

**LIQUOR LICENSING & REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN**  
**VILLAGE HALL AUDITORIUM**  
**9446 RAYMOND AVENUE OAK LAWN IL 60453**  
**Meeting Minutes #2022-1 (1-25-22)**

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

Chairperson: Mayor Terry Vorderer

Members: Cheryl Daly Terry O'Reilly  
Jan Goetz Tom DeMatteo  
Jim Oskielunas Larry Daly (*ABS*)  
Jack Hopkins

Staff: Mike Pasquinelli, Village Attorney  
Daniel Brennan, Economic Development Division Manager  
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vorderer.

**III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

*A motion was made by Member O'Reilly to approve the prior Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2021 #2021-8. The motion was seconded by Member Goetz.*

Roll call: DeMatteo, abstain; O'Reilly, yes; Hopkins, abstain; Oskielunas, yes; Goetz, yes; Daly, C., yes.

Motion to approve passes: 4-0-2.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Liquor License Request for PJS Spirits, Inc. DBA Gaslight Bar & Grill at 5130 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Class IV) *change in ownership*

*Ms. Felicia Phillips, 11359 S. Racine, Chicago, Illinois*

The petitioner stated that she wishes to take ownership of Gaslight Bar & Grill. The Mayor asked the petitioner if she plans to make any changes. The petitioner responded that she intends to update the menu, including the addition of chicken, as well as change out the tables. Mayor Vorderer asked the petitioner about the timeline in taking over ownership. The petitioner responded that she is going through the licensing process and that she will take over ownership once all licenses and inspections are approved.

*A motion to recommend the approval of a Class IV Liquor License to PJS Spirits, Inc. DBA Gaslight Bar & Grill at 5130 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street was made by Member Hopkins and seconded by Member Oskielunas.*

Roll call: C. Daly, yes; Goetz, yes; Oskielunas, yes; Hopkins, yes; O'Reilly, yes; DeMatteo, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

Mayor Vorderer asked the Village attorney if the next two agenda items could be combined. The Village Attorney responded yes and said that the Board could combine discussion but that any votes should be taken separately.

- B. Liquor License Request for 7-Eleven, Inc., DBA 7-Eleven at 4501 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Class D) *change in ownership*
- C. Tobacco License Request for 7-Eleven, Inc. DBA 7-Eleven at 4501 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street *change in ownership*

*Mr. Sebastian Valencia, 7-Eleven Field Consultant, 7221 Woodward, Woodridge, IL*

The petitioner indicated that he works as a Business Consultant for 7-Eleven and that he is here to represent the franchisee for the subject location.

Member O'Reilly asked the petitioner if 7-Eleven is currently open. The petitioner replied yes. The petitioner explained that the store is under a management agreement with the existing owner until the new ownership is approved. The petitioner explained that the current owner is ready to retire and mentioned that he has been a franchisee at this location for a number of years.

Mayor Vorderer asked the petitioner if the franchisee planned to make any changes to tobacco retail sales. No, said the petitioner. The petitioner stated that he will continue to sell tobacco from the same location and that there will be no changes. Mayor Vorderer expressed his concerns of tobacco as it relates to vapes and other type products. The petitioner explained that as part of 7-Eleven's franchising agreement, the franchisees are restricted from bringing in vape products.

*A motion to recommend the approval of the Liquor License Request for 7-Eleven, Inc., DBA 7-Eleven at 4501 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street (Class D) change in ownership was made by Member O'Reilly and seconded by Member Oskielunas.*

Roll call: C. Daly, yes; Goetz, yes; Oskielunas, yes; Hopkins, yes; O'Reilly, yes; DeMatteo, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

*A motion to recommend the approval of the Tobacco License Request for 7-Eleven, Inc. DBA 7-Eleven at 4501 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street change in ownership was made by Member DeMatteo and seconded by Member Daly.*

Roll call: DeMatteo, abstain; O'Reilly, yes; Hopkins, abstain; Oskielunas, yes; Goetz, yes; Daly, C., yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

## **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **a. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Vorderer mentioned the incident report on Reilly's Daughter, which was included in the packet. He summarized the report, explaining that after a comprehensive bar check, they found that Reilly's had a number of underage patrons. Mayor Vorderer commented that there seems to

be a bit of underage activity at Reilly's. He said 18 people were identified as underage and cited in this incident. The citations, according to Mayor Vorderer, are presented at an Adjudication Hearing.

Mayor Vorderer stated that the owner of Reilly's contacted him and asked for a meeting. Mayor Vorderer stated that his intention is not to put the businesses in crisis, but rather to bring them into compliance. Mayor Vorderer stated that following the discussion, a mutual agreement was reached with the bar owner, the Village, and the Chief of Police regarding this violation, and they were fined \$850.00. Mayor Vorderer stated that if another violation occurs, the business owner will be brought before this Board.

Member Oskielunas mentioned available resources like hiring security to identify underage patrons. Mayor Vorderer stated that the owner purchased technology to detect fake IDs. He also mentioned that the owner had a camera system installed at the front doors. Member DeMatteo stated that this Board should be assured that the message was clearly heard by the underage patrons. He mentioned that he has a 19-year old.

Mayor Vorderer stated that no other violations were issued to any of the other eleven (11) establishments that were inspected that night.

## **VI. REPORTS:**

### **b. Current Gaming Revenue**

Mayor Vorderer gave brief comments about the video gaming report. He mentioned that the Push Tax is still in litigation, but that if it moves forward, the Village could potentially receive an additional \$1 million to 1.5 million dollars in revenue each year.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Voice Vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.