Advisory Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

Members Present: Eric Rasmusson, John Roth, John Almer, Dick Joyce

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, David Welter, Lana Phillips, Susan Bates

A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Don Hansen attended the meeting to submit an application for a county liquor license. The establishment, Honest Abe's Tap & Grill, Inc., will be located in the building previously occupied by the South Side Bar & Grill which were issued a class "B" license. Hansen stated that when he inquired about the license he was told that it was a class "B" and the cost would be $900.00 plus $300.00 for a beer garden. In reviewing the ordinance, it was determined that the license should be a class "A" which is $1500.00 plus $300.00 for a beer garden. A lengthy discussion was held and a motion was made by Almer, seconded by Roth to grant the class "A" license to Honest Abe's Tap & Grill, Inc for $900.00, which is a prorated (not issued for full year) and discounted amount due to incorrect price quotation to applicant; also issue the license for a beer garden in the amount of $300.00. Any following years will be issued at the class "A" rate. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Grundy County Rules of Order and Procedures, section "8. Procedures for Board Members submitting salary and claim vouchers are as follows:"
Under letter B; "if vouchers are not ***submitted to the County Board Secretary by the County Board Member*** within sixty days of incurring the expense they may not be paid."
Under C. "Each board member's salary and claim voucher will be cosigned by the County Board Chairperson, ***or*** the County Board Vice Chairperson ***or*** any member of the Finance Committee. ***The Finance Committee*** will remit said vouchers to the County Treasurer for payment."
Additions are in bold and italics.
Board Member David Welter asked to speak in regards to the matter at hand and was told by committee member Almer that if a board member attends a committee meeting that he/she is not member of, he/she cannot speak unless called upon by the chairman of the committee. The committee then consulted Assistant States Attorney Bates in regards to the Open Meetings Act.

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A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Joyce to recommend the additions to the Rules of Order and Procedures to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Board Chairman Severson updated the committee on the emergency plan in place for the predicted snow storm.
A motion to adjourn was made by Almer, seconded by Roth. Motion carried.

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