

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 27, 2019** at 9:15 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Tim Snelling, Chairman  
Steven A. Miller, Commissioner  
Kristin Ortt, Commissioners  
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector  
H. Norman Wilson, Board Attorney  
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Snelling called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM; Chairman Snelling welcomed back Chief Bradford and Norman Wilson and thanked Jason Allison for stepping in while Mr. Wilson was on medical leave.

#### **APPLICATIONS TRANSFER**

Application received from Dean V. Camp, Authorized Member, George Robert Rhoads, III, Cecil County Resident,(Licensee); Clam Group LLC, Robert Steele, Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, Inc. (Manager); T/A Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, 19 S. Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904 for transfer of Class "B" BWL Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-95 from Dean V. Camp and James D. Russell, Co-General /Members,(Owners); Clam Group LLC, Robert Steele, Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, Inc. (Manager); T/A Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, 19 S. Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21904

Dean Camp appeared before the Board; he was duly sworn by the Clerk. Mr. Wilson read the legal notice stating it was duly advertised on the dates of February 13 and 20, 2019. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 7; zoning certificate signed by Vicky Rinkerman, Town Administrator, Town of Port Deposit. Mr. Wilson asked if the questions that were answered and submitted were the same as when they were submitted; the applicants stated yes. It was explained that Mr. Camp recently transferred his partner's shares, which were transferred previously to James D. Russell from Gerald Lenhoff and whenever collectively 51% of the shares of a corporation or LLC are transferred an application of transfer of the alcoholic beverage license must be completed. Chairman Snelling asked if Mr. Camp was going to make any changes to the business; Mr. Camp stated no. With no further questions, Commissioner Ortt made a motion to approve the transfer of Class "B" BWL Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-95 to Dean V. Camp Authorized Member, George Robert Rhoads, III, Cecil County Resident Clam Group LLC, T/A Backfin Blues Bar & Grill, 19 S. Main Street, Port Deposit; Commissioner Miller seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the transfer of Class "B" BWL Alcoholic Beverage License No. B-95.

## RECLASSIFICATION

Application received from Scott A. McCardell, Member; Jessica L. Alexander, Member; Maryland Beer Company LLC, T/A Maryland Beer Company, 601 North Bridge Street, Suite C, Elkton, MD 21921 for reclassification of Class “DBR” Beer Alcoholic Beverage License to Class “D” Beer & Light Wine Alcoholic Beverage License.

Scott A. McCardell and Jessica Alexander appeared before the Board; they were duly sworn by the Clerk; Mr. Wilson read the legal notice stating it was duly advertised on the dates of February 13 and 20, 2019. The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 3; zoning certificate signed by Charles Bromwell, Director, Building & Zoning, Town of Elkton. Mr. Wilson asked if the questions that were answered and submitted were the same as when they were submitted; the applicants stated yes. Ms. Alexander stated they are losing business and wish to serve wine to their customers and need to reclassify to a Class “D” license. Commissioner Miller asked if they were going to serve food; Ms. Alexander stated Crave Eatery is right across the street and they allow patrons to bring in their own food, they do not have food service, nor prepare their own food. Chief Bradford asked if they understood they cannot serve wine on Sunday because they do not serve their own food; the applicants stated yes.

Chairman Snelling asked if there was anyone to speak for or against this license. Debbie Thompson, Elkton Boulevard, former owners of Four Corners, stated Scott and Jessica are very conscientious. They run a very tight ship.

Kristen Haverty stated she is a former police officer and she’s all for bringing business into Elkton. She continued they enjoy spending time at Maryland Beer Company and would like to spend quality time with their family there, playing games. She feels they would be very welcoming to families.

With no further questions, Chairman Snelling called for a motion; Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the reclassification conditioned upon submitting the zoning certificate from the Town of Elkton; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the reclassification of the license.

Ms. Alexander asked the Board if they would consider changing the rule about patrons under the age of 21 being allowed on the premises of Class “D” and “DBR” licenses; she asked where this was written because she is losing business because large groups will come in with children and will be turned away. Chief Bradford stated this has always been the policy of the Board; Mr. Wilson stated the Board will research other areas and get back to Ms. Alexander with the Board’s findings/decision.

## LEASE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Class “B” BWL No. B-83 – Enzo’s Waterfront Italian Dining and Bar, 285 Plum Point Road, Elkton, MD 21921

Vincenzo Viterbo appeared before the Board; Chief Bradford stated the Board previously approved the Lease Management agreement via email; Chairman Snelling asked if there would be any changes; Mr. Viterbo stated they are updating the premises and remodeling. Chief Bradford stated the Board changed the policy six months ago to allow licensees to be on more than one license; Lee's Landing and Tiki Lee's were the first to follow through on this, however, this is the first time a licensee is also a tenant in a lease management agreement. With no further questions, Commissioner Ortt made a motion to approve the lease management agreement; Commissioner Miller seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the lease management agreement as submitted.

#### UPDATE

Class "B" BWL No. B-178 - Vincenzo Veterbo, President; Anthony Caponi, Cecil County Resident; New York Square, LLC, T/A **New York Square LLC**, 802 N. Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921

Mr. Veterbo stated they are about finished with the construction and hope to be open within the next 30 days; there was a discussion as to how long he wanted the extension and he requested a 60 day extension. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the 60-day extension; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 60 day extension.

#### REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR SALES/SERVICE

Larry McElroy, President/CEO; James Gorman, Vice President; The Golden Mule LLC, T/A The Golden Mule, 1809 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Mr. McElroy appeared before the Board; he stated there is an area in the back of his building that he would like to utilize for outdoor activities, sales and service of alcohol; he stated he would like to have beer in tubs and if that works, possibly in the future putting a fixture outdoors for alcoholic beverages. He stated there is a flat grass area and is trying to be creative with small square footage. Commissioner Miller asked if he has plans to expand the parking area; Mr. McElroy stated he would like to do that. Mr. McElroy stated he would like to possibly have weekend seafood events, bull riding contests, possibly other outdoor entertainment. There was a discussion about the outdoor entertainment and his neighbors and the Board advised Mr. McElroy he would have to come back for the outdoor entertainment so the Board could advertise this so if anyone is for or against the issue, they could come in to the Board meeting. With no further questions; Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the outdoor sales and service of alcoholic beverages; Commissioner Ortt seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the outdoor sales and services of alcoholic beverages.

#### REQUEST 90 DAY EXTENSION

Class "B" BWL No. B-177 - Wayne V. Phan, Member; Thuy S. Huynh, Member; J&J Bro, LLC, T/A **J&J Pho**, 216 W. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921

On behalf of J&J Bro, LLC, Chief Bradford requested a 90-day extension through renewal; Commissioner Ortt made a motion to approve the 90-day extension, Commissioner Miller seconded that motion and the Board unanimously approved the 90-day extension.

### General Business

- **Approve Minutes**  
The minutes for the January meeting are not ready at this time.
- **Specials**

### Old Business

### New Business

Chief Bradford thanked the Board and licensees for their positive thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

With no further business to discuss, Commission Ortt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Miller seconded that motion and the meeting was adjourned 9:55 AM.

BY:

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Tim Snelling, Chairman

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ATTEST:  
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant