



# Village of Addison

**MINUTES**  
**ADVISORY LIQUOR COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

**Addison Village Hall  
Room 1301  
One Friendship Plaza  
Addison, IL 60101**

**Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra**

**Commission Members present:**

**Rick Delawder  
Tony Amato  
Carol Cesario  
Mike Hartnett  
Sandi Milazzo**

**1. Call to order, roll call**

The December 7, 2021 Advisory Liquor Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Delawder. Also in attendance were: Commission Members Tony Amato, Carol Cesario, Mike Hartnett, and Sandi Milazzo; Village Manager Joe Maranowicz, Police Director Bill Hayden, Deputy Chief Roy Selvik; Attorney David Freeman and Attorney Patrick Miner; Mary Heneghan and Alyssa Cornelius.

Representing JB Addison LLC was George Tselos. Representing Fitz Inn Inc. was Brendan Fitzharris.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting**

Commission Member Amato made a motion to recommend acceptance, seconded by Commission Member Cesario. Motion approved unanimously.

**3. Liquor License Application Public Hearing for JB Addison LLC d/b/a Johnny B's located at 705 S. Addison Road, Class "E"**

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicant. Mr. Tselos stated that he has purchased the current business, and he plans to keep it as a fast food restaurant with beer and wine. There will not be a bar inside the restaurant. He owns a bar in Mount Prospect and understands the importance of Bassett training. He may undertake some minor changes, but overall the restaurant will remain as is. It was just remodeled two years ago so he will not be doing any remodeling. The current owner has four gaming machines, and Mr. Tselos plans to apply for a new gaming license but he does not plan on adding any additional machines. He is closing on the purchase of the business on Friday, which is not contingent on approval of a liquor license. He clarified that liquor sales only accounts for approximately 5% of the overall sales for the business. He will be on-site approximately 20-30 hours every week.

Deputy Chief Selvik stated that there were no issues with the background check. Village Manager Maranowicz stated that there have not been any complaints about this establishment.

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to recommend approval of this liquor license application, seconded by Commission Member Amato. The motion was approved unanimously. The next steps of the process were reviewed with the applicant.

**4. Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Fitz Inn Inc. located at 190 N. Swift Road, Class "A"**

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicant. Mr. Fitzharris stated that he is purchasing Addison Pub, and plans to keep it as a tavern. There is no kitchen, but he will offer light snacks and pizza. He continued that he has been in the bar business for 23 years with establishments in Elmhurst, Villa Park, Lombard, and Glendale Heights. The hours will be from 11am to 1am (2am on Friday and Saturday). He will also apply for gaming. Capacity is estimated at 80 people. His location in Elmhurst offers the most food and has a full kitchen.

Deputy Chief Selvik stated that they reached out to the other towns where Mr. Fitzharris has establishments as part of the background check, and there have been multiple police calls at these locations. Deputy Chief Selvik provided details on the calls, which included overcrowding, fighting, intoxicated and over-served patrons, bar being open past the designated closing time, selling to underage patrons, and patrons using fake ID's. Director Hayden stated that based on the background, the Police Department does not recommend issuing a liquor license.

Mr. Fitzharris stated he has been in the business for 23 years and that the bar in Elmhurst is right down the street from Elmhurst University and brings in approximately \$1.5 million per year. He stated that he has a pretty good record for his 23 years in the business.

The Commission took a recess at 3:15pm to discuss the information presented. The meeting reconvened at 3:18pm.

Chairman Delawder asked for a motion from the Commission; Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to not approve the liquor license application per the Police Department's background investigation, seconded by Commission Member Amato. The motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Delawder stated that the Commission would not be recommending a liquor license for this applicant.

Attorney Freeman explained to Mr. Fitzharris that he does have the right to go before the Village Board and request they approve his request for a liquor license. He stated that the Village Board does rely on the recommendation from this Commission. He further explained that there are no liquor licenses available, and that one would have to be created for him. He advised Mr. Fitzharris to notify Mary Heneghan in writing if he would like to be put on a Village Board meeting agenda. Mr. Fitzharris stated that it sounded that it would not do him any good. Attorney Freeman responded that he could not say either way. Even if this Commission provided a positive recommendation, the Board will still have to approve the creation of the new license. He stated that he cannot say with 100% certainty what the Board will do. Mr. Fitzharris asked Deputy Chief Selvik if they spoke with the Police Chiefs and Mayors from the other towns where his other establishments are located. Deputy Chief Selvik responded that they have all of the reports on the incidents.

5. **Police Reports**

None

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **New Business**

None

8. **Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

9. **Executive Session if needed**

Not needed

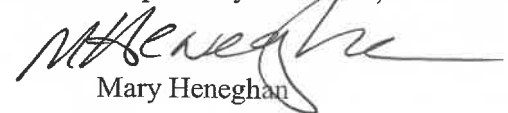
10. **Audience Participation**

None

11. **Adjournment**

Commission Member Amato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:23pm, seconded by Commission Member Milazzo.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Heneghan