

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HELD ON MARCH
24, 2011.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Riverview, St. Louis County, Missouri, met at City Hall, 9699 Lilac Drive at 6:30 p.m. on March 24, 2011.

At the time and place, upon roll being called, there were found to be present the following named officers and members of the Board.

Trustee Howard Pierce	Present
Trustee Craig W. Boehmer	Present
Trustee Phyllis Paro	Present
Trustee Bruce Stocker	Present
Chairman Steve Paro	Present

Village Clerk Megan Asikainen and Village Attorney Christopher B. Graville were also present.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Paro in order to discuss a liquor license application received changing ownership of the North County Grocery and Liquor store located at 9948 Diamond Drive, applicant S H, Inc, Narinder Kaur, registered agent.

Attorney Graville began by asking that a copy of the Village Ordinances be made a part of the record, specifically Section 605.050, B, regarding qualifications of liquor license applicants and that the entire Village file be made a part of the record. Attorney Graville asked if Narinder Kaur or someone from S H, Inc. was present, Sukhwinder Singh responded saying that he was present and that Ms. Kaur was on her way. Attorney Graville asked if Mr. Singh was a part of the business. Mr. Singh replied that he worked at the business. Attorney Graville said that the application listed two employees for the business; he asked Mr. Singh if he was one of the two employees listed. Mr. Singh responded that he was. Attorney Graville asked if Mr. Singh was a shareholder in the corporation. Mr. Singh replied that he was not. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh if he had a marital interest in the business. Mr. Singh responded that he did not. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh if he had previously had any legal issues related to the sale of liquor to minors. Mr. Singh replied that he had not. Ms. Narinder Kaur arrived. Attorney Graville directed Mr. Singh and Ms. Kaur's attention to the liquor license application that had been submitted to the Village. He stated that the application was not signed by the applicant, Ms. Kaur. He advised the Board that they could continue with the hearing if they wished, even though the application was not signed.

Attorney Graville said that the Village Code requires a letter from the churches within 200 feet of the premises and that one letter had been submitted, but that one was still missing. Mr. Singh said that he only knew about one church. Ms. Asikainen replied that the letter that was missing was from Berea Lutheran Church and that she sent them correspondence notifying them of the hearing, but did not receive any response. Attorney Graville asked that copies of the notification letters sent to the surrounding property owners be made a part of the record. He asked if any of the surrounding property owners were present who wished to comment on the liquor license application. There were no residents present who wished to comment.

Attorney Graville asked Ms. Kaur and Mr. Singh if they were currently actively selling liquor on the property at 9948 Diamond Drive. Mr. Singh replied that they were. Attorney Graville presented with Mr. Singh and Ms. Kaur a copy of a lease agreement dated January 17, 2011. He asked if that is when Mr. Singh and Ms. Kaur began working at the store and selling liquor. Mr. Singh replied that it was. Attorney Graville asked who has been selling liquor on the property. Mr. Singh replied that he was. Attorney Graville asked who was holding the liquor license if there was currently alcohol being sold on the property. Mr. Singh replied that the liquor license they were selling under was ADODO, Inc., Mr. Ola Dodolewa, the previous owner. Attorney Graville asked if Mr. Dodolewa was present on the property when the liquor is being sold. Mr. Singh replied that Mr. Dodolewa comes almost every day. Attorney Graville asked who receives the income from the liquor sales. Mr. Singh responded that Mr. Dodolewa does.

Attorney Graville asked Ms. Kaur and Mr. Singh if they owned any other corporations. Ms. Kaur responded in the affirmative, Mr. Singh stated that they owned other liquor stores in different locations. Attorney Graville asked who has the controlling interest in S H, Inc., the liquor license applicant. Mr. Singh responded that Ms. Kaur held the controlling interest in S H, Inc. Attorney Graville asked Ms. Kaur if she worked at the property. Mr. Singh responded that she did not, that he worked on the property.

Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh if he had legal issues with supplying liquor to minors. Mr. Singh responded that he did not have any legal issues with supplying liquor to minors that he could remember. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh if he was ever cited or arrested for supplying liquor to minors in Jefferson County or anywhere else. Mr. Singh responded in the affirmative. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh why he had said that he did not have legal issues with supplying liquor to minors the first time he was asked and said he did the second time he was asked. Mr. Singh responded that Ms. Kaur is the owner of the whole business, that he is just an employee. Attorney Graville replied that the Code allows the Board to request any additional information they feel is necessary to issue the liquor license and that Mr. Singh obviously has a marital interest in the corporation. He said that such information is relevant for the Board to make their determination. Attorney Graville asked Mr. Singh to explain the current status of the supplying liquor to a minor case. Mr. Singh said that he had been charged with selling liquor to a minor once before and that he did not know anything about it and a warrant was issued on the case. Attorney Graville asked if the case had gone to court. Mr. Singh replied that he had an upcoming court date.

Attorney Graville addressed the Board saying that he had a few concerns with the liquor license application. First, the application itself was not signed. He said that it appears to be an oversight, but that the application should be signed before the Board makes any decision on it. Second, that the Code requires a letter of consent from a church that has not been received. Third, that the State liquor license application must be accompanied by naturalization papers if the applicants are not born in the United States. He recommended that the Board also ask for the naturalization papers. Fourth, that the lease indicates that S H, Inc. is to be taking control of the property as of January 17 of this year. He said that Mr. Singh had indicated that S H, Inc. was currently selling liquor under the previous owner's liquor license and was receiving no profit. He said that the Board could ask the previous owner to provide a letter or statement showing that he is in fact receiving all profits for liquor sales under his liquor license. Finally, Attorney Graville

said that he was concerned that a regular employee of the company with an obvious interest in the corporation had a pending case where he was being charged with supplying liquor to a minor. He advised the Board to continue the hearing to the next month to allow S H, Inc. to provide additional documentation on some of the issues. Trustee Phyllis Paro asked if the sale of liquor to a minor was a misdemeanor or felony charge. Attorney Graville replied that it was a misdemeanor. A motion was made by Trustee Craig Boehmer and seconded by Trustee Bruce Stocker to continue consideration of the liquor license application for North County Grocery and Liquor, 9948 Diamond Drive, S H, Inc., Narinder Kaur, applicant, to the next month's meeting to allow the applicant to provide additional information to the Board. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Trustee Howard Pierce and seconded by Trustee Craig Boehmer to adjourn the meeting. All Trustees voted in the affirmative, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Paro, Chairman

ATTEST:

Megan Asikainen, Village Clerk