

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY**  
**LIQUOR COMMISSION HEARING**  
**July 28, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the Huntley Liquor Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main St., Huntley, Illinois 60142.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Charles H. Sass; Commissioners: Pam Fender, Nick Hanson, Niko Kanakaris, Harry Leopold, Paul Mercer and John Piwko.

**ABSENT:** None

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Village Manager David Johnson, Senior Assistant to the Village Manager Lisa Armour, Village Clerk Rita McMahon and Village Attorney Mike Coppedge.

**HEARING:**

- A) Consideration of Ordinance (O)2011-07.31 – Amendment to Huntley Code of Ordinances – Business Regulations 110.24 – Limitation on Licenses – Adding one Class “A” License – Liquor Control Ordinance

Liquor Commission Chairman Sass reported that the Village of Huntley regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Village through its Liquor Control Ordinance which provides for the issuance of certain classes of liquor licenses and establishes the number of licenses available in each class.

Staff Analysis

The Liquor Commission is being requested to amend the Liquor Control Ordinance to make available nine (9) Class “A” licenses instead of eight (8) in order to provide for the application from School Street Bistro LLC d/b/a School Street Station Bistro; 9704 Route 47. The application has been reviewed by Staff is reported that all is in order for consideration.

The Class “A” license shall permit the retail, sale on the premises specified, of alcoholic liquor, for consumption on the premises, as well as other retail sale of alcoholic liquor in the original package. Listed below are the current licensed establishments with a Class “A” license:

1. Del Toro’s Mexican American Grill
2. Jamesons / Del Webb
3. Luigi’s Pizzeria
4. Niko’s Grill & Pub
5. Offie’s Tap
6. Bricks and Ivy LLC d/b/a Parkside Pub
7. Sammy’s Restaurant & Lounge
8. Soula’s Village Inn

Financial Impact

The fee for a six month Class “A” license is \$475.00.

Legal Analysis

Section 110.24 of the Village Code of Ordinances limits the number of available licenses in each class. There is no available Class “A” license; therefore, if the Liquor Commission elects to issue a license to School Street Bistro LLC, the Commission must create an additional Class “A” license.

Chairman Sass asked if the Commissioners had any comments or questions; there were none.

**A MOTION was made to approve Ordinance (O)2011-07.31 – Amendment to Huntley Code of Ordinances – Business Regulations 110.24 – Limitation on Licenses – Adding one Class “A” License – Liquor Control Ordinance**

- MOTION: Commissioner Leopold**
- SECOND: Commissioner Fender**
- AYES: Commissioners Fender, Hanson, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko**
- NAYS: None**
- ABSENT: None**
- ABSTAIN: Commissioner Kanakaris**
- The motion carried: 5-0-0-1**

- B) Consideration of Ordinance (O)2011-07.32 – Approval and Issuance of a Class “A” Liquor License – School Street Bistro LLC; d/b/a School Street Station Bistro located at 9704 Route 47

Liquor Commission Chairman Sass reported that the Village of Huntley regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Village through its Liquor Control Ordinance, which provides for the issuance of certain classes of liquor licenses and establishes the number of licenses available in each class.

Staff Analysis

The Liquor Commission is being presented with an application for a Class “A” liquor license from Mr. David Horan of School Street Bistro, LLC. Mr. Horan has signed the lease and is planning on opening the School Street Station Bistro “Bistro” at the Covington Lakes Retail Center north of Reed Road. Due to a stipulation in the Covington Lakes Retail Center By-Laws, Mr. Horan will offer liquor for consumption on the premise only and no sale of packaged liquor even though the Class “A” license provides for both.

All documents required have been submitted with the exception of the State Liquor License. This is not uncommon to be waiting on the State’s approval while asking for approval from the local Liquor Commission. The Liquor Commission can approve the Class “A” liquor license with the condition of approval being that Bistro must provide a certified copy (proof) that they obtained a State Liquor License before the Village’s liquor license becomes effective.

Financial Impact

The six month payment of \$475.00 has been received and deposited to 01-00-1-4120 / Liquor License revenue line item.

Legal Analysis

Section 110 of the Village Code of Ordinances regulates liquor sale in the Village. The application has been reviewed and is in compliance with Section 110: Alcoholic Beverages requirements.

Chairman Sass asked if the Commission had any comments or questions; there were none.

**A MOTION was made to approve Ordinance (O) 2011-07.32 – Approval and Issuance of a Class “A” Liquor License – School Street Bistro LLC; d/b/a School Street Station Bistro located at 9704 Route 47 subject to the following conditions of approval:**

- 1. Petitioner must show proof of the State of Illinois Liquor Licenses before the Village of Huntley Class “A” Liquor License becomes effective.**
- 2. Petitioner must obtain a certificate of occupancy from the Village of Huntley.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Leopold**

**SECOND: Commissioner Fender**

**AYES: Commissioners Fender, Hanson, Leopold, Mercer and Piwko**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: Commissioner Kanakaris**

**The motion carried: 5-0-1**

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Piwko**

**SECOND: Commissioner Fender**

**The Voice Vote noted all ayes and the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Rita McMahan  
Village Clerk