE LIQUOR COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
801 BURLINGTON AVENUE**

Thursday, March 2, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strelau called the March 2, 2017 Liquor Commission meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Clary, Ms. Pietrucha (6:45), Mr. Krusenoski, Chairman Strelau

ABSENT: Mr. Austin, Mr. Jacobson, Ms. King

STAFF: Liaison to the Liquor Commission Carol Kuchynka, Village Attorney Enza Petrarca

OTHERS: Susan Shelton, Deborah Klinkhammer, Patti Alumbaul, Rebeca Militello, Frank Militello, Dorata Lantz, Bin Yu, Court Reporter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Strelau asked for approval of the minutes for the February 2, 2017 Liquor Commission meeting and asked members if there were any corrections, changes or additions.

Hearing no changes, corrections or additions, the February 2, 2017 minutes of the Liquor Commission meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Strelau reminded those present that this evening's meeting was being recorded on Village-owned equipment. Staff was present to keep minutes for the record and a court reporter was present taking the minutes verbatim.

IV. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Chairman Strelau made the following statements:

"Section 3-40 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code provides that the Local Liquor Commissioner may revoke or suspend any license issued if the Commissioner determines that the licensee has violated any of the provisions of this chapter or any State law pertaining to the sale of alcohol. Both under the Section cited above, and under Chapter 235, Section 5/7-5, Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Local Liquor Commissioner is required to hold a public hearing after notice to the licensee, in which the licensee is afforded an opportunity to appear and defend. Pursuant to Section 3-5 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code, this hearing is being conducted by the Local Liquor Commission at the request of the Local Liquor Commissioner."

"The Commissioner has the power to temporarily suspend a license without a hearing if there is reason to believe that continued operation of the licensed business would immediately threaten the welfare of this community. Such was not done in these cases. The licensee may be represented by counsel, although he need not be for the purposes of this hearing."

Chairman Strelau asked if there was a signed stipulation in this case. Ms. Petrarca replied yes.

Chairman Strelau made the following statements:

"In view of the stipulation the order of this hearing will be substantially as follows:"

- A. Prosecution will read the signed stipulation into the record with the opportunity for the licensee to register its concurrence or non concurrence for the record.
- B. Prosecution may present any additional evidence in this case with the right of the licensee to cross-examine.
- C. Licensee may present any defense or mitigating evidence with right of prosecution to cross-examine.
- D. Summary of case by prosecution and defense."

"The prosecution should establish that timely notice of this hearing has been provided to the licensee."

"Witnesses shall be sworn."

"Strict rules of evidence will need not be adhered to although the Commission expects to exercise control over the hearing to ensure that irrelevant or repetitive testimony does not unduly prolong the hearing."

"A court reporter is present and will take the proceedings verbatim. Staff is also present for the purpose of summarizing the proceedings."

"The Commission will submit the findings and recommendations to the Local Liquor Commissioner regarding the existence and nature of any violation."

"Upon receipt of the recommendation of the Commission, the Commissioner will render a decision and the licensee will be notified in writing."

Portillo's Hot Dogs - 1500 Butterfield Road

Chairman Strelau stated that the next order of business was to conduct a disciplinary hearing for Portillo's Hot Dogs, LLC d/b/a Portillo's Hot Dogs located at 1500 Butterfield Road. She stated that the licensee has been charged with a violation of Section 3-25(a) of the Downers Grove Liquor Control Ordinance.

Chairman Strelau asked that any individual(s) representing the licensee step forward and be seated. She asked that any individual(s) giving testimony, state and spell their name for the record, indicate their affiliation with the establishment and be sworn in by the court reporter.

Ms. Susan Shelton was sworn in by the court reporter. She introduced herself as corporate counsel for Portillo's.

Chairman Strelau asked the prosecuting attorney to present her case.

Ms. Petrarca stated that the parties to this hearing before the Liquor Commission of the Village of Downers Grove by and through their attorneys, if any, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. Portillo's Hot Dogs, LLC d/b/a Portillo's Hot Dogs, 1500 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois, is the holder of a Class R-2 Liquor License #LQ-000048, issued by the Village of Downers Grove. That said Licensee has held a liquor license for this location from the Village of Downers Grove since November 21, 1983.
2. Notice of this hearing was served upon the Licensee by certified mail to its registered agent and by personal delivery to the manager of the licensed premises.
3. At approximately 5:23 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017, Downers Grove Police Officer Buzucky and Downers Grove Police Officer Lyerly observed S.G., a special agent of the Downers Grove Police Department under the age of twenty-one (21), whose date of birth is October 16, 1998 (making her 18 years old), enter Portillo's Hot Dogs located at 1500 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove.
4. The special agent proceeded to the beer counter and Elizabeth E. Webb asked the special agent for her order.
5. The special agent ordered a Miller Lite draft beer while Officers Buzucky and Lyerly observed her.
6. That Elizabeth E. Webb, whose date of birth is March 23, 1974, then asked the special agent for identification.
7. That the special agent produced her valid Illinois driver's license indicating her date of birth as 10/16/98, and reading "Under 21 until 10/16/19" on the face of the license.
8. That Elizabeth E. Webb viewed the special agent's driver's license and then returned the driver's license to the special agent.
9. That Elizabeth E. Webb rang up the sale charging the special agent \$3.78 for the beer.
10. That the special agent produced a \$20.00 bill and received \$16.22 in change from Elizabeth E. Webb.
11. That Elizabeth E. Webb then served the special agent a goblet of Miller Lite draft beer.
12. Officers Buzucky and Lyerly who witnessed the events in the foregoing paragraphs, identified themselves and advised that the delivery of an alcoholic beverage had been made to a minor.
13. Elizabeth E. Webb was issued a Village ordinance administrative citation for delivering alcohol to a minor in violation of Section 3-25(a) of the Downers Grove Municipal Code.
14. The Officers advised that notice of further action would be forthcoming from the Downers Grove Liquor Commission.

Ms. Petrarca asked that the signed stipulation be entered into the record as Village's Exhibit #1.

Chairman Strelau accepted the signed stipulation as Village Exhibit #1.

Chairman Strelau asked the licensee to present its case.

Mr. Shelton apologized for the violation.

Ms. Shelton advised that Portillo's had held a license since 1983. She stated that they have 42 licenses in six states. She stated that they have a TIPS trainer that certifies employees and noted that they trained 339 employees in 2016. She noted that not all communities require training prior to serving alcohol but added that Portillo's employees over 21 are trained upon hire. She stated that Ms. Webb was trained on January 12, 2016. She stated that 15 employees hold TIPS training certificates at the Downers Grove location. She stated that since the incident all liquor servers have been re-trained.

Ms. Shelton advised that Portillo's passed a compliance test on February 15th.

Ms. Shelton stated that a "No Vertical License Accepted Sign" was posted, however, it was inadvertently removed during maintenance on equipment. She said the signage was re-posted in the store since the incident and submitted the sign as an exhibit. She stated that the sign serves as a reminder for employees not to accept the vertical license.

Ms. Shelton stated that Portillo's is a family restaurant and that they regularly remind management staff of company wide policies through weekly "hound meeting" correspondence. She stated that having a license is a privilege and not a right and that it is their duty to follow guidelines and they want to protect their reputation.

Ms. Shelton advised that all servers will now have a blue colored name tag to distinguish those on duty that are authorized and TIPS certified to serve alcohol.

Ms. Shelton advised that she watched the security video of the transaction and admitted that the stipulation of facts was accurate. She stated that she spoke personally with Ms. Webb about the incident. She advised that Ms. Webb retained an attorney. She stated that they felt the Village fine of \$500 was punishment enough as she is a single mother on a fixed income. She advised that Ms. Webb was relieved of her alcohol serving duties. She stated that they opted not to suspend her, which would be the normal practice in disciplining employees in this instance.

Ms. Shelton stated that Ms. Webb gave her authority to disclose to the Commission that she has a medical issue, was on medication at the time of the incident and indicated that she was confused on the evening of the violation. She stated that it was close to the anniversary of her mother's death, however, never informed managers of her being under pressure or of her health situation. She noted that Ms. Webb was a good employee.

Ms. Shelton advised that since 2010, Portillo's has passed 31 compliance tests and noted two failures company-wide since then.

Ms. Shelton stated that Portillo's would prefer to serve a suspension in lieu of a fine.

Chairman Strelau requested comments from the Commission.

Mr. Clary asked if there were any violations prior to 2010. Ms. Shelton replied that in the 1990's, Portillo's had three failures in the Village of Downers Grove.

Mr. Clary clarified if Ms. Webb was still serving liquor. Ms. Shelton replied no.

Mr. Clary stated that the Village takes liquor serving seriously. He noted that because the sign was not posted was not the reason they failed and noted human error. He stated that they need to communicate the consequences of serving minors. He stated that the incident was very disappointing.

Ms. Pietrucha asked what the normal punishment is to an employee who serves a minor. Ms. Shelton replied that a one week suspension. She advised that Portillo's employees do not receive tips and felt the fine from the municipality was just punishment. She noted that Ms. Webb is a single mother and Ms. Shelton asked the CEO on her behalf to waive Ms. Webb's suspension. She added that since being removed from serving duty, Ms. Webb has lost this higher paying position which will impact her salary.

Ms. Pietrucha asked Ms. Shelton to explain the "hound meeting". Ms. Shelton advised that managers have weekly hound meetings to discuss weekly corporate correspondence that is sent about procedures and laws that impact the stores. She stated that it is communication sent to stores and then managers sign off that they have reviewed it. She stated that they share the information at pre-meal staff meetings with servers. Ms. Sheldon stated that managers will be reminded about the compliance tests and the consequences of serving a minor.

Ms. Pietrucha asked Ms. Shelton would consider a fair consequence to the establishment for serving a minor. Ms. Shelton replied that she could not be impartial on an answer of behalf of the company. She stated that she knew there are consequences, but did not want to suggest a punishment.

Mr. Krusenoski asked how long Ms. Webb had been employed with Portillo's. Ms. Shelton replied five years.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if Ms. Webb had been employed for five years, even though only obtaining her certification in 2016. She referred to Ms. Klinkhammer. Ms. Shelton replied a little over a year.

Ms. Debbie Klinkhammer was sworn in by the court reporter. She introduced herself as the liquor manager for Portillo's.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if Ms. Webb had any prior experience serving liquor. Ms. Klinkhammer replied no, not to her knowledge.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Ms. Klinkhammer if she was Ms. Webb's immediate supervisor. Ms. Klinkhammer replied that she is the general manager of the establishment.

Mr. Krusenoski stated that the license was asked for and was shown an identification. He stated that the vertical license eliminates the math involved and he was confused by licensee's excuses for years. He stated that Ms. Webb had the wherewithal to ask for the license, but not the mental wherewithal to understand that the vertical license signified under 21. He added that most respond "I don't know" when asked why the violation occurred and supposed that it was a wilful sale.

Ms. Shelton stated that she watched the video and saw Ms. Webb clearly going through the motions and could make no excuses for why she sold to the minor. Ms. Shelton noted that Ms. Webb allowed her to relay that Ms. Webb advised she was seeing a neurologist, however, that regardless of the circumstances that was no excuse and Portillo's is still responsible.

Mr. Krusenoski asked about the hound correspondence that is sent to stores. He asked if it is printed and posted where servers could see it. Ms. Shelton replied that they are sent company wide via email and posted on the bulletin board.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if the hound correspondence contains liquor service or about everything going. Ms. Shelton replied it is company wide and covers many items. She stated that a few times a year it will contain information on proper alcohol service.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if they have on-site meetings regularly with staff outside of the hound correspondence as a basis to review and reinforce proper liquor serving. Ms. Klinkhammer replied that they have a yearly sign off and refresher course on policies.

Mr. Krusenoski stated that there should be a culture of intolerance for serving minors and that employees should not just go through the motions and be extra diligent in carding. He noted that this was only one random sample test and a sale occurred.

Chairman Strelau asked if employees are involved with the hound communications. Ms. Klinkhammer replied that the communication is reviewed by managers and crew chiefs and management will then communicate that with employees.

Chairman Strelau asked how often management meets with staff. Ms. Klinkhammer replied twice a year, but they if there is anything in the hound communications, they will have employees sign off on it.

Chairman Strelau noted the classic problem of licensees having polices and procedures in place and yet they appear before the Commission for a violation. She stated that procedures were not followed and she urged them to think about what went wrong. She stated that they need to get out and talk to staff and that staff needs to know if there is a problem, there are consequences. She stated that rules are in place to protect Village residents and that it is not ok for licensees to serve minors.

Chairman Strelau stated that they must express their concerns to staff and the importance of liquor serving. She stated that signs and badges are not enough and that they need to talk to staff to avoid problems and commit to better communication.

Chairman Strelau noted that Portillo's has had a series of violations over the years. She stated that they need to take violations under serious consideration and find a way to curb them.

Ms. Petrarca summarized by stating that Portillo's Hot Dogs, LLC d/b/a Portillo's Hot Dogs located at 1500 Butterfield Road, has stipulated to a violation of Section 3-25(a) of the Downers Grove Liquor Control Ordinance which prohibits the sale of alcohol to a minor. She recommended that the licensee be found guilty of a violation.

Chairman Strelau asked Ms. Shelton if she had any final comments for the record. Ms. Shelton stated that they do commit to communicate better with employees and understand that having the license is a privilege not a right.

Upon hearing the evidence presented in this case, Chairman Strelau requested a motion as to whether the licensee be found guilty or not guilty of a violation of Section 3-25(a) of the Downers Grove Municipal Code.

MR. KRUSENOSKI MOVED TO FIND PORTILLO'S HOT DOGS, LLC D/B/A PORTILLO'S HOT DOGS LOCATED AT 1500 BUTTERFIELD ROAD GUILTY OF VIOLATING SECTION 3-25(A) OF THE DOWNERS GROVE LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. MR. CLARY SECONDED.

VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Krusenoski, Mr. Clary, Ms. Pietrucha, Chairman Strelau

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4:0:0

Motion carried.

V. APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Chairman Strelau made the following statements:

"The next order of business is to conduct a public hearing for liquor license applications. For the benefit of all present, I would like to state that this Commission does not determine the granting or denial of the issuance of any license. We may at the end of each hearing, make a finding or recommendation with respect to the application. If necessary, the Commission may adjourn a hearing to a later date in order to have benefit of further information."

"At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission will summarize its findings and determine any recommendations it wishes to make to the Liquor Commissioner."

"The Liquor Commissioner, who is the Mayor of Downers Grove, will, pursuant to Section 3-12 of the Ordinance, render decisions regarding issuance of available liquor licenses within 60 days."

"Hearings by this Commission are held according to the following format: 1) reading of information pertinent to the application, 2) comments from the applicant, 3) discussion by the Commission, 4) comments from the public, and 5) motion and finding by the Commission."

3 Corners Grill & Tap - 7231 Lemont Road

Chairman Strelau stated that the next order of business was an application hearing for 3 Corners DG, Inc. d/b/a 3 Corners Grill & Tap located at 7231 Lemont Road. She stated that the applicant was seeking a Class "R-1", full alcohol, on-premise consumption liquor license and a Class "O" outdoor liquor license.

Chairman Strelau asked that any individual(s) representing the applicant step forward and be seated. She asked that any individual(s) giving testimony, state and spell their name for the record, indicate their affiliation with the establishment and be sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Frank Militello and Ms. Dorata Lantz were sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Militello introduced himself as president of 3 Corners DG, Inc. Ms. Lantz introduced herself as liquor manager for 3 Corners.

Chairman Strelau asked the applicant to present its case.

Mr. Militello stated that they are seeking a license to serve a variety of craft beer and liquor for a bar and grill serving American food.

Mr. Krusenoski stated that disciplinary hearings come in handy prior to an application as new licensees can see how the culture should be set within the organization.

Mr. Krusenoski asked where the location of their other restaurant. Mr. Militello replied they have been operating 3 Corners Grill and Tap in Lemont for the past 7 years.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if they have had any violations. Mr. Militello replied no. He advised that Lemont does not test, however, they have passed several tests that have been conducted by the State.

Mr. Krusenoski asked about the new location. Mr. Militello replied that it was the former Fuddruckers, Keystone and most recently, Redhouse.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Ms. Lantz about her serving experience. Ms. Lantz replied she has been with the company for 7 years.

Mr. Krusenoski asked how many employees they plan to have. Ms. Lantz replied 50, with 25-30 of them being experienced servers.

Mr. Krusenoski asked outside the bar area, will servers bring drinks to patrons. Mr. Militello stated that the server will enter a ticket into the POS system for the bartender to fill the bar order. He stated that servers will pick up the orders and deliver them.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Ms. Lantz will be on the location. Ms. Lantz replied yes and will be the on-site liquor manager. Mr. Krusenoski asked who will serve as backup. Ms. Lantz replied that an assistant manager with 5-6 years of experience will also be at the location.

Mr. Krusenoski asked how the outside will be handled and staffed. Mr. Militello that customers will be seated by a hostess other than the customers who go directly to the bar. He added servers will manage the outdoor seating area.

Ms. Pietrucha asked Ms. Lantz how staff will be trained. Ms. Lantz replied that servers will be required to have their BASSET certification upon hire. She stated that all servers will be 21 and over. She stated that employees will be presented the manual upon hire during the in-class week long training. She advised that they will also have all staff meetings for continuing education which will be conducted quarterly.

Mr. Clary stated that they were present to hear the previous hearing and how handling disciplinary hearings was frustrating for the Commission. He stated that they should be mindful of the consequences in serving minors.

Chairman Strelau referred to the gaming license question on the application materials and asked them to clarify. Mr. Militello stated that he obtained the gaming license for the Lemont location but does not have the games. He stated they are keeping the license if they ever want the option down the road if they decide to use it. Staff noted that video gambling is not allowed in Downers Grove. Mr. Militello was aware that video gaming was not allowed.

Chairman Strelau asked what is the hardest challenge they have faced serving liquor in the past 7 years. Mr. Militello replied they most of staff has been there since day one and they promote from within. He stated that staff cares about 3 Corners and they have staff that looks out for each other. He stated that they really have not had any issues. He stated that they are not a bar, but a restaurant that serves liquor and do not run into typical issues that a bar might.

Chairman Strelau asked if the employees from the Lemont location were coming over to the Downers Grove location. Mr. Militello replied most would be new with the with the exception of a few in the kitchen and Dorata and the assistant manager. He stated that they plan to hire new employees from the Downers Grove community.

Chairman Strelau asked how often staff would be trained. Mr. Militello replied that they will have quarterly meetings with regular staff discussions.

Chairman Strelau asked staff for recommendations or comments pertinent to this application. Ms. Kuchynka replied that issuance of the license is contingent upon receipt of satisfactory background checks, annual fee, Certificate of Occupancy, employee certifications and dram shop insurance.

Chairman Strelau asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Hearing the testimony given in this case, Chairman Strelau asked for a recommendation from the Commission concerning its finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" with respect to the applicant with regard to their Class "R-1" liquor license application.

MS. PIETRUCHA MOVED TO FIND 3 CORNERS DG, INC. D/B/A 3 CORNERS GRILL & TAP LOCATED AT 7231 LEMONT ROAD, QUALIFIED FOR A CLASS "R-1", FULL ALCOHOL, ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE. MR. KRUSENOSKI SECONDED.

VOTE: **AYE:** Mr. Pietrucha, Mr. Krusenoski, Mr. Clary, Chairman Strelau

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4:0:0

Motion carried.

Hearing the testimony given in this case, Chairman Strelau asked for a recommendation from the Commission concerning its finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" with respect to the applicant with regard to their Class "O" liquor license application.

MS. PIETRUCHA MOVED TO FIND 3 CORNERS DG, INC. D/B/A 3 CORNERS GRILL & TAP LOCATED AT 7231 LEMONT ROAD, QUALIFIED FOR A CLASS "O", FULL ALCOHOL, ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE. MR. KRUSENOSKI SECONDED.

VOTE: **AYE:** Mr. Pietrucha, Mr. Krusenoski, Mr. Clary, Chairman Strelau

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4:0:0

Motion carried.

All Blue Rotary Sushi - 2950 Finley Road

Chairman Strelau stated that the next order of business was an application hearing for All Blue Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a All Blue Rotary Sushi located at 2950 Finley Road. She stated that the applicant was seeking a Class "R-2", beer and wine, on-premise consumption liquor license.

Chairman Strelau asked that any individual(s) representing the applicant step forward and be seated. She asked that any individual(s) giving testimony, state and spell their name for the record, indicate their affiliation with the establishment and be sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Bin Yu was sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Yu introduced himself as the president and liquor manager of All Blue Rotary Sushi.

Chairman Strelau asked the applicant to present its case.

Mr. Bin Yu introduced himself as the liquor manager and president of All Blue Rotary Sushi.

Mr. Yu stated that this was a different concept of a traditional sushi restaurant where pre-made sushi will be set out on a conveyor belt. He stated that patrons will be able to take what they want and if they do not want what is on the belt patrons will be able to order off the menu from a server. He stated that they plan to serve Japanese saki and have a few choices of beer. He stated he was requesting a license for the convenience of customers.

Mr. Clary asked how the liquor will be served. Mr. Yu replied that drinks will be served by servers who will bring it to the table from a service bar only. He stated that the conveyor belt is food only.

Mr. Clary asked if all serving staff will be over 21 and BASSET certified. Mr. Yu replied yes.

Mr. Clary asked about their training program. Mr. Yu replied that they will hold quarterly meetings. He stated that he plans to hire 21 and older servers. He stated that he will require certifications upon hire and distribute the manual to each staff member personally. He will explain the rules and policies of his restaurant.

Mr. Yu stated that they will not accept the vertical ids.

Ms. Pietrucha asked Mr. Yu about his prior liquor handling experience. Mr. Yu replied he did not have liquor serving experience. He stated he previously owned and operated nail salons. But was most recently a sushi chef for Tokyo Bay in the City of Naperville and ran a kitchen staff at Sushi Station in Rolling Meadows. Mr. Yu stated that the establishment is similar to the Sushi Station which is a restaurant with a similar concept. He stated that he did not serve liquor there.

Ms. Pietrucha asked Mr. Yu about consequences to employees if they serve to a minor. He stated that employees will be terminated if they do not follow the rules.

Mr. Krusenoski noted that not having prior liquor serving experience does not disqualify him from holding a license. He noted his experience in the restaurant business and encouraged him to hire an experienced liquor manager.

Mr. Krusenoski stated the application noted about 10% in liquor sales. He stated that fines can be higher than what the business would profit in liquor sales. Mr. Yu stated that most revenue will come from the service of food.

Mr. Krusenoski asked where the restaurant is located. Mr. Yu replied on Finley in the strip mall and is a few doors down from Duluth Trading Company.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Mr. Yu when he planned to open. Mr. Yu replied mid-April or the beginning of May.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Mr. Yu if he hired a liquor manager. Mr. Yu replied he will be the liquor manager for now and will interview for potential managers. He stated that although he would be new to holding a liquor license, he planned to be very cautious.

Chairman Strelau advised Mr. Yu to stress the importance of liquor handling and present an extra dose of caution when serving liquor.

Chairman Strelau asked staff for recommendations or comments pertinent to this application. Ms. Kuchynka replied that issuance of the license is contingent upon receipt of satisfactory background checks, annual fee, Certificate of Occupancy, employee certifications and dram shop insurance.

Chairman Strelau asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Hearing the testimony given in this case, Chairman Strelau asked for a recommendation from the Commission concerning its finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" with respect to the applicant with regard to their Class "R-1" liquor license application.

MR. CLARY MOVED TO FIND ALL BLUE RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A ALL BLUE ROTARY SUSHI LOCATED AT 2950 FINLEY ROAD, QUALIFIED FOR A CLASS "R-2", BEER AND WINE, ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE. MR. KRUSENOSKI SECONDED.

VOTE:	AYE:	Mr. Pietrucha, Mr. Krusenoski, Mr. Clary, Chairman Strelau
	Nay:	None
	Abstain:	None

MOTION CARRIED: 4:0:0

Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Strelau asked if there was any discussion, update from staff or comments from the Commission regarding any old business.

Ms. Kuchynka referred to the February month end report.

Ms. Kuchynka advised that Starbucks will be discontinuing liquor services and the Mayor formally forfeited the licenses. Ms. Pietrucha asked if they are entitled to a refund. Ms. Kuchynka replied no.

Ms. Kuchynka provided the Commission with a map of the State of Illinois with deadlines for employees in various counties to obtain their certification. She stated that by the end of 2018, all servers in the State of Illinois will be required to have certified training. She stated that the re-certification will need to be done every three years. She believed that they were staggered in order to avoid an influx of certifications expiring throughout the State at the same time.

Ms. Kuchynka stated the Mayor's intent to issue a beer and wine license to Beggars Pizza.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Strelau asked if there was any discussion, update from staff or comments from the Commission regarding any new business.

Ms. Kuchynka stated that she was expecting submittal of two applications and expected to hold an April meeting.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Concluding business for the evening, Chairman Strelau called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Clary moved to adjourn the March 2, 2017 meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:45 p.m.