

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
3 South Main Street
Thornville Ohio
June 23, 2014

Council Members Present:

Brandt, Hawkins, Council President
Lynne Snider arrived @ 7:07 p.m.
Heidi Robinson
Mary Renner
Dale Brussee

Other Village Officials

Gavin Renner, Mayor
Beth Patrick, Village Administrator
Sharon Brussee, Clerk of Council
Melissa Tremblay, Fiscal Officer
Darrell Ball, Chief of Police

Guests Present:

Craig Smart, Village Lanes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

The Village of Thornville Regular Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Gavin Renner on June 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with everyone present with the exception of Councilwoman Lynne Snider.

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson to excuse Councilwoman Lynne Snider and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Agenda for June 23, 2014:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the June 23, 2014 Agenda and was seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Review/Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2014:

A **motion** was made by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson to approve the Regular Council minutes from May 27, 2014 and was seconded by Council President Brandt Hawkins. A voice vote was taken with 3 members voting yea. Councilman Dale Brussee abstained because he was not present at that meeting. **Motion passed.**

Review/Approval of the Special Council Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2014:

A **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2014 and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Renner. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

Craig Smart – Village Lanes: Notice of Liquor Permit

Mr. Craig Smart representing Village Lanes came before the Council to answer questions about their intentions is regarding the liquor permit. Mr. Smart began by saying that the Village Lanes will always be, first and foremost, a bowling center, and they have no intentions of being a standalone bar. He added than when the league bowlers are finished bowling and are gone, they will not stay open hoping for business. Mr. Smart stated the bar shuts down when the bowling center shuts down. Mr. Smart further stated the only liquor permit available was a D5. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson asked Mr. Smart if it was a 6-day or 7-day. Mr. Smart responded they have Sunday sales. He also provided the summer Sunday hours of operations are 1 p.m. – 9 p.m., and during the fall and winter months, maybe noon to 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., but they don't plan on selling liquor until the leagues starts up. A question was raised by Councilwoman Mary Renner about Monday through Saturday. Mr. Smart responded Monday has an afternoon league that starts at 12 p.m., and a Tuesday morning women's league that does not drink. Mr. Smart stated he thought the hours on the application stated that they could sell liquor from 10 or 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., but he reiterated that is not their intentions to sell liquor during this entire time. He stated their intentions are to sell just for league bowling, and it is for the

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convenience of the league bowlers. He added that every other bowling center offers this, but currently Village Lanes does not. A question was raised by Village Administrator Beth Patrick about where the bar will be located. Mr. Smart responded that it will be located where the old desk where the shoes were and all food will be to the left near the kitchen area. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if harder liquors being sold will be more than just beer and wine. Mr. Smart responded that it will be beer, wine, mixed drinks and spirituous liquors. Councilman Dale Brussee asked if this had been put up to a vote and it passed with a 2 – 1 margin. Mr. Smart responded that it had passed by about a 3 – 1 margin. Village Administrator Beth Patrick provided the results of the vote of Sunday sales passed by a vote 91 to 36 in favor, and the regular sales passed by 87 – 41 in favor.

Discussion was held about the notice that was received by the Village. Village Administrator Beth Patrick stated that Clerk of Council Sharon Brussee had received a notice.

Further discussion was held. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if there were any plans for a patio, and Mr. Smart responded no that this strictly on-premise sales that is to be consumed on premise and there will be no carryout—nothing leaves the building. It was asked by Councilwoman Mary Renner if they had talked with their neighbors, and Mr. Smart responded no. Mr. Smart stated that on the application that because it is site-specific for that address there is no notification was required for other businesses. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that in the past there have a lot kids going to the dairy bar and is he at all concerned about the dairy bar and the liquor being located so close. Mr. Smart responded that this is their first full summer of being open, but it looks like the numbers are down from what they used to be. Mr. Smart added that it is a concern about kids and alcohol being in the building, but that it would be completely inaccessible to them – just like it would at any other bowling center. Mr. Smart further stated there will always be someone there, and if there is no league bowling then the bar will not be open. Councilwoman Mary Renner stated that she knows what their intentions are now, but she asked if this goes through basically that site could become a full-fledged bar at any time. Mr. Smart responded that as long they maintain control that is not their intention. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if the permit follows them or does it follow the property. Mr. Smart responded that it does not follow them; the permit is property only. Mr. Smart added that their LLC applied for the permit, but it is site-specific. He further stated that if their LLC goes somewhere else, that the permit stays with that address. Councilwoman Heidi Robinson asked if the bowling center was sold would that permit be attached to the new owners or would they need to re-apply. Mr. Smart responded that he did not know. Mr. Smart stated that he is from the Thornville-area, and he does not want to see a lot of bars here. He wants to give his customers at level of service that they are used to receiving from other bowling centers. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked if this would increase the bowling centers business. Mr. Smart responded that he expects a minimum of 30% gross revenue with the sale of alcohol—not only with the sale of alcohol but with more volume of people coming to the bowling center. It was asked by Village Administrator Beth Patrick asked if there is an issue could the liquor license could be pulled. Mr. Smart responded yes they could suspend it or pull it. Councilwoman Mary Renner asked what kind of issues. Mr. Smart responded that it could be for underage sales, too many complaints, fighting and general disturbances. Councilman Dale Brussee asked Chief Darrell Ball if he had concerns about this, and Chief Ball responded that in other local villages and towns that have bowling centers there is no problem. He added that is kind of a wait and see.

With no further discussion, a **motion** was made by Councilman Dale Brussee that Council does not object to the permit and seconded by Councilwoman Heidi Robinson. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yea. **Motion passed.**

