

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOE  
10631 MAIN STREET  
ROSCOE, ILLINOIS 61073  
LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Krienke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Trustees Gustafson, Szula, Petty, Swanson.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1. Approval of February 6, 2018 Liquor Commission minutes.** President Krienke entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Petty made the motion; seconded by Trustee Swanson. Roll Call Vote: Trustees Gustafson, Szula, Petty, Swanson – Yes. Motion approved 4-0-2.

**4. MOTIONS**

**4.1 Discussion and Recommendation of a 90-day Moratorium on the creation of any new Class “BL” liquor licenses.** No discussion or action taken.

**4.2 Discussion and Recommendation changes to the allowed hours of operation for Class “BL” liquor license.** Administrator Sanders provided information regarding dollars per resident on gaming comparing Rockford, Loves Park and the Village of Roscoe. He concluded that Loves Park and Roscoe are comparable; however Roscoe has a much larger intensity of uses per population as opposed to Rockford. Trustee Swanson stated that she is not partial to the idea of 24 hour gaming and would prefer the Boutiques to carry bar hours. After more discussion, Trustee Gustafson recommended that the price of the Class “BL” license be raised in 2019. President Krienke cited the different businesses in Roscoe that have gaming machines of which 4 are boutiques. Trustee Gustafson made a recommendation that beginning January 1, 2019 the Board establishes the hours for the Class “BL” boutiques to conform to the regular hours held by all other bars, making them closed from 2am -6am. Seconded by Trustee Swanson. Roll Call Vote; President Krienke, Trustees Gustafson, Petty, Swanson and Szula – Yes. Motion approved 5-0-2

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amber Pena from Lucky 7 Slots and Video Poker Lounge Suite #4 and Suite #6 at 5257 Swanson Road has been open for 4 years and both suites are 24 hour establishments. Amber stated that she felt like it was unfair to change the hours to be closed from 2am – 6am. This would eliminate

2 jobs and also revenue for the Village. Ms. Pena affirmed that they are not considered a bar, that they serve food 24 hours a day and that they have had only one police call in all the time they have been open.

Christine Swanson from Next Stop Gaming on Elevator Road encouraged the Board to abstain from making any changes to the "BL" liquor licenses. Part of the benefit of the license is the allowance of the 24 hours of operation. Reduction in the operating hours would make it challenging to compete with the larger bars due to the limited square footage and the inability to offer other forms of entertainment to bring in revenue. Mrs. Swanson stated that she holds the highest standards of conduct for her patrons and has not had any problems at her establishment.

Toni Pipitone Owner of Slots of Fortune at 4745 Blue Stem Road expressed that although his establishment is extremely busy he works every night to make sure that his boutique remains safe. Mr. Pipitone indicated that he has never had a police call or problem and that his boutique brings in a substantial amount of revenue for the Village of Roscoe. He is hoping that the Board will abstain from changing the current hours of operations for gaming boutiques.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to be discussed at the Liquor Commission meeting. President Krienke entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:38 P.M. Trustee Petty made the motion; seconded by Trustee Swanson. Voice Vote Call: All Ayes present – no Nays heard.

Lori Taylor, Village Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_