

**Village of Mapleton**  
**LIQUOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

7:00 p.m.

*Meeting to be recorded*

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES!**

**A. Call to Order AT 7:05 PM**

**B. Role Call:** Mayor Carl Bishop, Chair; Mark Foust and Patti Monks, Trustees

**C. Subjects**

**a. J & B Butler request for 4 pm closing on weekends**

Patti Monks asked Bill Scott to explain why he wants to stay open until 4 AM. He stated that he originally wanted to ask for 3 AM but decided to do 4 AM. The bar previously had a 4 AM license until the owner decided not to pay the extra \$100 to keep it. He explained that with a 2 AM license people start leaving at 12:45 to go to Kingston Mines because they have a 3 AM license and he's losing business. Mark Foust said if we have a 4 AM license then we'll have the people coming here and maybe get the Pekin crowd. Resident explained that all bars in Pekin have 4 PM licenses so wouldn't drive to Mapleton. Bill stated that just because they have a 4 AM license doesn't mean the bar will stay open until 4. If it's dead the bar will close or if it is a rowdy crowd they will close. If it is just people having a good time then they will stay open until 4 AM. Mayor Bishop stated that it is income for the village to have the machines (video gambling) open that long.

Patti Monks said that if you can't get drunk by 2 AM why do you need 4 AM. At 4 AM most people are asleep in their houses. She stated her concern about the crowd that comes into the neighborhood that could bring more crime.

Bill explained that some of the people that work at the plants don't get off until midnight. Mark Foust asked what he will do if the crowd gets rowdy? Will you have bouncers? Bill said no, but he's only had to call 911 once since he opened nine months ago. Mayor stated that the riffraff isn't coming from the bar. He said that we are getting more of the local crowd instead of people coming in from other areas. Deb Herrold said there has been property damage from people leaving the bar, uninsured

drivers, destroyed mailboxes and the bar hasn't been open enough to see the influx that we've had in the past. Cindy Long lives across from the tavern and sees all the riffraff going in and out and it frightens her since she lives alone. The neighbors in the area would like the peace and quiet but ever since the patio went around the building there's a lot more noise. They get noisy and rowdy.

Bill stated that it only effects 3-4 homes and he he won't keep it open if people get rowdy. Amy Walker said she likes it for convenience as she can walk down and now worry about driving.

Bill said that the last thing he wants to do is cause problems for the village. Mayor Bishop remarked that the bar is looking a lot better now, it's very clean. Bill explained that there was black mold everywhere so the whole place had to be gutted and redone.

Mavis Bishop said her only thought is that Fulton County has 5-6 buses with 30 people that they drive around to different bars to drink. They drive to Peoria. Her fear is that if the bar is open till 4 AM come here. She said she knows the kids on the buses and what they're like.

Bill said he would be willing to try it and if it's creating problems then we can discuss it and take care of whatever needs to be done.

b. Increase in liquor license fee

Brief discussion about raising liquor licenses and it was decided to keep it at \$750.

**D. Additional Business, if any:**

**E. Adjourn Open Session – Close at 7:30 pm**

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 14, 2019

*Patricia S. Briggs*