

**VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO LIQUOR COMMISSION**  
**March 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The Village of Winnebago Liquor Commission met on March 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Village of Winnebago Office. Present were the following: Village Liquor Commission Members Stan Maligranda, Jim O'Rourke, and Kelli Jeffers. Guests present were Village Liquor Commissioner Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., Village Police Chief Jeff White, Officer Randy Smith, and Village Attorney Mary J. Gaziano

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stan Maligranda at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT.** Inquiry was made if anyone on the Commission had any conflict of interest in reference to being an owner of a liquor establishment, or any other interest in a liquor establishment. All replied in the negative.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** No changes to the Agenda were requested so a motion for approval of the Agenda was made by Jim O'Rourke, seconded by Kelli Jeffers, and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Kelli Jeffers made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 20, 2020 Liquor Commission Meeting, Jim O'Rourke seconded the same, and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None, as no one signed up for the same.

**POSSIBLE JULY 3, 2020 STREET DANCE/CONCERT:**

The McDonalds were to be present to discuss their idea for a July 3, 2020 Street Dance/Concert, but they were not present and need to discuss the matter with their staff as to the feasibility of the same due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The organizer's desire for this event would be to block off Benton Street in front of the downtown businesses and possibly part of Soper Street. The event organizers want to sell tickets so the number of people that show up may be controlled. We are not sure if wristbands or punch cards would be utilized. If punch cards were utilized for appetizers, dinner, and dessert, potentially all of the restaurants in the area could be involved. There would possibly be a bluegrass band during the day and a different band at night to attract younger people.

In the meantime the following concerns/questions were raised:

- 1) There needs to be consumption of liquor at such an event in a legal manner and in accordance with the Village's liquor ordinance.
- 2) How do we make sure no liquor is consumed out in the street?
- 3) How will parking be handled?

4) What is the expected involvement of the Village Police?  
Presumably the event holders would pay for police officers to work the event, along with other security.

5) It is believed to be contemplated that individuals under 21 years of age would be expected to be present, so there would have to be some method of control so that no one under 21 years of age is served and/or consumes alcohol.

#### POSSIBLE JUNE 6, 2020 MILK DAYS IN DOWNTOWN WINNEBAGO:

Frank Eubank indicated that Mike Woolbright from The Scoop and Tom Mitchell had spoken to Frank about such an event. While The Post wants an event to make it like a Byron Fest, the other businesses in the area are not interested in that type of event. The Scoop wants the focus to be on milk and farmers, and wants something different than a booze festival. For any alcohol to be served, it was not discussed with them how alcohol would be policed, but it is presumed it would be similar to whatever method would be devised for The Post.

#### DISCUSSION AS TO BOTH OF ABOVE EVENTS:

Frank Eubank indicated he does not want to dissuade the interested individuals from either type of event, but there is a short period of time involved between now and any such event. Those interested would need a Special Event Permit so there would need to be an application form in regard to the same.

Jim O'Rourke stated he does not think wristbands are a huge issue as long as there is proper security/policing of activities. He also opined that the Village would need an ordinance for a special event permit, and could make part of the requirement for obtaining a special event permit that the organizers hire an off-duty police officer. Frank Eubank stated that the Village could issue a special event permit during COVID-19, but there would need to be some reservation language that such granting would be subject to cancellation by the Village if having the event would be deemed unsafe due to the state of COVID-19 at that time.

The Commission decided to meet again in April, 2020, to further discuss this issue and possibly look at some examples of special event permits from other jurisdictions, and discuss what the Village would want addressed in its special event permit.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**GATE ON FENCE AT THE POST:** A resident had brought to the attention of a member of the Liquor Commission that it is believed The Post has an illegal exit gate on its fence used for regular ingress and egress, as, per Village ordinance, the exit from that outside fence is to be for emergency exit only. (Officer Smith left the meeting to inspect the fence area. He came back right after the meeting and indicated to the Commissioners

the dumpster is outside the fence and it does not look like the gate area is being used for regular ingress and egress.)

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further new business or matters to discuss in Executive Session, Jim O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn, the same was seconded by Kelli Jeffers, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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Mary J. Gaziano, Village Attorney

Minutes approved by Village Liquor Commission  
on October 5, 2020.

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Liquor Commission Chairman