

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

Thursday, April 7, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strelau called the April 7, 2016 Liquor Commission meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Austin (6:37), Mr. Clary, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Krusenoski, Chairman Strelau

ABSENT: Ms. Fregeau, Ms. King

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

OTHERS: Lisandra Wood, Vladas Kriauciunas, Gary Chang, Court Reporter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Strelau asked for approval of the minutes for the March 3, 2016 Liquor Commission meeting and asked members if there were any corrections, changes or additions.

Hearing no changes, corrections or additions, the March 3, 2016 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.

V. 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 were signed stipulations in these cases. Ms. Didier replied yes.

Chairman Strelau made the following statements:

"In view of the stipulations, 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."

Olive Garden - 1211 Butterfield Road

Chairman Strelau stated that the next order of business was to conduct a disciplinary hearing for GMRI, Inc. d/b/a Olive Garden Restaurant #1096 located at 1211 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. Lisandra Wood was sworn in by the court reporter.

Chairman Strelau asked the prosecuting attorney to present her case.

Ms. Didier 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. GMRI, Inc. d/b/a Olive Garden Restaurant #1096, 1211 Butterfield, Downers Grove, Illinois, is the holder of a Class R-1/O Liquor License #LQ-000072, 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 May 29, 1995.
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 5:45 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016, Downers Grove Police Officer Lylerly and Downers Grove Police Officer BuzECKy observed C.O., a special agent of the Downers Grove Police Department under the age of twenty-one (21), whose date of birth is February 3, 1998 (making him 18 years old), enter Olive Garden Restaurant #1096 located at 1211 Butterfield, Downers Grove.
4. The special agent was seated at the bar in the restaurant and server/bartender, Samantha Henley asked him for his order.
5. The special agent ordered a Miller Lite Beer while Officers Lylerly and BuzECKy observed him.
6. That Samantha Henley, whose date of birth is May 19, 1995, making her 20 years old, never asked the special agent for identification.
7. That Samantha Henley then served the special agent a bottle of Miller Lite beer.
8. Officers Lylerly and BuzECKy who witnessed the events in the foregoing paragraphs, identified themselves and advised Samantha Henley that the delivery of an alcoholic beverage had been made to a minor.
9. Samantha Henley 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.
10. The Officers advised manager Timothy Sweeney that notice of further action would be forthcoming from the Downers Grove Liquor Commission.

Ms. Didier 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.

Ms. Lisandra Wood introduced herself as the general manager of The Olive Garden. She stated that she has been the general manager since November, 2014 and store manager since 2008.

Ms. Wood stated that she was contacted by the manager on duty following the incident. She directed the manager to obtain a written statement from Ms. Henley and told the manager to draft his statement about the incident for her to review the next day. She stated that the employee was sent home. She stated that upon her return she reviewed both statements and met with the server to discuss the incident. She stated that at the time of the incident Ms. Henley held a valid BASSET certification. She stated that the employee admitted guilt and violated company policy. She stated that Ms. Henley was terminated.

Ms. Wood advised that they held an all service staff training concerning the incident as well as one-on-one meetings with each employee. She stated that during the meeting they reviewed the Olive Garden Responsible Service of Alcohol Policy and each employee's BASSET certification on file.

Ms. Wood stated that they introduced electronic identification readers and trained staff on the proper use of the devices.

Ms. Wood stated that all employees have a current BASSET certification on file and signed company employee policy. She apologized for the violation.

Ms. Wood stated that the Olive Garden has a good history of passed controlled buys and noted that all tests have been passed since July of 1995. She requested a fine in lieu of suspension for the violation when the penalty is being considered.

Mr. Clary stated that the incident was unfortunate. He stated that Ms. Wood seemed to address the issue. He asked Ms. Wood how frequent meetings were held with staff to discuss liquor. Ms. Wood replied that liquor policies are discussed with team members upon hire. She stated that employees receive five days of training and train on the floor and must obtain their BASSET certification prior to serving.

Mr. Clary asked if they hold any team meetings. Ms. Wood replied they hold daily meetings with staff prior to shift. She stated that they include daily reminders for alcohol service and ask what the date they need to look for customers to be 21.

Mr. Jacobson asked when the last communication with Ms. Henley was concerning liquor service. Ms. Wood replied prior to Ms. Henley's shift that evening. She could not confirm the content of that communication as she was not the manager on duty at that pre-shift meeting with employees.

Mr. Jacobson asked if the employee was 20 years old. Ms. Wood replied yes. She stated that Ms. Henley was not supposed to be behind the bar. She stated that Ms. Henley saw a guest waiting and stepped behind the bar to help. Mr. Jacobson asked staff to confirm employees must be 21 to tend bar. Ms. Petrarca replied yes.

Ms. Wood stated Ms. Henley was not supposed to be behind the bar and stated that she thought she was helping out when attending to the guest. She noted that the bartender was in the kitchen getting a food order and the manager was helping another staff member.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if Ms. Henley gave any reason for not carding. Ms. Wood replied that Ms. Henley indicated she forgot and that she was tired and overworked. Ms. Wood stated that Ms. Henley is a single parent and went to school during the day.

Mr. Krusenoski stated that the elaborate card readers are irrelevant if servers do not ask for identification. Ms. Wood agreed.

Mr. Krusenoski asked Ms. Wood if Ms. Henley second guessed the importance of selling alcohol. Ms. Wood replied no. He asked Ms. Wood if the importance of not serving minors, being vigilant in carding and looking for signs of intoxication is covered with staff in the pre-shift meetings. Ms. Wood replied that they are told to card patrons under 40 and remind them of the consequences of serving a minor. She stated that they take liquor serving seriously. Mr. Krusenoski was concerned that the special agent was not carded.

Mr. Krusenoski asked who sets the tone for the establishment concerning the importance of liquor serving. Ms. Wood replied the leaders and the general managers do. Ms. Wood stated that she takes this very seriously. Mr. Krusenoski wondered if the environment was lax or if she was wonton about doing her job.

Mr. Austin asked if the team leaders bear any responsibility for the violation. Ms. Wood replied yes. She stated her not being on duty that night did not excuse her from receiving a warning. She stated that the general manager on duty received the same disciplinary warning. Mr. Austin asked what the difference was between a manager and team leader. Ms. Wood replied they are the same. She stated that there are three store managers and one general manager at the location.

Mr. Austin stated that the individual involved in the sale is ticketed. He stated that often the Village does not charge the managers who are responsible for training the servers.

Mr. Austin stated that the atmosphere does not seem to be where it needs to be. He stated that the agent should have been carded. Ms. Wood agreed.

Chairman Strelau asked what was Ms. Henley's hired as. Ms. Wood replied that she was hired as a server. She stated that she provides food and alcoholic and non-alcohol beverages to diners.

Chairman Strelau stated that Ms. Henley is an underage server. She asked Ms. Wood what Ms. Henley was coached to do. Ms. Wood stated that all servers under 21 are not allowed to open alcoholic beverages and they need to get a team member or manager who is over 21 to verify a guest's age.

Chairman Strelau stated that Ms. Wood is extremely well versed on the rules of The Olive Garden. She was confused as to how staff can misinterpret them. Ms. Wood replied that she has been with the company for 13 years, starting out as a hostess and worked her way up. She stated that she tries her best to ensure that her team members understand the rules and get the appropriate training. Ms. Wood stated that she has failed in making her team just as well versed in their policies and procedures as she is. She stated that she has not been as impactful as she should be and noted that policies and procedures have been reviewed.

Chairman Strelau asked about the alcohol serving policy and what it was dated. Ms. Wood stated that their training materials are on-line, however, the document was not dated.

Chairman Strelau asked how corporate training is done and how it is communicated out to the field. Ms. Wood stated that the courses are on-line, each of which vary by State.

Chairman Strelau asked if there is in-store training done on liquor serving. Ms. Wood replies yes. She stated that there are classes on-line and each team member is given a manual and given an on-line test. Chairman Strelau asked if there is any face-to-face training. Ms. Wood replied that there is a trainer that leads training besides the on-line training. She stated that they also have hands-on training. Chairman Strelau asked if the hands-on training focuses more on what they sell or how to sell it. Ms. Wood replied both. Chairman Strelau asked how often the training takes place. Ms. Wood replied upon hire.

Chairman Strelau asked how long term employees are trained. Ms. Wood stated that current employees get new information as management does. She stated that depending on the amount of changes they will do either the pre-shift meetings or all team member meetings.

Chairman Strelau suggested that they take a more personal approach to their training. She stated that the on-line training seems distant. She stated that if proper liquor service is important, it is not indicative if carding is not being done or its importance being communicated. Ms. Wood agreed.

Chairman Strelau advised Ms. Wood that they will be re-tested. She encouraged Ms. Wood to make certain that all employees are as well aware as she is in proper liquor service.

Mr. Austin asked staff if the officer has the authority for issuing a ticket for both the serving and selling of the alcohol. Ms. Petrarca stated that the ticket was issued for the sale of alcohol to the minor.

Mr. Jacobson stated that there is a major problem in that no other employee or manager prevented Ms. Henley from going behind the bar as if it was a process she was comfortable with. He was concerned that nobody said it was a problem or that the process was unusual. Ms. Wood stated that there are neon signs posted both behind the bar and in the office that if an employee is under 21, employees are not allowed behind the bar unless they are the bartender clocked in and on-duty. She stated that it is not the norm for employees to randomly go behind the bar. She stated that after the incident other team members asked why she was behind the bar.

Ms. Didier summarized by stating that GMRI, Inc. d/b/a Olive Garden Restaurant #1096 located at 1211 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. Wood if she had any final comments for the record. Ms. Wood replied no and again apologized for the incident.

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 GMRI, INC. D/B/A OLIVE GARDEN RESTAURANT #1096 LOCATED AT 1211 BUTTERFIELD ROAD, GUILTY OF VIOLATING SECTION 3-25(A) OF THE DOWNERS GROVE LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. MR. JACOBSON SECONDED.

VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Krusenoski, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Clary, Chairman Strelau

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5:0:0

The Motion carried.

Redhouse Bar & Grill - 7231 Lemont Road

Chairman Strelau stated that the next order of business was to conduct a disciplinary hearing for Vlada's Kitchenette, Inc. d/b/a Redhouse Bar & Grill located at 7231 Lemont 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.

Mr. Gary Chang was sworn in by the court reporter. Mr. Chang introduced himself as the manager of Redhouse Bar & Grill.

Chairman Strelau asked the prosecuting attorney to present her case.

Ms. Didier 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. Vlada's Kitchenette, Inc. d/b/a Redhouse Bar & Grill, 7231 Lemont Road, Downers Grove, Illinois, is the holder of a Class R-1/O Liquor License #LQ-000188, 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 July 20, 2015.
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 5:47 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Downers Grove Police Officer Buzucky and Downers Grove Police Officer Lylerly observed E.B., a special agent of the Downers Grove Police Department under the age of twenty-one (21), whose date of birth is March 10, 1999 (making her 17 years old), enter Redhouse Bar & Grill located at 7231 Lemont Road, Downers Grove.
4. The special agent was seated at the bar in the restaurant and Michael Allison, asked her for her order.
5. The special agent ordered a glass of Miller Lite draft beer while Officers Buzucky and Lylerly observed her.
6. That Michael Allison, whose date of birth is March 30, 1992, never asked the special agent for identification.
7. That Michael Allison then served the special agent a glass of Miller Lite draft beer.
8. Officers Buzucky and Lylerly who witnessed the events in the foregoing paragraphs, identified themselves and advised Michael Allison that the delivery of an alcoholic beverage had been made to a minor.
9. Michael Allison 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.

10. The Officers advised manager Gary Chang that notice of further action would be forthcoming from the Downers Grove Liquor Commission.

Ms. Didier 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. Chang stated that he was the chef and assistant operating manager on duty at the time of the violation when the bartender advised him of the incident. He stated that he immediately took Michael off the floor and discussed the matter with the officers.

Mr. Chang stated that since the incident they have reviewed their liquor policy and carding procedures with the entire staff. He stated that staff is directed to card anyone who appears under the age of 40 and if they are presented an out-of-state identification to consult with a manager or the id guide if they need to verify the identification.

Mr. Chang stated that they meet with staff prior to shift and discuss the acceptable forms of id and what the date on the identification needs to be in order for a guest to be served. He stated that service shall be refused if an id is not presented. Mr. Chang stated that if employees are unclear about any form of identification, they are to get the manager or owner to help.

Mr. Austin asked Mr. Chang if he is responsible for staff training. Mr. Chang replied he is one of the managers who is responsible for training.

Mr. Austin stated that Jolita is listed as the liquor manager and asked if she was present. Mr. Chang replied no and noted that she was out ill.

Mr. Austin stated that this is a new operation. Mr. Chang replied yes. Mr. Austin noted that this was the very first test since they have been open, of which, they have failed. He stated that at the application hearing they were warned about the control buy program and that this violation was astounding. Mr. Chang replied the he could not believe that it happened.

Mr. Chang replied that he started with the restaurant on February 1st. He stated that he worked for Carlos Murphy's who held a Downers Grove liquor license in the past. He stated that he has over 30 years of experience in the industry. He stated that he has experience in training employees and conducted a re-training since the incident.

Mr. Austin asked if Mr. Allison gave any explanation about the incident. Mr. Chang replied Michael had attended professional bartending school and asked him why he did not ask for identification. He stated that Mr. Allison advised that he was busy and flustered at the time of the incident.

Mr. Chang stated that normally he would terminate an employee for this type of violation but noted that Mr. Allison was an ideal employee. Mr. Chang stated that he re-trained Mr. Allison and was directed to card everyone.

Mr. Chang stated that all employees re-signed an acknowledgment form that they have read and understand the restaurant's liquor serving policies and local laws.

Mr. Austin asked Mr. Chang if he was fully responsible for training employees. Mr. Chang replied he and the general manager, Mike, are responsible for training. Mr. Austin asked if the liquor manager was responsible for liquor training. Mr. Chang replied no. He stated that he has 30 years of in-house restaurant management experience and offered his training assistance to the owner.

Mr. Austin stated that employees need to be trained better and there is no reason to fail in such a short period of time in being open. Mr. Austin stated that this resulted in a violation on the very first test.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if they changed their policy of carding to 40. Mr. Chang replied that they once carded 30 now they card 40. Mr. Krusenoski asked Mr. Chang if the agent appeared 30. Mr. Chang replied no.

Mr. Krusenoski asked if there was a lack of training. He stated the excuse seems to be that the bartender was too busy or distracted. He stated that it does not take long to request an id and look at it. He stated that management sets the tone and culture of the establishment. He stated that the serving of alcohol is not taken seriously.

Mr. Jacobson stated their message to the employee involved in the sale seems to be a slap on the hand and that this incident is not important to warrant termination. He asked what other consequence did Mr. Allison face beside additional training. Mr. Chang replied that Mr. Allison had to pay the \$500 fine from the Village and now he is under the magnifying glass.

Mr. Jacobson stated that he wanted to be sure that the importance of carding and following the law gets across to all employees and that this violation is quite serious. Mr. Chang stated that Mr. Allison is a great worker and good with the customers, however, termination may be in order.

Mr. Clary stated that this violation was very disappointing. He asked how long Mr. Allison had been working there since they re-opened. Mr. Chang replied three weeks ago.

Mr. Clary was disturbed that a 17 year old agent was served without being asked for an id. He wondered if this was the only instance that a customer was not carded and wondered if staff is monitored while out on the floor. Mr. Chang replied yes. He stated that a manager is typically on the floor.

Chairman Strelau asked how many managers were on the management team. Mr. Chang replied eight bartenders and four servers. Chairman Strelau asked how many servers they have. Mr. Chang replied eight. Chairman Strelau asked how many managers are on duty at any given time. Mr. Chang replied that a manager is on duty at all times from open to close. He stated that the manager was running late on the day of the violation. He stated that he kept watch on the kitchen and the front of the house when Mr. Allison stated that he got "stung". Chairman Strelau corrected him in that these tests are controlled buys, not stings. She stated that Village agents will show their underage license and licensees are not tricked.

Chairman Strelau asked if all servers are BASSET trained. Mr. Chang replied yes and that employees are required to have their certification within 30 days of hire.

Chairman Strelau asked how often they have meetings with staff about liquor handling. Mr. Chang replied every week. Chairman Strelau asked if the liquor manager meets with staff. Mr. Chang replied himself or the general manager.

Chairman Strelau asked what the liquor manager does. Mr. Chang replied that she orders and takes inventory and sits in on some of the meetings. Ms. Strelau stated that the liquor manager needs to have a

stronger role in training. She noted that there is one manager to every three employees. She stated that they should evaluate the importance of liquor service.

Chairman Strelau stated that Mr. Allison may be a good employee, however, they should consider how important he is, especially when they could lose their license for his mistake. She advised that they will be re-tested. She suggested that management get on the same page as to how they want to handle their liquor service. She stated that there is a lot of management, but not a lot of direction.

Ms. Didier summarized by stating that Vlada's Kitchenette, Inc. d/b/a Redhouse Bar & Grill located at 7231 Lemont 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 Mr. Chang if he had any final comments for the record. Mr. Chang replied no.

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. AUSTIN MOVED TO FIND VLADA'S KITCHENETTE, INC. D/B/A REDHOUSE BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 7231 LEMONT ROAD, GUILTY OF VIOLATING SECTION 3-25(A) OF THE DOWNERS GROVE LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. MR. CLARY SECONDED.

VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Austin, Mr. Clary, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Krusenoski, Chairman Strelau

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5:0:0

The 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. Petrarca stated that staff would be drafting an ordinance amending happy hour regulations. Chairman Strelau asked staff to review what happy hour regulations allow. Ms. Petrarca replied that State law will be adopted by reference. She stated that licensees can have drink specials four hours per day with certain restrictions.

Mr. Austin asked if there will be special pricing if an establishment wants to have an event. Ms. Petrarca asked if he was referring to "party packages". Mr. Austin replied yes. Ms. Petrarca stated that the Village would follow State guidelines which require the event be held in a separate room. Ms. Kuchynka added that tickets for the event cannot be sold at the door and must be a pre-arranged function.

Mr. Austin asked if the Village will be more restrictive than the State in happy hour regulations. Ms. Petrarca replied no and that the Village will be consistent with the State.

Ms. Kuchynka reported on the month end report. She stated that The Olive Theory was issued their license.

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 advised that there were two applications on file and there will be a meeting on May 5th.

Chairman Strelau asked when the happy hour regulations will be changed. Ms. Petrarca replied that a draft ordinance needs to be presented to and adopted by the Village Council. Mr. Jacobson asked if licensees are aware that the Village does not allow happy hours. Ms. Petrarca replied that licensees know that the Village is more restrictive than the State. Ms. Kuchynka noted that surrounding communities are non-home rule and they abide by State law. She stated that Downers Grove, being home rule, adopted regulations prohibiting happy hours specifically and those provisions need to be removed from the Code. She stated that some licensees have advised that they are at a disadvantage as other towns are allowing their licensees to have happy hours.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Austin moved to adjourn the April 7, 2016 meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:35 p.m.