

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, February 22, 2023, at 9:15 A.M.

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

ABESENT: 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

APPLICATIONS – NEW LICENSE

Application received from Patrick Dixon, T/A Bucks Restaurant & Tavern. 314 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911 for a new Class "B", Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverages License.

Dwight Thomey from Baker, Thomey, & Emrey PA representing Patick Dixon

I'm here on behalf of Mr. Dixon, He assured me It would be okay if I came for him this morning. So hopefully it is. But this is a situation where Bucks restaurant, of course, has been a successful restaurant in Rising Sun for many years. The 2 Operators retired not to long ago. A new restauranter came in under a lease to the

people that own the building and then just kind of disappeared unexpectedly, and they are having issues with that tenant, and they need to get a new tenant in.

- And so, unfortunately, they had always allowed the tenant to have the liquor license before, because the 2 guys that had it for all those years were never a problem. So it would suggest, the best thing to do is let that license expire and just apply for a new license. So that's why we're here so that we can get the license issued for the building, and then get a new tenant in to operate the restaurant again.

Mr. Scott: Just a question for you Mr. Thomey, since you submitted, or since the application was submitted, has there been any changes to the application?

Mr. Thomey: No, not at all

Chairman Miller: Is there anybody in the audience to speak on this case.

Mr. Scott : Either pro or against it?

Chairman Miller: Okay, seeing none.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt, do you have any question?

Ms. Ortt: I have no questions

Chairman Miller: I have no questions.

Mr. Bradford: Just one thing to add for the record. There are in a 2 mile radius of Bucks Restaurant. There are 13 existing licenses four which are liquor stores.

Chairman Miller: Having heard all testimony, I will entertain a motion.

Ms. Ortt: I move to approve the application received from Patrick David Dixon, T/A Buck's Restaurant & Taven at 314 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911, for a new Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License

Chairman Miller: I will second

Chairman Miller: All in favor

Ms. Ortt: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed

Chairman Miller: having heard non, It passed unanimously.
____We approve the license.

Mr. Thomey: Okay, thank you. I'll let you be. It looks like you have lots of work to do.

Chairman Miller: Thank you. Sir.

Mr. Scott: Have a good day, Mr. Thomey.

APPLICATIONS – NEW LICENSE

Application received from Pravinaben Chandrakant Patel, Member/Owner; William F. Riddle, Member/Owner, North Bay Liquors LLC, T/A North Bay Liquors, 480 N Maulding Avenue, North East, MD 21901 for a new Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverage License

Mr. Scott: Okay. you want to put on the record who is here and who is absent before the next case is heard

Chairman Miller: Mr. Riddle, I'd like to explain something to you before we get started. As you notice. Commissioner Chiominto is missing. He had surgery this week and he will be back at the March meeting. Now we're quorum. I can hear your case, but if you prefer to have all 3 commissioners present, You can postpone till next month.

Mr. Riddle: When would that be?

Mr. Bradford: It would be the last Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

Mr. Riddle: We are all in agreement, and would like a postponement.

Chairman Miller: Okay, Very good. The applicant has requested a postponement, so we will see you all next month,

Mr. Bradford : March 29, 2023 at 9:15am, at this location.

Chairman Miller: Sorry you have to come back, but that's how it works sometimes.

Chairman Miller: Now, we have Question and Public Comments. Do we have any?

Chairman Miller: Okay, now we move on to General Business. We have minutes from last month's meeting. Any corrections or comments? If not can I have a motion?

Ms. Ortt: I move to approve last month's minutes.

Chairman Miller: I second
All in favor, say Aye

Ms. Ortt: Aye

Chairman Miller: Motion Carried unanimously

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, We have specials?

Mr. Bradford: Yeah, We had several specials for the month of February, and we also have a few scheduled for March, as you can see on the agenda. We also had 2 catering events performed by Lee's Landing Doc Bar, held at the Donaldson Brown Center during January and February.

Chairman Miller: Okay, Moving on to old business, Any old business NO old business

Chairman Miller: Any new business?

Mr. Bradford: It appears that we have an In-Person conference scheduled for the first weekend of November at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, MD. I am actually meeting at the Guinness outside of Baltimore next week, Thursday with the Executive Board to finalize the details regarding the conference. We haven't had on in probably 3 years.

Chairman Miller: So, this has become a very short meeting. I expected it to be at least an hour or an hour and a half, with all business, concluded, can I ask for a motion to adjourn?

Ms. Ortt: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Miller: I second

Ms. Ortt: Aye

Chairman Miller: I second
All in favor

Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:
Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant