

**VILLAGE OF HUNTLEY
LIQUOR COMMISSION HEARING
March 25, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Huntley Liquor Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Village Board Room, 10987 Main Street, Huntley, Illinois 60142.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Charles H. Sass; Commissioners: Ronda Goldman, Timothy Hoeft, Harry Leopold, John Piwko, and JR Westberg.

ABSENT: Commissioner Niko Kanakaris

IN ATTENDANCE: Village Manager David Johnson, Deputy Village Manager Lisa Armour, Management Assistant Barbara Read, and Village Attorney John Cowlin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. Consideration - An Ordinance Amending the Class “J” Liquor License for Sew Hop’d Brewery LLC; 1 Union Special Plaza

Village Manager David Johnson reported that the Village of Huntley regulates the sale of alcoholic beverages in the Village through its Liquor Control Ordinance, which provides for the issuance of certain classes of liquor licenses, establishes the number of licenses available in each class and considers requested outside events.

Staff Analysis

A request has been received from Sew Hop’d Brewery LLC (Sew Hop’d), 1 Union Special Plaza, to utilize an area of their south parking lot as an outside dining and drinking patio area. The patio area would be fenced off Tuesday – Thursday from 5 pm -8 pm and from 5 pm Friday until 8 pm Sunday. Sew Hop’d is closed on Monday’s. Speed bumps are being added as well as crosshatching several parking spots (Layout 1). When the patio is not in use, the fence would remain in the parking lot but the traffic would flow straight across the parking lot instead of having to go around the fenced in area (Layout 2). The handicap parking spaces on the south side of the building will be replaced by three to six handicap parking spaces on the east side of the building in the front row.

A Class “J” liquor license allows for outdoor seating areas as specified in the license, in connection with a microbrewery and in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations and licenses authorizing the production, storage and distribution and sale of beer. The original request from Sew Hop’d included the smaller outside patio area by the building area only. An amendment to their liquor license would be required at this time to allow for the new outside patio area.

Village Manager Johnson reported that Mr. Lance Lamb was in attendance to answer questions.

Chairman Sass asked if the Liquor Commissioners had any comments or questions; there were none.

A MOTION was made to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Class “J” Liquor License to Include an Outside Patio Area in the South Parking Lot for Sew Hop’d Brewery LLC; 1 Union Special Plaza.

MOTION: Commissioner Piwko
SECOND: Commissioner Goldman
AYES: Commissioners: Goldman, Hoeft, Leopold, Piwko, and Westberg
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner: Kanakaris
The motion carried: 5-0-1

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, a MOTION was made to adjourn the hearing at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Westberg
SECOND: Commissioner Piwko
AYES: Commissioners: Goldman, Hoeft, Leopold, Piwko, and Westberg
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner: Kanakaris
The motion carried: 5-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Read
Recording Secretary