

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board  
Wednesday, September 9, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.  
Special Remote Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Chair Vanessa Matheny and members, Sarah Corbin, Emily Masalski, Timothy Thomas, and Todd Kuna joined at 12:20 p.m.

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Assistant Development Customer Services Department Director Cameron Davis by remote participation

3. **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Thomas to approve the Agenda as presented.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

4. **Minutes Approval**

It was moved by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Corbin to approve the minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB") special remote meeting minutes of June 16, 2021.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. **New Business**

**A. Application of Nikoathana, Inc., DBA Bourbon Fire Artisan Pizza, for a Restaurant Class B-4 Liquor License at 133 S. Oak Park Avenue**

Alex Boudros presented the application. The applicant plans to serve craft cocktails and pizza from a wood burning oven. The applicant is in the process of submitting final plans to the Village for the build-out of the space and plans to open in late November 2021. All staff will be BASSET trained.

A motion was made by Member Thomas and seconded by Member Masalski to recommend approval of a Class B-4 liquor license to Nikoathana, Inc., DBA Bourbon Fire Artisan Pizza.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**B. Application of Fritzi Deli, LLC, DBA Fritzi's Delicatessen, for a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 113 N. Oak Park Avenue**

Paul Stern presented the application. Fritzi's Delicatessen will be a Jewish deli that will offer dine-in and carry-out service. The applicant plans to serve beer and wine. All employees will be BASSET trained. The anticipated opening date is the end of October 2021.

A motion was made by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Thomas to recommend approval of a Class B-2 liquor license to Fritzi Deli, LLC, DBA Fritzi's Delicatessen.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**C. Application of Puree's Pizza & Chicken for a Restaurant Class B-1 Liquor License at 1023 Lake Street**

Dominic Washington presented the application. He has been the owner of Puree's Pizza & Chicken since October 2020. The applicant seeks a liquor license to offer alcoholic beverages to accompany meals. All employees who will serve alcoholic beverages will be BASSET trained.

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Thomas to recommend approval of a Class B-1 liquor license to Puree's Pizza & Chicken

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**D. Application of Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA Betty's Pizza and Pasta, for a Restaurant Class B-4 Liquor License at 1103 South Boulevard**

Rob Guenthner presented the application. Kettlestrings has been in business for 1 ½ years at 800 S. Oak Park Avenue. Betty's Pizza and Pasta will serve New York style pizza and cocktails. All staff are BASSET trained.

A motion was made by Member Thomas and seconded by Member Kuna to recommend approval of a Class B-4 liquor license to Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA Betty's Pizza and Pasta.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, Thomas, and Kuna

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**E. Application of Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA The Grove, for a Restaurant Class B-4 Liquor License at 107 S. Marion Street**

Rob Guenthner presented the application. The Grove will offer cocktails and small plates in addition to the menu offered by Betty's Pizza and Pasta. All staff are BASSET trained. The Grove anticipates opening in late October 2021.

A motion was made by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Masalski to recommend approval of a Class B-4 liquor license to Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA The Grove.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, Thomas, and Kuna

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**F. September 2021 Renewals**

A motion was made by Member Corbin and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the liquor license renewals subject to the licensees who are overdue with their liquor taxes becoming current before renewal is approved.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Kuna, and Thomas

ABSTENTION: Masalski (renewal of Ascension Church)

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Thomas to deny liquor license renewals to those businesses who are overdue with their liquor taxes as reflected on the renewal list.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Kuna, and Thomas

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**G. Liquor Control Review Board 2022 Work Plan**

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kuna to adopt the Liquor Control Review Board 2022 Work Plan.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, Thomas and Kuna

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**H. Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 3 (“Restrictions on Liquor Licenses”)**

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Corbin to recommend the Village Board adopt an “Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 (“Alcoholic Liquor Dealers”), Article 3 (“Restrictions on Liquor Licenses”)” consistent with the state law that citizenship is not necessary for a proposed liquor license applicant.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, Thomas and Kuna

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. Administrative Report**

None.

9. **Board Member Comments**

Cameron Davis responded to questions regarding the role of other boards and commissions who review business related issues.

10. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Member Masalski seconded by Member Kuna to adjourn.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Matheny, Corbin, Masalski, Thomas, and Kuna

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary