

Meeting of the Board of License Commissioners
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The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Perryville Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Russ Johnson, Commissioner
Lawrence Scott, County Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Sandra Cumm, Administrative Assistant
Kayla Maldeis, Paralegal

Chairman Miller: called the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners meeting at order. Starting time 9:16am, no pledge of allegiance due to no flag in the room. Also stated that they do have a quorum.

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: Our first order of business is an application for transfer received from Jeff Walters, Mike Mullins, C4 Hospitality, LLC, 102 West Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921 for transfer of Class "B" license Beer, wine, Liquor, alcoholic beverages license number 'B-175" from Isabel Hernandez, Spork Café, LLC, T/A Spork, 102 West Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Chairman Miller: Gentleman, please identify yourself.

Jeff Walters: Good morning, I am Jeff Walters.

Mike Mullins: Introduced himself

Attorney Scott: Before you begin, is there anything in your application that has changed since you submitted it?

Jeff Walters: No

Chairman Miller: Could you now tell us what you are planning to do.

Jeff Walters: So going through with an acquisition of Sport Café, currently we are not planning on making any changes to the facility design of the restaurant internally. We will be operating as normal. We are looking to expand on the current menu. Some cheaper prices, longer hours, and bigger portions in the restaurant. As you know the previous owner ran into some health problems and was looking for a way to get out. The opportunity was there for me to acquire and hopefully expand and continue to contribute the local community and provide some options downtown.

Chairman Miller: Tell me what kind of hours you are expecting to expand to.

Jeff Walters: Right now, they are closed on Mondays. We are going to open 7 days a week, 7am to 2pm. We are still going to focus on the café restaurant, just coffee and pastries and things of that nature just opening another day.

Attorney Scott: do you mind putting on the record if you have any restaurant experience?

Jeff Walters: I have worked in the service industry most of my life. My father is Ray Walters of Walts Tavern, so I have the opportunity to lean on him with his background and experience with running several restaurants in the past. I Have been involved with Summit Tavern in Middletown, Delaware. I have spent some time in the kitchen, and also owning and operating a number of establishments over the years.

Chairman Miller: Mike, do you have anything to add?

Mike Mullins: No sir, I will let Jeff do the talking.

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

Commissioner Ortt: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: Mr., Johnson, any questions?

Commissioner Johnson: So, will you have breakfast and a lunch menu. Is that what the plan is? And will you still Use Spork Café as your trade name?

Jeff Walters: Currently we will continue to use Spork Café. We are still vetting out some names at the moment, but we have not come to a consensus on what this is going to be.

Commissioner Johnson: So, if the name changes, you would need to notify us.

Jeff Walters: I read through the Rules and Regulations and saw that. We have some ideas; we are leaning towards Legends on Main.

Commissioner Ortt: Are you doing a total change of the menu?

Jeff Walters: 90% is staying there. Just adding some popular items. Cheeseburgers, onion rings, things of that nature and getting rid of some of the breakfast drinks, Way to many Bloody Mary choices. Going to shrink down the drink menu.

Commissioner Johnson: I do not have any further questions.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, any questions?

Chief Bradford: We would need to have a settlement sheet.

Jeff Walters: The settlement is dependent on this. But we can absolutely do that. It is all ready to go. Just waiting on the stamp of approval.

Chief Bradford: Do you have a possible opening date?

Jeff Walters: The restaurant is still operating. It is essentially going to stay open. Once the approval goes through, we are going to turn off the lights at night and turn them back on the next day with me.

Chairman Miller: okay, Mr. Scott?

Attorney Scott: Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak for or against this application? Seeing none, I will turn it back over to you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Miller: Okay, I will entertain a motion

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the application received from Jeff Walters, Mike Mullins, C4 Hospitality, LLC, 102 West Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921 for transfer of Class "B" license Beer, wine, Liquor, alcoholic beverages license number 'B-175' from Isabel Hernandez, Spork Café, LLC, T/A Spork, 102 West Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Chairman Miller: having a motion on the table from Ms. Ortt, do I hear a second?

Commissioner Johnson: Second

Chairman Miller: All in favor

Board: Unanimously approves the transfer.

Chairman Miller: so next on the agenda, no one is here for questions or public comment. Moving on to general business, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Johnson: I move we approve the minutes from Wednesday, September 25, 2024.

Chairman Miller: having a motion on the table by Mr. Johnson, do I hear a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: and a second by Ms. Ortt, all in favor.

Board. The Board unanimously approves the minutes.

Chairman Miller: Specials?

Chief Bradford: We had several applications for special that were approved. Church of the Good Shepherd – Christmas Bazaar – Nov 22- Nov 23, 2024, Church of the Good Shepherd – Bag Bingo –January 11, 2025, Church of the Good Shepherd – Strawberry Festival – June 14, 2025, VFW Post 8185 – Corn Hole Fundraiser- 1 Bill Amos Way, Port Deposit, MD – October 19, 2024.

Chairman Miller: Old Business?

Chief Bradford: Just a reminder that we are meeting on December 18, 2024, and it does appear that we are going to have several items on the agenda.

Chairman Miller: New Business?

Chairman Miller: Just think it should be noted, North Bay has been sold.

Chief Bradford: No new business today.

Chairman Miller: Very good, we move to adjourn the meeting. Can I have a motion?

Commissioner Johnson: I move to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: I have a motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor

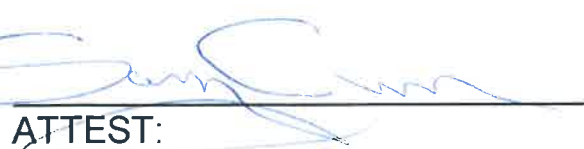
Board: The Board unanimously votes to adjourn.

Meeting is Adjourned.

BY:


Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant