

**LIQUOR LICENSING & REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN**  
**VILLAGE HALL AUDITORIUM**  
**9446 RAYMOND AVENUE OAK LAWN IL 60453**  
**Meeting Minutes #2020-1 (07-22-20)**

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**I. ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Mayor Sandra Bury

Members: Cheryl Daly, *Dist. 1*                      Jack Hopkins, *Dist. 4*  
Larry Daly, *At-Large*                      Chuck Miller, *Dist. 3*  
Tom Dematteo, *Dist. 6*                      Terry O'Reilly, *Dist. 5*  
Jan Goetz, *Dist. 2 (ABS)*

Staff: Joselyn Varghese, Village Attorney  
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

*Also in Attendance: Kristina Dickens, Attorney for Amazon Retail*

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bury.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Liquor License Request for Amazon Retail (Class B with tastings):

*Ms. Kristina Dickens, Attorney, Christopoulos Law Group, LLC, 351 W. Hubbard, #602, Chicago, IL.*

The petitioner explained the request of her client, Amazon Retail, to obtain a Class B License with tastings.

Mayor Bury asked the petitioner the percentage of square footage that Amazon will use for liquor sales. The petitioner replied 7%. The petitioner explained that two (2) aisles will hold liquor inventory. She added that there will be sections used for tastings that include promotional items.

Mayor Bury asked the petitioner how Amazon will manage the tastings and liquor sales specifically for customers under 21. The petitioner responded that Amazon has a strict protocol in place; she mentioned the Bassett Training certifications. The petitioner indicated that all employees will have alcohol service training and that they will card every customer during the tastings and sale of alcohol.

Mayor Bury asked the petitioner how many of the Amazon Retail stores hold tastings. The petitioner explained that the tastings are a new venture and only a few stores have opened; she commented that the Oak Lawn store will be the first of the stores to offer the tastings.

Mayor Bury asked the petitioner to explain Amazon's shopping cart. The petitioner explained the "Dash cart". She explained that the cart is a combination of computer vision algorithms and sensors that identify items placed in the cart. The petitioner mentioned the "Eco cart". She said it is a smaller cart that electronically scans the sku numbers to identify what is in the cart. She explained that if an alcohol item is in the cart, the cart lights up and then the alcohol product must be scanned at the aisle. The petitioner commented that she is not sure if Oak Lawn will have the cart features as the store may have employee check outs.

Member L. Daly asked if this request has been before this Commission before. Mayor Bury explained to Member L. Daly that he is referring to Go-Puff which was a different concept. The petitioner

explained that Amazon is rolling out Amazon Go stores and Amazon Fresh stores. She said that Oak Lawn and Naperville will feature the new Amazon Fresh stores and that Amazon Fresh is similar to a traditional grocery store.

Member O'Reilly asked about the number of employees. The petitioner responded that the store will be much like a traditional grocery store as far as the number of employees. She said the inventory will be traditional grocery items and household goods and she said she anticipates that they will hire 50-70 employees.

Member O'Reilly asked if they will offer tastings on a daily basis. The petitioner said they hope to have that for their stores; she said that outside suppliers will offer the promotional products. She added that the supplier agents must be registered and trained.

Mayor Bury asked for the opening date. The petitioner replied that Amazon is shooting for an October opening.

***A motion was made by Member L. Daly to recommend to the Village Board of Trustees to approve the Liquor License Request for Amazon Retail (Class B License with tastings). The motion was seconded by Member Miller.***

Roll call: C. Daly, yes; L. Daly, yes; Dematteo, yes; Hopkins, yes; Miller, yes; O'Reilly, yes.

Motion to recommend approval to BOT passes: 6-0-0.

b. Mayor's Proposals

Mayor Bury commented that she does not have any specific proposals but wanted to welcome the new Members.

Mayor Bury mentioned deceased Member Greg Scheiner and expressed her appreciation of his service to the Liquor Advisory Board. She mentioned that he was on the Board since this Commission was formed and asked the Board to give a moment of silence in his honor.

Mayor Bury explained the purpose of the Liquor Licensing & Review Commission and provided a brief summary of the policies and procedures related to establishments and their responsibility with liquor sales. She summarized the Commission's role including the liquor reports, the penalty matrix, etc.

Mayor Bury asked the Board to introduce themselves and provide a brief bio.

IV. Reports

a. Liquor Reports:

- i. Cullen's Pub (2/19/2020)
- ii. BJ McMahon's (02/29/2020)
- iii. The Hot Corner (03/06/2020)
- iv. Gaslight Bar & Grill (03/08/2020)
- v. Hooters (03/12/2020)

***A motion was made by Member C. Daly to file the above-referenced Liquor Reports (i. – v.) for informational purposes only. The motion was seconded by Member O'Reilly.***

Member L. Daly commented that most of the reports if not all of them have nothing to do with the policies and procedures of what an establishment did or did not do. Member O'Reilly commented that he appreciates that the Village reviews these type of reports.

Roll call: O'Reilly, yes; Miller, yes; Hopkins, yes; Dematteo, yes; Daly, L., yes; Daly, C., yes.

Motion passes: 6-0-0.

b. Current Gaming Revenue

Mayor Bury explained the monthly gaming revenue report. She said that gaming is tied to the liquor license and she feels that it is important to review the monthly reports. She commented that the Village has only two gaming cafes and the Village feels that if a business has gaming the business should also be able to stand on its own. She pointed out the monthly amount wagered and said that gaming is a big business. Mayor Bury said she feels the Board needs to stay ahead of the gaming.

Mayor Bury mentioned the newly adopted Push Tax. She said the idea of the Push Tax is that every time a button is pushed the Village of Oak Lawn would receive 1 cent per push. Mayor Bury commented that there is some litigation regarding that Push Tax.

V. Public Comments

None.

VI. Adjournment

***A motion to adjourn was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Hopkins.***

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye. All opposed, none.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.