

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Sandra Cumm, Administrative Assistant
Jeanea Gomez-Scott, Paralegal

Absent: Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner

Chairman Miller: called the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners meeting at order. He asked everyone to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Miller: asked for everyone that was to testify at today's hearing to stand and be sworn in.

Administrative Assistant: sworn in Earl Bradford and audience members who were going to testify at this time.

Chairman Miller: Thank you. The first case we're going to take up this morning is an Update. Follow up request for extension and music hours. Class B., BWL. Number B-83. William Gravlee Triton Marina Services, LLC. Owner, John Bragg, Bampton, LLC. Lease, manager, T/A Unwined on the Water 285 Plum Point Road Elkton, Maryland. Please come forward. Morning Mr. Bragg.

John Bragg: Morning Sir.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bragg. would you like to tell us what?

John Bragg: Yes, last time I was here, you gave us the opportunity to continue for 30 days on under some adjusted hours. Extending

the hours on Fridays and Saturdays. Since that time, we've had no complaints. I've confirmed that with Mr. Bradford, you know no complaints coming into him. Actually, had a couple of compliments that I forwarded through as emails. so, we've continued through the busiest part of our season. We've continued to satisfy the needs of the neighborhood and ourselves, I guess my original ask was to have the restrictions removed for each day of the week, and I ask that you know again if that would be considered you know, by the board, and return to us the hours. Not that we not that we operate past what we've been given it just on Sundays, if it's a particular event or something happening, and we want to play past 8 o'clock. I think we've shown especially Friday, Saturday, and throughout the week that we're capable of maintaining the peace, tranquility, safety. I think those are the 3 words that we were trying to meet. And I think we've made the adjustments to do that.

Chairman Miller: Okay. let me explain something to you before I proceed. As you notice, there's only 2 commissioners here today. We are quorum, so you can hear your case here with us right now, or you can ask for a postponement and come back when we do have 3.

John Bragg: Now, I think there were only 2 here last time. And I'm happy with that.

Chairman Miller: Yeah, okay, Mr. Bradford. I'd like to have you a report on any information you have about this request.

Chief Bradford: Yes, I was at the location on 6 30 23, which was a Friday night, which was the first night they were able to stay open until 10 o'clock. I was there from. 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock, and I thought the music was at a very reasonable level. I had no complaints. I returned on 7 14 23. That was another Friday night. I stayed from approximately 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock, and again I thought the music level was low. And I had no concerns regarding the level of the of the outdoor entertainment.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir. Mr. Hill, do you have any questions?

Deputy County Attorney Hill: No questions at this time.

Chairman Miller: Miss Ortt. Do you have any questions?

Commissioner Ortt: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: I have no questions.

Mr. Bragg: What we're entertaining is to extend this motion that was approved last month through the end of October. And have you come back in and then and talk to us again?

John Bragg: Okay,

Chairman Miller: would that work for you?

John Bragg: It would. I know that there's Labor Day weekend is one of those weekends where maybe I can communicate with Mr. Bradford, and he can relay maybe the possibility of playing longer on Sunday, because right now with what we did last month the restriction is 8 o'clock on Sundays. so you know, I can relay that information to him,

Chairman Miller: I believe that we also said that if it fell on a holiday weekend

John Bragg: Oh, on the holiday weekend. I think you're right on the eve you were. Well, yes, that's right.

Chairman Miller: I don't know that you have to communicate with Mr. Bradford. So, okay, at this time I'll entertain a motion.

Chief Bradford: Mr. Chairman. just if we can ask if there was anybody in the audience to speak.

Chairman Miller: Yes. Is there anybody in the audience wants to speak for or against the case? Yes sir, come forward.

Donald Kessler: My name is Donald Kessler and my family has had homes in the Elk Neck area for 2 decades, and I simply want to

express appreciation and support for Unwined. I find that how they comply to work with the immediate community, I live farther South. And are very appreciative, Mr. Bragg. It's an ethical businessman. Takes it to the captain. for the Innovative business world. Here, it's nice to have a great restaurant.

Chairman Miller: Thank you very much, sir, for coming forward. That's great. Anybody else? At this point I would like to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve an extension for the class. B . BWL. Number B. 83. William Gravlee. Triton Marina Services. LLC., Owner, John Bragg, Bampton, L.LC. Lease Manager T/A Unwined on the Water.285, Plum Point Road, Elkton, Maryland, 21921. The extension through the end of October as is, coming back at the end of October for an update.

Chairman Miller: So, you'll be scheduled for the October. Okay I second of motion? All in favor, say, aye,

Board: aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed. Having heard no opposition. Good luck, Mr. Bragg. Continue the good work.

John Bragg: Thanks. I appreciate it.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Application. Transfer application received from Drew R. Carpenter, Daniel K. Carpenter, T/A Chesapeake Bay Brothers L LC. 2852. Augustine Herman Highway. Chesapeake City, Maryland, 21915 for transfer, class B. Beer, Wine, and Liquor alcoholic beverage. License number B. 44. From the Estate of Suzanne, E. Cola- Luca, Shane Clark, Representative Daniel T. Carpenter. STH. Corporation, Drew Carpenter, Chesapeake Bay Brothers, LLC. T/A Bennett's Thrifty Liquor Store, 2852. Augustine Herman Highway, Chesapeake City, Maryland. Morning.

Attorney Riddle: I'm William Riddle, I represent Drew Carpenter and Daniel Carpenter Drew is in the red Shirt. Daniel's in the blue

shirt. I'll go by the first names rather, Mr. Carpenter. So they know who I'm talking to. But when Suzanne Cola-Luca passed away. and her estate, I assisted with her estate and her estate ended up selling the liquor store, and Drew and Daniel ended up purchasing the liquor store. They formed their corporation, Chesapeake Bay Brothers, LLC. We performed the transfer, and they've been operating under a management agreement since the transfer a short time ago. They've completed the application for the transfer of the liquor license. It's the old Bennett's liquor store. It's Bennett's liquors down just south of Chesapeake City. And they're operating in a similar fashion as it always has been operated. they've assured me, and I can have them testify that the contents of the application continue to be true and correct. There's no modifications or changes, and they're asking to finalize the transfer, and if you have any questions, or let me go through the application with them.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Mr. Riddle. As you're aware, there's 2 Commissioners here? And I'm assuming you're okay with that. So, having 3 here, you have a right to pass today.

Attorney Riddle: We're okay. We're accepting two chairmen today. Thank you.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Hill, do you have any more questions?

Deputy County Attorney Hill: No,

Chairman Miller: Mr. Riddle, is all the State taxes, and

Attorney Riddle: I sent everything down to the State. I would I withheld a time of settlement. I sent down the bulk sale transfer down to the State of Maryland. We, of course, waiting for that information back. But we're in compliance with everything, to my knowledge, throughout.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Very good. Would either owner like to testify to anything?

Daniel T. Carpenter: Yes, everything's correct on the application. So, we've been operating, as is all we kind of sales and use tax as we go. So, nothing has changed as far as store goes.

Drew Carpenter: Nothing from me

Attorney Riddle: He had to work all weekend.

Chairman Miller: Anybody in the audience have anything to say about this case. Nobody. At this point and time I will entertain a motion. Yeah, sure .

Deputy County Attorney Hill: What is the status of estate?, if you know, is that open or closed

Attorney Riddle: The estate actually is closed here. She actually was a Pennsylvania resident, so I had to do an ancillary state here in Cecil County should be closed out now, because it was this was the only asset here. So, we once we resolve that I sent all the money to Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State. I can't say if it's open or closed. But everything here in Maryland's resolved.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Okay, thank you.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Miss. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: I only have one question. Are you going to keep the crab meat in stock?

Daniel T Carpenter. Yes we are.

Commissioner Ortt: Okay, that was important.

Chairman Miller: Okay. At this point I'll entertain a motion

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve. The application received from Drew, R. Carpenter, Daniel K. Carpenter, Chesapeake Bay Brothers, LLC. 2852 Augustine, Herman, Highway, Chesapeake, City, Maryland, 21915 for transfer of class B. Beer, Wine, and Liquor, alcoholic beverage, license number B. 44. From the

estate of Suzanne, E. Cola-Luca, Shane Clark, Representative Daniel T. Carpenter, STH Corporation, Drew Carpenter, Chesapeake Bay Brothers, LLC. T/A Bennett's Thrifty Liquor Store at 2852 Augustine Herman. Highway, Chesapeake City, Maryland, 21915.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, do you need anything?

Chief Bradford: Just to receive the Bulk sales permit? We haven't received that yet.

Commissioner Ortt: Pending the bulk sales permit.

Chief Bradford: Usually takes 3-4 weeks to received once sent in.

Attorney Riddle: Yes, I have the letter here, I will follow up with them and send it down.

Chairman Miller: Very good. I second a motion. All in favor. Say, aye,

Board: aye,

Chairman Miller: opposed. Hearing no opposition, we approve the transfer. Good luck, guys!.

Drew Carpenter: Thank you.

Daniel Carpenter: Thank you.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir. Good luck. Keep working them long hours. Next case, application transfer received from Justin Prince, Jimmy's Crab Shack, LLC. T/A as Jimmy's Crab Shack, 1065, Banbridge Road, Port Deposit, Maryland, 21904 for transfer of class B. Beer, Wine and Liquor, alcohol beverages. License number B. 71 from Bessie G. Barton lease agreement, Douglas Glenn Hornberger, Jumbo Jimmy's Crab Shack T/A as Jumbo Jimmy's Crab Shack, located at 1065, Bainbridge Road, Port Deposit. Maryland 21904.Hi,

Justin Prince: Hey! Good morning, guys! How are you doing today?

Chairman Miller: We're good.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Mr. Prince, so has there been any changes in the application thus far?

Justin Prince: No.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: And as you've heard from the previous applications, we have 2 chair members here today, you're allowed to proceed with 3, if you wish to do so. Do you wish to proceed here today, or have a postponement?

Justin Prince: Yes, I wish to proceed.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Okay, thank you.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford. Any questions?

Chief Bradford: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: Miss. Ortt? Commissioner Ortt: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: Are you open?

Justin Prince: Yes.

Chairman Miller: Have you revised a menu?

Justin Prince: Yes, a little bit. We cleaned everything up. It's just

Chairman Miller: I know who you're working with.

Justin Prince: Okay, I heard that. No, but Things are moving down there. a lot of its cleaning it up. We decided the first weekend to have a DJ. Out there. And in the Tiki Bar. and there was a little bit of riffraff in the parking lot. I said, we're not them. We shut it down early. We're just not going to tolerate any BS.

Chairman Miller: So it's had it past.

Justin Prince: Yeah. Exactly. Just that's the past. We're moving forward. more. more of a restaurant than a bar. right now, or numbers, are about 70 30 on food versus alcohol. And it's nice to see the families coming in from Great Wolf Lodge, and

Chairman Miller: I would think that I understand that all the restaurants in that local area and Havre de Grace have been slammed or doing crazy. Yeah, because of Great Wolf .

Justin Prince: Yep, and that's and that's what we're gearing towards. You know we see the future. And that's what we're looking at, making it more family, oriented.

Chairman Miller: Still going to do the ribs?

Justin Prince: Tony, is your son going to do the ribs?

Audience Member: Yes,

Justin Prince: And then we're going to try to work on breakfast as well. If his daughter is actually my manager. His daughter, Sophie.

Chairman Miller: Okay.

Justin Prince: so, we're going to work on trying to do breakfast in the next couple of months.

Chairman Miller: Okay,

Justin Prince: try to do the Saturday and Sunday at least. Denny's is getting slammed. And if we can introduce that first round of food. Maybe they'll stick around, get the second round, or possibly even.do you know, come back, go to the water park, and then come back. So that's what we're looking at.

Chairman Miller: Okay! Any plans on getting rid of the pool tables?

Justin Prince: Well, we ended up, you know. That's my main industry is the vending right? So, it I got a love for it. What we did do is we scaled it down one, and we turned all the pool tables long ways

going in. So the number one complaint I seen in the past was, the pool tables are running, sideways against the bar. And as the families were going back to sit in the dining room, they had to wait for the guys to shoot. You know their shot and all that. You know, I'm a family guy. I got kids. I you know. I take my, the last thing somebody does when, especially on a first, you know, walking into a place, we have to wait for 2 rough guys shooting, their shot to get the set of the dining room. So, what we did was, we turned them, long ways, and for now the hallway is wide enough that you can go between the bar and straight back the diner without anyone slowing down, so to speak.

Chairman Miller: Good move

Justin Prince: So, we did that. And then, like I said, we're still, gonna you know, host, some pool leagues and stuff like that for the locals you know. Keep everybody happy and like, I said, it's just. It's my passion with what I do,

Chairman Miller: understand! Totally! Is there anybody in the audience that has anything to say in this case? Okay. Mr. Hill, any more questions.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: No questions

Chairman Miller: Miss Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: I had more questions than I thought, but you answered all of them. So

Chairman Miller: Okay. I'll entertain the motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the application received from Justin Prince, Jimmy's Crabshack, LLC. T/A Jimmy's Crab Shack, 1065. Bainbridge Road, Port Deposit, Maryland 21904 for transfer of class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, alcoholic beverages, license number B. 71 from Bessie G. Barton. Lease agreement, Douglas, Glenn, Hornberger. Jumbo Jimmie's Crab Shack T/A Jumbo, Jimmie's Crab Shack, at 1065, Bainbridge, Road, Port Deposit. Maryland 21904.

Chairman Miller: All the State paperwork is filed?

Justin Prince: Yes.

Chairman Miller: I second the motion all in favor. Say aye.

Board: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed. Hearing no opposition congratulations, thank you, sir, and good luck. Next case. Update follow up from Chief Bradford. Application approved 5-31-23 for Pravinaben Chandrakant Patel, Tosha, Shailesh, Patel, North Bay, Liquors, LLC. T/A North Bay Liquors, 480 North Mauldin Avenue, North East, Maryland 21901 for a new class, A beer wine and liquor alcoholic

Chief Bradford: Yes, we received an email regarding the update related to North Bay Liquors. North Bay Liquors expects renovations for the retail space of the Howard's market to be complete by September 2023, and are expected to be open by Labor Day, weekend. North Bay Liquors is in the final stages of the renovation. The major items remaining are finishing the lighting and electrical and HVAC. Landscaping and paving and paving of the parking lot and the fence. There were the delays in the renovation of the apartment below. We expect those renovations to be complete by 9, 30, 23. As a result of those delays Miss Patel has leased an apartment near the store at Chesapeake Ridge .Also attached to that email was a copy of that lease signed by Miss Patel and the owners of the Chesapeake Ridge .We informed the North Bay liquors, if, in fact, they are not able to open by Labor Day weekend they would be required to attend the September Board meeting. If they are able to open the appropriate licenses would be issued.

Chairman Miller: Questions, Mr. Hill?

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Mr. Bradford. When was the lease? When does it begin?

Chief Bradford: The Lease was signed on July 6, 2023 ,and the initial term was from July 7, 2023

Chairman Miller: Miss. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: I don't have any questions. What they've done so far. It looks great

Chairman Miller: Ms. Cumm. I understand you had some questions about the video cameras?

Admin Assistant: 75?

Chairman Miller: Earl, can you provide any information or all about that?

Chief Bradford: And then, just to follow up that lease is signed through January 7, 2024.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir. Do you need a motion?

Chief Bradford: probably would not hurt.

Chairman Miller: Okay. I understand, anybody here to talk in favor or against this? I entertain a motion

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the follow up application approved. 5,31,23, for Pravinaben Chandrakant Patel, Tosha Shailish Patel, North Bay Liquors LLC. T/A North Bay Liquors, 480 North Mauldin Avenue, North East Maryland, 21901 for a new class, A beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage. License.

Chairman Miller: Earl, did we give him another update if they are not open by Labor Day?

Chief Bradford: No! Only the fact that if they are not open by Labor Day. They would need to come into our September meeting.

Chairman Miller: Gotcha. I second a motion all in favor, say, aye,

Board: aye,

Chairman Miller: opposed? Hearing no opposition. The follow up from Chief Bradford is approved. Next case violation sales of alcohol without proper display of current license class B. BWL. Number B. 31 Janet M. Dooling, owner T/A Union Hotel 1282 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit. Maryland 21904. Could you please come forward.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford,

Chief Bradford: Yes. This is a violation, as you stated this is a violation. Hearing regarding the Union Hotel with their current license not being displayed. I'll start out with a brief overview. On January 17, 2023, we received a letter from the Maryland State Controller's office to hold the license until the appropriate taxes were paid. We also received a verbal communication from the Finance department from Cecil County, requesting that the license be held for other matters. Mark the letter from Comptroller's office as exhibit one. And on 3, 30 23 we actually had a meeting in the office at that meeting was myself, Miss. Dooling, her son Allen and the another son which I do not recall his name, but during that meeting I assisted them with filling out the renewal. Informed them of the issue with the Controller's office and the Finance Department. And, in fact, on 4 21 23 we received a release from the Controller's office for the alcohol beverage license moving forward on 6 21, or I'm sorry. On 6,1 23 we have received a release from the Finance Department for the License for Union hotel. At that time all the agencies were satisfied. However, the license remained in our possession, and in the office on 6, 17, 23, Inspector Odell and I went to Union Hotel. That was a Sunday afternoon at approximately 1:30,.at that time, Inspector Odell, in my presence purchased a Michelob Ultra for \$4 and 50 cents. Other people were sitting at the table, consuming alcohol as well. If I can mark the report from Inspector Odell as exhibit 2, and the photo of additional people setting in the parking lot area as of exhibit 3, and you can see a few of those are individuals consuming alcohol as well. We entered the establishment and spoke to Miss Owens regarding the situation of them, serving alcohol without the license being properly displayed. Miss Owens was very apologetic very concerned

regarding the matter she immediately closed down, and we informed her that she would be receiving notification of a letter in the mail regarding a hearing date. And all those events did happen in Cecil County, Maryland.

Chairman Miller: Okay. as you've heard in the past cases. Normally, there are 3 commissioners up here. There's 2, which is a quorum, so we can hear the case. or if you'd rather wait for 3. You can wait until we have 3 present to you. Do you want to go with us or wait for 3?

Janet Dooling: I will go with you.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Janet Dooling:

Chairman Miller: yes, you can speak. That's what We want.

Janet Dooling: I've been in business for 46 years. I've never had a citation for anything. and I went to his office, and I give him a check for my license. And it was cashed in June. and I came over here 5 times to find my license, and I couldn't find it. And Will Riddle said that they were at the Notorcola's office and for me to go down there. So, I came over here and went through all, but she said, I don't know anything about it. so that I want 2 more times and had no idea what was going on. She didn't know where they were. And, I had this party of 35 people coming July the Fourth, and you're writing down from above Lancaster, and they showed up. And I knew I had paid for. I got the receipts here where they cashed it for the for the license in June. It's on my statement of but they didn't send it.

Chairman Miller: Did you check at the Liquor Board? Did you check at the Liquor board.

Janet Dooling: Yes, I checked everywhere.

Chairman Miller: I mean, you know the hours, the office is open?

Janet Dooling: Yes, 12

Chairman Miller: No, they're open all day. Tuesday, all day, Thursday until 12 o'clock. Wednesday.

Janet Dooling: Now, which office are you talking to?

Chairman Miller: The liquor.

Janet Dooling: Oh.

Chairman Miller: That's where you would get your license.

Janet Dooling: Yeah, right? But you know, for all those years they sent them to me. And you know, if they cash my check at the beginning of June, why didn't I get the license? Then I found out that Norticola had called my daughter-in-law and gave her the information, and she didn't want to talk to me and my daughter in law don't even work at the Union. Her name is not on the license. so, then I send her over.

April Owens: and that's when I had to get the business licensed right now. There was like you said a finance thing.

Chairman Miller: So, there was a problem?

April Owens: I came over here, and the lady over here in the office, helped me do the business, you know da da da, Da, and we had to run back over to this. I guess Circuit Court to actually get the paperwork for that license. And I think that's where she got where she's not understanding. She is thinking that it all came when she misunderstood that it was all going like the 2 license was together when she was going to pick it up like she misunderstood not having. So, she's assuming like she had it in a packet, not realizing like there was, you know, the business license picked up here, and you know she, because she was told that they would be, she would be able to pick them up together. So, when we, when I brought them back to where I didn't realize that she didn't, I don't know the whole.

Chairman Miller: Who told her that?

April Owens: You know. Notorcola. I wasn't there at that time like she wouldn't, you know.

Chairman Miller: Okay.

April Owens: I mean, I'm like, I'm not saying as the whole thing is

Janet Dooling: So, the day after that party we were able to pick them up.

April Owens: Yeah, the day he came, and that Monday was a holiday, June tenth, or something.

Chief Bradford: Yeah, we're closed on Mondays.

April Owens: Oh, yeah. So, Tuesday I came, and he told me that they were in the office, and I came up here and got them.

Chairman Miller: Okay.

Chief Bradford: If I can add, On 6-1. When we received notification from the finance department that the license could be released. Knowing that we would be closed. I left the license out front at the front receptionist area and then when we return to work Tuesday morning, she said that nobody was in to pick it up, and she returned it to us, and we held it. We wouldn't mail it at that time. Because if we mailed it they wouldn't be able to open until they got it in the mail.

April Owens: The day that we went to the business license placed and paid, that we were on our way back from Circuit Court, and the lady told us that with you guys closed at noon that we would have to wait. So, the following day. So that was definitely like she told us we'd have to wait till so that's when I took you know the package back to her, and I'm that's where, I'm thinking she's getting confused it with the whole misstep of not having it, you know.

Chairman Miller: And you didn't check the package? Miss Owens, you didn't check the package.

April Owens: Well, I was thinking of the she, you know, for so yeah, I was. I am just the Bar Maid that tries to have all the brains. It was a very confusing matter, because we were up here a couple of times trying to find out all the different finance things and all that. It's like, oh, you were over. What? Twice? Yeah, that was 5 times in one week. But that was for the across the street. I mean, we could. I couldn't. It was yeah.

Janet Dooling: What I found now. And I think that's why Nortorcola wasn't telling me is, I found out that we were going to have to get a food license. Now I hate that. I have Forge. They're catering it for me. They cook it at their place. They bring it here at my place and serve it because I have to have food in order to be open. And that that was no problem. But I didn't think I would have to have a food license, because I'm not using my kitchen. Not at all. Everything's over at the tavern. And then I found out I had to. So, it went and got them.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Mr. Hill, do you have any questions?

Deputy County Attorney Hill: Can I confirm whether or not is this the first citation for them?

Chief Bradford: Yes.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: And yet again, what was the date that we first cited them for the violation.

Chief Bradford: For the violation 6, 17,

Deputy County Attorney Hill: 6, 17, and then I think she came in on Tuesday and picked the license up.

April Owens: Yeah. June 17 is when he came. We picked them up that following Tuesday. We had them before July fourth.

Chairman Miller: Miss Ortt Do you have any question?

Commissioner Ortt: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: Anymore, Mr. Hill?

Deputy County Attorney Hill: You know what? What's the date that they picked up a license again?

Chief Bradford: 19th.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: of June?

Chief Bradford: yes. they probably would have been in on Monday if you were open.

April Owens: I think I actually came up first thing that morning because he told me that they were closed. So that following day I came.

Chief Bradford: And again, I'll repeat that she was very understanding, very cooperative. Closed down immediately.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: No further questions.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Thank you very much for your testimony. You will be notified of our decision on what we do. Have a good business.

April Owens: I will look for that.

Chairman Miller: Trust me, we're not shutting you down.

April Owens: Okay,

Chairman Miller: but we'll notify you.

April Owens: All right. So, we're done.

Chief Bradford: Yes, we will give you a call or send you a letter.

Chairman Miller: And now is the point where we clear the room. Thank you all, bye. good luck. We're gonna do the penalty phase. And now we enter the penalty phase. Yes. Earl, what's the least we can do. You've been here forever. It's her first offense. She shut it down. She came in 2 days later.

Chief Bradford: She has severe dementia in case you couldn't tell.
so PBJ is the least.

Chairman Miller: I thought she was pretty sharp. Earl, what's the least?

Chief Bradford: Yeah. I mean, you could fine her \$250 and waive the court cost, you could find her \$100.

Chairman Miller: Can you send her a letter?

Chief Bradford: And so, yeah.

Chairman Miller: The board has decided that you did commit a violation. However, since it's your first offense. The Board waves all fines and fees.

Commissioner Ortt: They've been open for a long time.

Chairman Miller: Yeah, no kidding, yeah. And the taverns only opened not the hotel. The hotel used to be the spot in the county,

Commissioner Ortt: Okay. Do we need to make a motion?

Chairman Miller: Yes, you do.

Commissioner Ortt: In the case of the violation of sales of alcohol without proper display of current license. Class B BWL, number B. 31 Janet M. Dooling, owner. T/A Union Hotel, 1282 Susquehanna River Road, Port Deposit, Maryland 21904. We recommend Probation Before Judgment

Chairman Miller: With a warning letter.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: How long is the probation going to be for

Chairman Miller: One year. Okay, a year.

Commissioner Ortt: Term limit for one year. No additional violations.

Chairman Miller: Okay, I second that motion. All in favor, say, aye.

Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: Opposed, hearing no opposition the motion carries. Moving on to questions and public comment. No public is here. General Business approve minutes. We have minutes. Any questions about the minutes? I need a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I make a motion to approve the minutes.

Chairman Miller: I second. All in favor, say Aye,

Board: Aye!

Chairman Miller: Hearing no opposition the minutes are approved. Specials.

Chief Bradford: We have specials for Melbourne-Stone Theater, theatre performances. August 20, 2023, and June 2024, and we also have an event for Paws for Life as an auction fundraiser for September 9, 2023.

Chairman Miller: Okay? Old business.

Chief Bradford: No old business. Yeah. The only new business I just learned about this yesterday, apparently, and I'm not sure if you heard about the event, they're going to have in the drag strip. Yeah, apparently, they're advertising beverages, which I believe is beer, and they haven't been in to see us yet.

Deputy County Attorney Hill: I think they might be going through the land use and development first, to see if they're even going to get approval for the event at all, because I know there's looking at a special exception.

Chairman Miller: When is it, do you know?

Earl Bradford: Sometime in August?

Chairman Miller: Okay? Any other new business.

Chief Bradford: That's it.

Chairman Miller: Quick enough. I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Miller: I make a second, all in favor. Say, aye,

Board: Aye,

Chairman Miller: Opposed, hearing none, meeting adjourned.

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:
Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant