

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Administration & Legal Committee**  
**January 29, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Village Hall of Tinley Park – Council Chambers**  
**16250 S. Oak Park Avenue**  
**Tinley Park, IL 60477**

Members Present: M. Pannitto, Chairman  
C. Berg, Village Trustee  
J. Curran, Village Trustee

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: M. Glotz, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager  
P. Carr, Assistant Village Manager  
B. Bettenhausen, Village Treasurer  
D. Spale, Village Attorney  
P. Hoban, Economic Development Manager  
R. Zimmer, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
L. Godette, Deputy Village Clerk

**Item #1** - The Special Meeting of the Administration & Legal Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2018** – Motion was made by Trustee Curran, seconded by Trustee Berg, to approve the minutes of the Administration & Legal Committee meeting held on November 27, 2018. Vote by voice call. Chairman Pannitto declared the motion carried.

**Item #3 – DISCUSS CLASS EV LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MICKEY’S RIBS AND GYROS LOCATED AT 17432 OAK PARK AVENUE** – Mickey’s Ribs & Gyros is a fast service restaurant, serving Tinley Park since 1985. Karol Kruszecki and Andrzej Bezener of Mickey’s Ribs & Gyros approached the Liquor Commissioner’s office requesting a class EV liquor license. The class EV liquor license would allow them to sell beer and wine at retail for consumption on the premises as well as to operate up to five (5) video gaming machines. The video gaming machines are planned to be located in a separate room off of the main dining area.

Andrzej Bezener and Karol Kruszecki, co-owners of Mickey’s Ribs & Gyros were present to answer questions. The co-owners stated their Mickey’s Ribs & Gyros is independently owned and operated from other Mickey’s locations. Trustee Curran asked if any other location serves alcoholic beverages. Mr. Bezener stated Mickey’s located in Oak Forest sells alcoholic beverages. The owners stated there would be no packaged liquor at the Tinley Park location. Trustee Berg asked where the video gaming would be located within the establishment. A map was created, outlining video gaming, which would be located in the southeast corner of the restaurant. Chairman Pannitto asked if the Administration & Legal Committee had any other questions. No one came forward. Trustee Pannitto stated he is not in favor of the spread of gambling throughout Tinley Park and therefore, voted no. Trustee Curran stated he would be in favor of the EV liquor license to Mickey’s, especially since they are a longstanding Tinley Park business and voting no would put the business at a disadvantage. Trustee Berg stated she is in

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favor of the liquor license and agreed there needs to be a level playing field in relation to video gaming in Tinley Park.

Motion was made by Trustee Curran, seconded by Trustee Berg, to recommend future Village Board approval of a class EV liquor license be awarded to Mickey's Ribs & Gyros. Vote by voice. Chairman Pannitto voted no. Chairman Pannitto declared the motion carried.

#### **Item #4 – DISCUSS CLASS A AND CLASS S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BANGING GAVEL BREWS, 6811 W. HICKORY STREET**

– James Richert, co-owner of Banging Gavel, has been working in conjunction with the Community Development Department over the last year in renovations of the historic Vogt Building with an emphasis on maintaining the historic status of the building, with a plan for a microbrewery and restaurant with a full bar, along with the possibility of serving specialty cocktails, for which a Class A Liquor License would be required. Banging Gavel will be located at 6811 W. Hickory Street, which is next to the future site of Sip. The two businesses would complement each other in close proximity without driving business away from either one.

In addition, Mr. Richert is planning on operating a microbrewery and brew beer on site, for which a Class S liquor license would allow, provided Banging Gavel does not sell more than \$50,000 gallons of beer for off-site consumption per year. Banging Gavel is currently not interested in obtaining a video gaming license.

Mr. Richert was present to answer questions. Mr. Richert stated Crowler's Beer would be the only packaged alcohol sold at Banging Gavel. Mr. Richert stated distribution will be extremely limited due to production restrictions.

Motion was made by Trustee Curran, seconded by Chairman Pannitto, to recommend future Village Board approval of a Class A as well as a Class S liquor license be awarded to Banging Gavel. Vote by voice. Chairman Pannitto declared the motion carried.

#### **Item #5 – DISCUSS CLASS AV LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SIP LOCATED AT 17424 OAK PARK AVENUE**

– In October 2018, Neal Hummitsch, owner of Sip, approached Mayor Vandenberg's office about opening up a wine bar, to be called Sip, within Tinley Park, with the possibility of serving specialty cocktails or high-end spirits, for which a Class A liquor license would be needed and per Village Board approval, was awarded to Sip. Mr. Hummitsch described the business model as one built on innovation and efficiency of service. The wine bar would operate using machines commonly known as "wine dispensers and coolers." The use of these machines is a new approach to the wine bar business, which combines technology with customer service. Each machine would operate using a "key tag" system. Upon arrival, each customer would be given a key tag, which would track usage while at Sip. A customer would select a specific wine from the wine dispenser and cooler and swipe the key tag at the machine, which would then bring up their bill and add the cost of the selected wine. Using these machines to track each customer's bill will allow the business to serve samples of wine in much smaller quantities, which is more appropriate for wine tasting rather than a traditional five (5) ounce pour. The Mayor's Office expressed concerns over monitoring customers to ensure this new service method does not result in overserving customers, to which Mr. Hummitsch assured Mayor Vandenberg the business would be staffed with BASSET-certified servers, ensuring no customer would be overserved.

Sip will be located at 17424 S. Oak Park Avenue, which is next to the future site of Banging Gavel Brews. The two businesses would complement each other rather than compete with one another's customer base. Mr. Hummitsch is currently interested in obtaining a video gaming license, which requires a license class change from A to AV. Mr. Hummitsch was present to address any questions or

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concerns. Mr. Hummitsch stated video gaming at Sip would be a total of five (5) machines, located in a separate room from the main dining area.

Motion was made by Trustee Curran, seconded by Trustee Berg, to recommend future Village Board approval of a Class AV liquor license be awarded to Sip. Vote by voice. Chairman Pannitto voted no. Chairman Pannitto declared the motion carried.

**Item #6 – RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Nancy O'Connor stated she feels video gaming in Tinley Park is "getting out of hand." Ms. O'Connor stated she is concerned that every business within the community will be awarded a video gaming license if they would like one and a limit needs to be in place. Diane Galante inquired about the set limit of video gaming, the process needed for the Village Board to raise the cap and the concern of the Village Board raising the cap every time a business requests a video gaming license.

Dave Niemeyer, Village Manager stated it is Rob Zimmer's last week working as the executive assistant to the mayor and acknowledged Rob's many efforts and hard work, as did the Administration & Legal Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Chairman Pannitto, seconded by Trustee Berg, to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Administration & Legal Committee. Vote by voice call. Chairman Pannitto declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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