

**MEETING OF THE LIQUOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 16, 2021**

The meeting of the Village of Hampshire Liquor Commission was called to order by Chairman Michael J. Reid, Jr. at 6:35 p.m. in the Village of Hampshire Village Board Room, 234 S. State Street, on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

A quorum was established.

Present: Toby Koth, Lionel Mott, Mike Reid, Jr.

Absent: none

In addition, present in-person were Village Manager Jay Hedges, Deputy Village Clerk Josh Wray, and Police Chief Brian Thompson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

MINUTES

Commissioner Koth moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021.

Seconded by Commissioner Mott

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Koth, Mott

Nays: None

Absent: None

LIQUOR LICENSES

A Motion to Approve 2022 Liquor Licenses for Newman's Pub, Red Ox Restaurant, T.A. of America, Blocks Fresh Market, and Jimmy's Sports Bar

Chairman Reid noted that all paperwork has been turned in correctly.

Commissioner Koth said we need to start telling these people to turn things in early because we're not going to keep doing these extra meetings for late submittals. Chairman Reid has discussed the process with Village Clerk Vasquez and Village Manager Hedges, and we'll have a better process next year. Commissioner Koth noted that we are continuing to grow, and late stuff like this will not work as we have more and more businesses.

Commissioner Mott asked if the license for Jimmy's is being approve for the current or new owner. Chairman Reid said it is for the current owner; any new owner will have to re-apply.

Commissioner Koth moved to approve the 2022 liquor licenses for Newman's Pub, Red Ox Restaurant, T.A. of America, Blocks Fresh Market, and Jimmy's Sports Bar.

Seconded by Commissioner Mott

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Koth, Mott, Reid

Nays: None
Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Reid asked the Commission if, as Hampshire grows, the Village should consider changing the closing time for bars so they can stay open until 2am like other communities allow. They could also consider allowing them to stay open an extra hour during daylight savings when the clock jumps forward. He asked Chief Thompson if there have there been problems with people leaving our bars at 1am to go to another town until 2 then driving back and causing accidents or other problems. Chief Thompson responded that he has not seen that issue. Chairman Reid noted this might also be a concern for competition for development with other towns. Commissioner Koth said if it isn't broke, don't fix it.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Koth moved to adjourn the Liquor Commission meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Mott
Motion carried by roll call vote.
Ayes: Koth, Mott, Reid
Nays: None
Absent: None



Mike Reid, Jr., Liquor Commission Chairman