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**LICENSE COMMISSION**

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**LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**MINUTES**

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mowatt, Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Dawicki were present.

The next license commission meeting was confirmed for February 3, 2021

**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes as presented.
2. A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the monthly bills as presented.
3. The office manager advised the Commission on the following regarding Charm Auto Sales as 766 Southampton Road:
  - a. Chet Zymroz is the owner of Charm Auto Sales as 766 Southampton Road.
  - b. He currently holds a Class 2 auto license.
  - c. He has recently sold the property at 766 Southampton Road.
  - d. He is not selling or transferring his licenses to the new owners of the property.
  - e. He is holding onto his license and looking for a new location.
  - f. He is currently in the process of receiving zoning approval for a new location.
  - g. As soon as he is ready he will be applying to transfer his license to a new location.
4. Angel Cotto, d/b/a AC Auto Sales, 766 Southampton Road, Angel Cotto requesting a Class 2 Auto License.

Angel Cotto stated the following:

- He has been working with friends that own Auto Dealerships.

- He wants to have his own business to help support his family.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the class 2 auto license.

5. The office manager informed the Commission of the status of licenses that have failed to renew for 2021:
  - a. Yummi Noodle – another renewal packet was mailed to the licensee on January 5, 2021 per the licensee’s request along with a reminder notice.
  - b. Mama Cakes – another renewal packet was emailed to the licensee the week before Christmas per the licensee’s request along with a reminder notice.
  - c. Jack’s Snacks – a reminder notice was mailed to the licensee.

The office manager stated that reminder letters were mailed to the licensees from the License Commission and a separate letter from the Health Department. She will advise the commission at the February meeting of their renewal status.

**LATE COMMUNICATON:**

1. Call# 20-40233 December 11, 2021 9:35pm regarding Great Awakening Brewing Company, 77 Mill Street Apt. #150.

The office manager stated the following regarding the incident:

- Officer Gaulin counted thirty vehicles in the parking lot.
- He went into the establishment to find twenty plus people drinking alcohol.
- He spoke with the owner and told them that people had to be out by 9:30pm and only people allowed after that time was staff.
- The owner was under the impression that sales and service stopped at 9:30pm and people had to be out by 10pm.
- The owner stated he will change his hours and follow the 9:30 curfew.
- A verbal warning was issued.

The office manager stated that per the Governors Order and notice from the ABCC alcohol licensees must cease service and sale of alcohol on their premises by 9:30pm and patrons must leave the premises by 10:00pm. The owner of Great Awakening Brewing Company was correct.

The office manager stated the she re-emailed Governor Bakers Order to Lt. Bard and spoke to him that the licensee did nothing wrong and was in compliance. The office manager informed the licensee of this.

2. The office manager stated the she received an email from Union Mart at 420 Union Street. Their seasonal all alcohol license expires on January 15, 2021. As in the past the licensee must remove all alcohol from the licensed premises. The licensee received a letter from one of their wholesalers that stated due to the pandemic they are looking at ways to limit the amount of time their people spend inside accounts and this would be labor intensive.

The office manager stated that she reached out to the ABCC and they stated that the licensee can store all their alcohol out of sight from their customers and not offer or sell it until they legally can in April.

3. Whip City Patriot, Inc. d/b/a Whip City Bar and Grill, 287 North Elm Street, Zachary Stambovsky, president requesting a d/b/a name change.

The office manager stated that she received in paperwork requesting a d/b/a change from Whip City Bar and Grill to The Whip.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the request.

4. The office manager stated that due to COVID and not meeting in person it is difficult to obtain commissioners signatures during regular business hours. The auditing department stated that commission now may designate any one of its members to approve bills instead of taking action on them at open meetings. The commission must designate a member to approve the schedule of bills and also must designate an alternative member in the event the first designated board member is unavailable.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded and unanimously VOTED to designate Chairman Mowatt as the first designated board member and Commissioner Alice Dawicki as the backup designated board member to approve the schedule of bills in the event Chairman Mowatt is unavailable instead of taking action on them at open meetings.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

1. The office manager stated that the transfer of Maple Leaf to the new owners has taken place. Licenses issued to the new owners.
2. The office manager stated she received approval from the ABCC regarding the Westfield Spirit Shop transfer. We are still waiting on the closing paperwork from the new owners. As soon as it is received the licenses will be transferred to the new owners.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

  
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Christopher Mowatt, Chairman      Approved: