

**MINUTES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS  
LIQUOR AND LICENSE COMMISSION HEARING  
AUGUST 1, 2022**

Village Manager Timony called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

PRESENT: Deputy Commissioners Koch, Marquardt, and Oppenheim. Also in attendance was Village Manager Timony. Liquor Commissioner Byrne was absent and had given prior notice he would not be in attendance.

Village Manager Timony called for a motion to appoint a Liquor Commissioner Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

Motion by Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim, second by Deputy Commissioner Marquardt to appoint Deputy Commissioner Koch as Liquor Commissioner Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 3 – Koch, Marquardt, Oppenheim

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Byrne

Motion carried.

**1. THE CLAIM COMPANY dba WICK N ORE KITCHEN & TAP, 1260 S MILWAUKEE AVE, UNIT 500, VERNON HILLS, IL 60061, REQUESTING A CLASS “A” LIQUOR LICENSE**

Village Manager Timony introduced the application from The Claim Company of Vernon Hills, LLC for a Class “A” liquor license for a new restaurant, Wick n Ore Kitchen & Tap, located at 1260 S Milwaukee Ave, Unit 500. Village Manager Timony stated that this new restaurant is owned by the same owner of the former Claim Company of Vernon Hills restaurant that was previously located at Hawthorn Mall, which closed in July. He stated that this application is not for a relocation of the former Claim Company of Vernon Hills restaurant, but instead is a new application for a new restaurant (Wick n Ore Kitchen & Tap). He advised that the staff, management, and ownership of the former Claim Company of Vernon Hills restaurant are the same for the new Wick n Ore Kitchen & Tap.

The Commission discussed the application and the new restaurant. Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim asked if a fee would be charged for the new liquor license since a liquor license was issued to the former Claim Company of Vernon Hills restaurant that closed in July. Village Manager Timony advised that since this is a new restaurant at a new location, and not a change of location of the same restaurant, that a new liquor license fee would apply. Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim stated that he would like to consider waiving the new liquor license application fee and the FY 22/23 annual license fee since Claim Company of Vernon Hills already paid a full license fee for FY 22/23 and was only open for one quarter. He added that this consideration is due to the unique circumstances that a business owner is closing one restaurant in Vernon Hills and opening a new restaurant in Vernon Hills within the same year. Deputy Commissioners Koch and Marquardt agreed with Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim’s recommendation.

Motion by Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim, second by Deputy Commissioner Koch to approve a Class “A” liquor license for Wick n Ore Kitchen & Tap, 1260 S Milwaukee Ave, Unit 500, and to waive the liquor license application fee and the FY 22/23 annual license fee.

Roll call vote:

AYES: 3 – Koch, Marquardt, Oppenheim

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1 - Byrne

Motion carried.

## 2. ADJOURNMENT

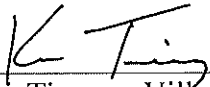
Motion by Deputy Commissioner Marquardt, second by Deputy Commissioner Oppenheim to adjourn the Liquor and License Commission Hearing.

All in favor vote.

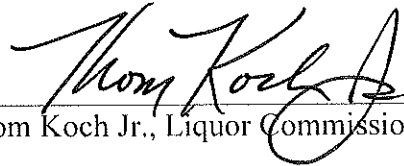
Motion carried.

The hearing adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022



Kevin Timony, Village Clerk



Thom Koch Jr., Liquor Commissioner Pro Tem