



Minutes of the Algonquin Village  
Special Liquor Commission Hearing  
Held in Village Board Room on January 21, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Liquor Commissioner John Schmitt opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. A roll call by Deputy Village Clerk Michelle Weber showed the following commissioners were present: Debby Sosine, John Spella, Janis Jasper, Jerrold Glogowski, Laura Brehmer, and Jim Steigert

Staff in Attendance: Village Manager, Tim Schloneger; Police Chief John Bucci; Public Works Director, Bob Mitchard; Senior Planner, Ben Mason; Deputy Clerk, Michelle Weber; and Village Attorney Kelly Cahill

Liquor Commission Schmitt began the meeting by asking if, going forward, would the Commission feel comfortable with him negotiating a plea with first time offenders, offering them the standard \$1,000 penalty and BASSET training. If the plea is agreed to, then he would come back with the summary of the plea.

Ms. Brehmer asked; how would the businesses explain how they were going to prevent selling to minors moving forward? Commissioner Schmitt indicated they would also need to include a letter, with the acceptance of their plea, indicating their policy change and/or enforcement.

President Schmitt took a straw poll asking; For first time offenders, the plea of a standard fine will be \$1,000.00, BASSET Training, and a letter including their policy change. Upon agreement of the plea, the Commissioner would waive the hearing appearance for the business, and in turn bring the plea summary and letter to the Commission for review.

Voting aye: Spella, Brehmer, Glogowski, Jasper, Steigert

Voting nay: Sosine

For Alleged Violations of Chapter 33, Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing, of the  
Algonquin Municipal Code and applicable sections of the Illinois Compiled Statutes  
Selling/Serving Alcohol to Minors

**(Please Note: A Court Reporter was present to take verbatim minutes)**

**ALDI Inc., d/b/a ALDI – 425 S Randall Rd, Algonquin**

Attorney Cahill read their rights.

Sold alcohol to one person under the age of 21 on December 18, 2019.

Negotiated plea of guilty.

Penalty: \$1000 fine plus costs, BASSET training for employees on February 4, 2020.

Ms. Sosine warned the owner of the severity of selling minors and suggests they consider a policy that vertical ID's are not accepted to purchase alcohol and/or all birthdates entered into their register prior to any alcohol sales.

Commissioners consented to the penalty.

**Bouna Companies, LLC d/b/a Buona Beef – 501 S Randall Road, Algonquin**

Attorney Cahill read their rights.

Sold alcohol to persons under the age of 21 on December 18, 2019

Negotiated plea of guilty.

Penalty: \$1000 fine plus costs, BASSET training for employees on February 4, 2020.

Ms. Sosine warned the owner of the severity of selling minors and suggests they consider a policy that vertical ID's are not accepted to purchase alcohol and/or all birthdates entered into their register prior to any alcohol sales.

Commissioners consented to the penalty.

**Mack Oil Corporation, 2390 East Algonquin Road, Algonquin**

Attorney Cahill read their rights.

Sold alcohol to persons under the age of 21 on December 18, 2019.

This is the business's second offense in five years. The Commission was very much concerned with this violation.

Negotiated plea of guilty.

Penalty: \$2,000.00 fine plus costs, suspended license four consecutive days (January 30 through February 2, 2020), and BASSET training for all employees.

Ms. Sosine warned the owner of the severity of selling minors and suggests they consider a policy that vertical ID's are not accepted to purchase alcohol and/or all birthdates entered into their register prior to any alcohol sales.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business, Commissioner Schmitt adjourned the hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Weber, Deputy Village Clerk