

**Approved Minutes of the  
Liquor Control Review Board  
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall - Room 215**

**Present:** Commissioners Jane Miller and Sara Spivy; Chair Victoria Scaman; Village Clerk Teresa Powell

**Absent:** Commissioner John Lipic

**Also Present:** Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet

**Call to Order:** Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Agenda Approval**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for the meeting. It was suggested that New Business be moved ahead of the Administrative Report. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved as amended.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2013. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as amended.

**New Business**

**1. Motion to Recommend B-1 Liquor License for FT Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Flat Top Grill**

Village Clerk Powell noted that all paperwork except for fingerprinting has been received. Attorney Zubin Kammula with the firm Siegel & Moses, representing FT Acquisitions, LLC spoke about the acquisition of Flat Top Grill restaurants that had filed for bankruptcy. The floor plan, menu and operation would remain unchanged and the location's lease is being assigned to the new ownership. The bankruptcy court has approved the change in ownership; each location is being held in trust pending issue of liquor licenses. Mr. Kammula would forward a copy of the court order as proof of ownership interest.

Village Clerk Powell instructed Mr. Kammula to appear at the July 23 meeting of the LCRB with the documents needed to approve recommendation for a liquor license. She added that this may go before the Board of Trustees in August.

**Administrative Report**

**1. BASSET Training Update**

Village Clerk Powell reported that there were 16 attendees at the recent BASSET training held at Village Hall. The next session would be on July 22 and two sessions would be offered in September. She added that certificates are also being received from those who have taken the class elsewhere.

## 2. Board Approval of Revised Work Plan

Clerk Powell reported that the Board of Trustees approved the revised work plan that included the complete review of the liquor code.

## 3. Corrections to Liquor License Listings

Clerk Powell stated that these corrections to the legal names of various license holders would go before the Board on July 15 if outstanding documentation confirming the correct names of two businesses is received in time. This will make the ordinance consistent with the state listings.

## 4. Ordinance Clarifying Role of Liquor Commissioner Regarding Appointments

Acting Village Attorney Simone Boutet explained that this will amend the ordinance requiring President Abu-Taleb to recuse himself from all Village business related to liquor due to conflict of interest. The amendment will clarify that the Local Liquor Control Commissioner, not the President Pro Tem, has the authority to make appointments to the LCRB. This will make the duties of the Liquor Control Commissioner consistent with the liquor related duties of the President.

It was moved and seconded to recommend an ordinance revision to indicate that the Liquor Control Commissioner shall appoint future LCRB commissioners.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Miller and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lipic

The motion was approved

## **Old Business**

### Ordinance Review Process

Village Clerk Powell stated that Trustee Salzman, the Local Liquor Commissioner, suggested holding a public hearing regarding recommended changes to the liquor ordinance. She asked if the commissioners would be available on a Saturday during the day to hold the public hearing. This would make it less difficult for restaurant owners to attend. She would speak to the owners as well to get their feedback. Clerk Powell stated that at the last public hearing, the consensus was that holding a public hearing in the evening was inconvenient for restaurant owners. Ms. Boutet suggested reviewing some history to get an idea of what additional items need to be addressed before going to the public for their input.

Chair Scaman stated that Trustee Salzman had suggested going to the restaurant owners first to hear their concerns. She added that attendance at public hearings has been very low in the past. The greatest feedback came from an online survey done by Downtown Oak Park. If the LCRB had the ability to conduct such a survey, she would recommend it.

Areas of concern were discussed. Chair Scaman suggested a hearing for restaurant owners and a separate one for the public. Ms. Boutet suggested a preliminary meeting of herself, Trustee Salzman and Clerk Powell before further LCRB discussion.

### BASSET Training – Online Alternatives

Village Clerk Powell reported that for most of the municipalities that require BASSET courses, online training is allowed. She would like the ordinance to be changed to add that option. Ms. Boutet referred to the ordinance, noting that it doesn't specify that the training must be live; she would review the ordinance further to verify this. Discussion followed regarding the policies of other municipalities regarding BASSET training.

## **Annual Renewals**

It was moved and seconded that the August annual renewals be approved.

<b><u>LICENSE HOLDER</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRES</u></b>	<b><u>TAX STATUS</u></b>
Mama Thai Inc., d/b/a Mama Thai Restaurant 1112 Madison Street	B-2 Beer & Wine	09-Aug-2013	Current
Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio 931-951 Chicago Avenue	E-1 Special Events	16-Aug-2013	No Taxes

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Miller and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lipic

The motion was approved

## **Board Member Comments**

Chair Scaman discussed the Comprehensive Plan Presentation scheduled for July 11 and encouraged the commissioners to attend. Ms. Boutet explained the comprehensive planning process.

## **Public Comment**

Spiro Papageorge spoke about his plans for a new restaurant at 728 Lake Street and answered questions from the commission. Village Clerk Powell and Ms. Boutet informed him that he must submit all necessary documents for review before any recommendation can be made.

Ms. Boutet stated that this application must be carefully reviewed due to past difficulties regarding Mr. Papageorge's previous business. There was a discussion regarding requirements of who may or may not be issued a liquor license per the Village Code as well as the application process.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman  
Recording Secretary