

TOWNSHIP OF STROUD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES

Public Hearing, February 28, 2019, 2:00 P.M.

RE: The CLU Club – Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer

A Public Hearing of the Stroud Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman & Ass't Secretary, Christine A. Wilkins, at 2:00 P.M., at the Stroud Township Municipal Center, 1211 North Fifth Street, Stroudsburg, Pa. Also present were Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Daryl A. Eppley; Supervisor/Ass't Treasurer, Edward C. Cramer; Township Solicitor, Todd Weitzmann; and Recording Secretary, Janice Willey.

Mrs. Wilkins read the Public Hearing Notice aloud (attached). The following were all sworn in; Chris Brown, Attorney for the CLU Social Club; Jere Hoover, CLU representative; Steven Murray, CLU Manager; Frank Cerisano, neighbor; and Simon Hughes, owner of M&S Country Store. Mr. Weitzmann gave a brief background and purpose of this hearing. He explained under the Pennsylvania State Liquor Code a license can be transferred across municipal boundaries only after a hearing such as this and approval by the municipality as well.

Attorney Brown and Jere Hoover gave a background on the CLU Club. It has been in existence for 85 years as a union meeting hall that does good things for the community, such as fundraisers and benefits. It is a members-only club and is regulated by the LCB. They explained they would like to do some renovations, add to the kitchen, bathrooms, as well as making improvements to the outside such as fencing and landscaping. Steven Murray said they will be opening with the structure "as is" as per his conversation with the LCB today. He also explained their catering procedures and how they strictly monitor the amount of people, bar area, events and times at the CLU Club. There was one neighbor, Frank Cerisano present to express his concern regarding the CLU Club coming into the M&S Country Store. He is concerned with the renovations being too close to his property and the additional vehicle traffic. Simon Hughes explained the store has between 100 to 150 customers daily and he opens at 5:00AM. Mr. Hoover said they normally would have 30 to 40 members daily.

Mr. Weitzmann explained the proposed Resolution 2019-37, The Transfer of the Catering Liquor License to 275 Mill Creek Road. There are two conditions for approval. One is the approval of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The second is the CLU Club must get appropriate building, zoning, occupancy permits for this new location. The complete text of public notice was published in the Pocono Record on 2/13/2019 and 2/20/2019, Exhibit (T-1). Mr. Cramer moved **to enter the publication Exhibit (T-1)**. Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Wilkins voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Cramer made a motion **to adopt Resolution 2019-37 approving the transfer of the catering Club Liquor License from CLU Club to Stroud Township**. Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Wilkins voted aye, motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business, Mrs. Wilkins **made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 2:39 P.M.** Mr. Cramer seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Willey
Administrative and Recording Secretary