

CALL TO ORDER

Liquor Commissioner Lentz called the Executive Session to order at 8:47PM as a quasi-adjudicative body, under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) to discuss a liquor violation regarding Emil’s Pizza.

Motion to convene the Executive Session

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dawn Abernathy, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Scott Black, Commissioner
AYES:	Rekus, Russell, Black, Abernathy, Meier, Semple

ATTENDANCE

Clerk Timmerman took the roll. It indicated the following:

Commission Attendance

PRESENT: Commissioners Abernathy, Black, Meier, Rekus, Russell and Semple; Liquor Commissioner Lentz

ABSENT: None

Village Attendance

PRESENT: Public Safety Director Guenther, Village Administrator Lobaito, Attorney Marino, Assistant Village Administrator Vadopalas

EMIL’S LIQUOR HEARING

Liquor Commissioner Lentz sought input from the Commission regarding the proposed agreement for the fine with stipulations.

Commissioner Abernathy pondered whether the Commission should agree to the stay, asking if Emil's has had a previous violation and Public Safety Director Guenther replied that they have. He noted that the last liquor license suspension in the Village was Blue 60 (after 11 counts of violations). He explained that the Emil's situation was looked at from multiple angles:

- Mundelein Police Department, Lake County Department of Health, the State's Attorney and the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission all agree there was no criminal action.
- Emil's has 40 years of business in the community.
- The individual who died had a long history of alcohol problems.
- Emil's owners have been cooperative and even imposed some of the stipulations themselves.
- The stay helps the Police Department evaluate and maintain control of the culture at Emil's.

Director Guenther assured the Commission that the situation was evaluated very carefully.

Commissioner Abernathy commented that she has known many people who were over-served at Emil's and expressed concerns about the culture of drinking there. Director Guenther assured her that using this "carrot & stick" approach will help change the culture at Emil's.

Commissioner Rekus inquired about the process for determining the fine and Director Guenther replied that there is no magic formula.

Commissioner Russell stressed that this occurrence affects Emil's reputation negatively.

Commissioner Semple declared that the Commission will "lower the hammer" if Emil's stumbles again.

Liquor Commissioner Lentz sought and received a consensus on accepting the proposed fine with stipulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dawn Abernathy, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ray Semple, Commissioner
AYES:	Rekus, Russell, Black, Abernathy, Meier, Semple

The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:59PM.

Katy Timmerman By Peter Vadopoulos, Deputy Clerk
Village Clerk