

Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2000 - 6:00 P. M.

Portage County Courthouse Annex

1462 Strongs Avenue

Conference Rooms 1 & 2 Present: Chairman Niedbalski, Alderpersons Sevenich, Walther, Nealis, Phillips

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice, City Attorney Molepske, Clerk Zdroik, Directors Schrader, Van Alstine; Alderpersons Pazdernik, Perlak, Kedrowski, Barr, Rackow; Police Captain Dowling, Mayoral Assistant Bumgarner, Susan Kampmeier (Journal), Michael Kemmeter (WIZD)

1. License list.

**Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to approve the new operator s (provisional) license, transfer of "Class B" beer and liquor license and request for Class "B" Beer and Class "C" Wine license.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

**Recommended rejection of operator s (bartender s) license.**

Ryan Alan Petersen was not present.

**Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the operator s (bartender s) license for Ryan Alan Petersen and recommend that Mr. Petersen reapply after six months.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Nathan Michael Wilson appeared before the committee.

Mr. Wilson said one can view his experience as either a negative or a learning one. This is about responsibility, the responsibility to have an **operator s (bartender s) license, Mr. Wilson told the committee. He has since then turned 21 years old and feels he has gained responsibility.** Wilson stated he would respect whatever decision the Committee will make tonight.

Police Captain Dowling stated the three convictions were within a period of nine months. The last conviction occurred just six months ago. This indicates an irresponsible use of alcohol on the part of Mr. Wilson.

**Mr. Wilson s application is also being rejected due to his juvenile record as well as the three convictions. His application did not list individual convictions, just the underage drinking.**

Chairman Niedbalski explained the Committee takes into consideration the past experience of the person making the application. If it has been a reasonable amount of time like a year and a half or two years since the last conviction and the applicant has taken some counseling, the Committee might go against the recommendation of the Police Department. If the conviction was a recent conviction and the application was denied, the Committee will then ask the applicant to reapply after six months.

Ald. Sevenich feels the applicant has not demonstrated a period of clean time based on the dates of the convictions.

**Ald. Sevenich moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to deny the application for an operator s (bartender s) license for Nathan Michael Wilson.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ryan Alan Petersen, who was minutes ago have been denied an operator s (bartender s) license, walked in the meeting room (6:07 P.M.).

**Ald. Phillips moved, Chairman Niedbalski seconded, to reconsider the denial of an operator s (bartender s) license for Ryan Alan Petersen.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Petersen feels he got into the wrong crowd. He does not feel he is a danger to anybody. He is currently in school and finishing up. It has been over two years since his last conviction and a lot of things have changed since then. He feels he is a more responsible person now and he surely could use the money.

Captain Dowling said the five convictions happened in a period of roughly twenty five months.

**The Police Department s recommendation was based on the records they found dealing with this person s use of alcohol. Also, the convictions were not listed in the application.**

Mr. Petersen said he was not sure of the dates of his convictions so he just listed "underage Portage County" and since the Police Department will do a background check on him, he did not list his convictions.

Ald. Phillips asked Captain Dowling of any other convictions after December 1997?

The Captain said there was no underage conviction after December 1997 because Mr. Petersen turned twenty one years old shortly after that time. There were no other convictions after December 1997.

**Ald. Phillips moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to approve the operator s (bartender ) license for Ryan Alan Petersen because of the time that elapsed since the last conviction.**

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of penalties for unpaid multiple dwelling licenses.

A memo from Director Gardner to the Public Protection Committee indicated that notices were sent out to John Carroll for the property at 1009 Union Street and Paul Mayek for the property at 2001 Main Street, in early November of 1999, January 21, 2000, and February 10, 2000, of the need to renew their licenses.

In his memo, Director Gardner also suggested the Committee recommend to the Council that a one-day penalty of \$135 be imposed upon the owners if they do not pay their license fee by Monday, February 21, 2000, the day of the Council meeting. The fine is the standard fee plus costs imposed for a violation of the Maintenance and Occupancy Code.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Phillips seconded, to impose the one day penalty of \$135 on John Carroll and Paul Mayek and that they be given until Monday, February 21, 2000, to pay their license fees and fines.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

### 3. Inspection Report.

Ald. Walther moved, Ald. Sevenich seconded, to accept the Inspection Report and place it on file.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

### 4. Adjournment - 6:15 P.M.

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