MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, SHALE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, March 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07 P.M. by the Chairman David Shutter. Following a prayer by Commissioner Cross and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman asked the Secretary to call the roll as follows:

PRESENT: Fisher, Boyle, Iozzo, Cross, Shutter, McElhone
ALSO PRESENT: Timothy Rogers, Manager; Harlan Stone, Solicitor; Chief Sean Frank; Matthew Sebastian, Engineer; Robert Vita, Building and Code Enforcement Inspector; Elaina DiBucci, Administrative Assistant

The Chairman announced that an Executive Session was held on February 25, 2020 and this evening at 5:30 p.m. wherein the following topics were discussed: employee and personnel matters, contracts and policies, and an update on the actual and on-going litigation as well as potential litigations and identifiable complaints and agency business which if conducted in public would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of confidential information. Mr. Stone said the session was absolutely necessary and was in full compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Approval of Minutes
The first item of business was the possible approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners held Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2020 be approved as received by each Commissioner. The motion was carried.

Planning Commission: Mr. Pickarski
The next item of business was the Planning Commission minutes. Mr. Pickarski stated that they provided final approval at their last meeting for the site development for EAS Roofing and the site development for Ben Williams for Mastic Trail Brewing. Upon inquiry from Mr. Cross, Mr. Pickarski confirmed there is no current plan for outdoor seating nor a private party area, but the applicant would have to come back to the planning commission if they planned for that in the future.
Mr. Rogers thanked Mr. Pickarski and his committee for dealing with the issues raised at the last meeting regarding both applications.

Engineers Report – Mr. Matthew Sebastian
The next item of business was the Engineers Report.

• Sanitary and Storm Sewer
  o Sanitary sewer bypass plans were finalized between the County and Shaler, with the assistance of KLI, for the E. Elfinwild Road bridge replacement project. We are confident that our sanitary sewer collection system will be unaffected by the work with the proper bypass in place.
  o Submitted flow monitoring, flow isolation, and flow reduction data to ALCOSAN covering the past 10 years of relevant work.
Met with ALCOSAN to discuss the results of their recent flow monitoring and partnering for flow isolation work. We expect to see at least 5 sewer sheds evaluated through flow isolation, which will help determine future inflow and infiltration reduction projects.

Completed and submitted our annual waste load management report.

- Parks and Trails
  - Met with PennDOT to discuss the proposed Three Rivers Heritage Trail project in Shaler. The proposed trail alignment was reviewed, and a site visit was held in preparation for upcoming discussions with Norfolk Southern Railroad, which remains the biggest hurdle in completing the project.

- Road Paving
  - 2020 Road Paving Program specifications were completed, and the project is now out to bid. The bid opening will be held on March 16th and the Board will be updated with the bid results.
  - Met with Hampton Township to discuss the development of cohesive road repair specifications with emphasis on utility company repair work. I am editing the proposed specification and we plan to meet again in March to finalize them.

**Shaler Hampton EMS**

The next item of business was a report from Mr. Eric Schmidt, Director of Shaler Hampton EMS. Mr. Schmidt reported that they had 174 calls for the month of February which was an increase of 21 calls from last February. Mr. Schmidt discussed the annual subscription campaign for Shaler Hampton EMS that will go out on Friday. Mr. Schmidt explained how in the past, 100% of coverage for copays and deductibles was offered, but due to the increase in the amounts of copays and deductibles, it has been amended to a 50% coverage for copays and deductibles. Upon inquiry by Mr. Boyle, Mr. Schmidt advised this will have about a $100,000 effect on their income. Mr. Schmidt reported on the new equipment that Shaler Hampton EMS purchases which totals about $100,000 per month. Mr. Schmidt advised on their new promotional campaigns and because of their great partnership with Etna, Shaler Hampton EMS will be able to promote their new campaigns on the two electronic billboards on Route 28. Mr. Schmidt also reported that Shaler Hampton EMS has been fully staffed in the last couple months.

**New Business:**

Approval and swearing in of Chief of Police, swearing in performed by District Justice Daniel Konieczka.

The first item of business was the approval and swearing in of Chief of Police, swearing in performed by District Justice Daniel Konieczka. Mr. Cross moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that Deputy Chief J. Sean Frank be appointed as the new Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Frank was interviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners and certified by the Civil Service Commission. Chief J. Sean Frank was administered an oath of office by Judge Konieczka. Chief J. Sean Frank was congratulated by the Board.

Chief Frank thanked everyone and stated that Shaler Township is a great place to live, a great place to raise a family and has always had great leadership. Chief Frank looks forward to serving the Township as the new Chief of Police. Retired Chief Kelly gave Chief Frank the Chief's badge.
Mr. Chairman adjourned for a short recess.

Public Hearing Minutes attached as an addendum.
Resolution No. 9-2020 Inter-Municipal Transfer of Liquor License from Chuckos Place, Inc. to Mastic Trail Brewing, LLC, 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116

Possible approval to hire Public Works Employee
The next item of business was the possible approval to hire a Public Works Employee. Mr. Cross moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that Michael Logan be hired as a full time Public Works Employee, subject to the following:
1. Successfully passing the required pre-employment physical.
2. Successful completion of a 90-day probation period.
3. Maintaining residency within the Township.
4. Securing and maintaining a PA Driver’s License and Class A Commercial Driver’s License with airbrake and the appropriate endorsements added for the operation of Township vehicles as a condition of his employment.
His tentative start date will be March 23, 2020.
Mr. Logan was welcomed by the Board.

Possible approval of Site Development for EAS Roofing, 1201 William Flinn Highway – Lot and Block 356-J-182 in the Fourth Ward
The next item of business was the possible approval of Site Development for EAS Roofing, 1201 William Flinn Highway – Lot and Block 356-J-182 in the Fourth Ward. Mr. McEllhine moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that the Site Development for EAS Roofing, 1201 William Flinn Highway – Lot and Block 356-J-182 in the Fourth Ward be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers stated that the applicant committed to the requests of the Board from the last meeting including lighting the warehouse building, landscaping in the front of the building and a trash corral.

Possible approval of Site Development for Ben Williams for Mastic Trail Brewing, 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Lot & Block 285-C-150 in the Seventh Ward.
The next item of business was the possible approval of Site Development for Ben Williams for Mastic Trail Brewing, 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Lot & Block 285-C-150 in the Seventh Ward. Mr. Cross moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that the Site Development for Ben Williams for Mastic Trail Brewing, 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Lot & Block 285-C-150 in the Seventh Ward be approved. The motion was carried.

Upon inquiry by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Ben Williams stated that he will be improving the landscaping in the front of the building. Mr. Williams also stated he will come to the board in the future if there is any plan for outdoor seating. Mr. Williams stated he is not changing the sizing or the lighting of the exterior sign on the building, he will be placing his new sign right over the current sign on the building. Mr. Williams also stated that he will be building a trash corral in the back of the building. Mr. Williams stated he is not planning on changing any exterior lighting on the building.
Upon inquiry by Mr. Cross, Mr. Williams stated there is no private party room in the building. Mr. Williams stated he will not be open to the public on Tuesdays so they can use this day to brew their beer and prep for the days they are open. Upon inquiry by Mr. Iozzo, Mr. Williams stated he will have all live entertainment inside the building with the door closed, nothing will be outside. Upon inquiry from Mr. McElhone, Mr. Williams stated he still must obtain his brewers license for Pennsylvania, he will be applying for that within the next few months. He plans for the brewery piece of the operation to open in the summer.

Upon inquiry of Dr. Nathan Savits, Mr. Cross stated a sand volleyball court in the back of the building would raise a concern of disturbing the neighborhood. Mr. Rogers stated that this would also reduce parking and he would need to go to the Zoning Hearing Board to get a variance first to reduce parking if they wanted to move forward with that.

Receipts and Authorizations

The next item of business was the receipts for the month of February 2020. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Cross. That the receipts for the month of February 2020 be turned over to the proper authorities for deposit. The motion was carried.

The next item of business was the authorizations for the month of February 2020. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that warrants be drawn for the month of February 2020. The motion was carried.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 6-2020 Retirement of badge number 2133 for Chief Bryan Kelly

The next item of business was the possible approval of Resolution No. 6-2020 Retirement of badge number 2133 for Chief Bryan Kelly. Mr. Cross moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that Resolution No. 6-2020 Retirement of badge number 2133 for Chief Bryan Kelly be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Bryan Kelly thanked the Board of Commissioners.

Resolution No. 7-2020 Local Government Week

The next item of business was the possible approval of Resolution No. 7-2020 Local Government Week. Mr. McElhone moved, seconded by Mr. Mizgorski that Resolution No. 7-2020 Local Government Week the second week of April or as determined by the PA State Legislature be approved. The motion was carried.

Resolution No. 8-2020 PA State Police Speed Enforcement – Route 28 (SR0028)

The next item of business was the possible approval of Resolution No. 8-2020 PA State Police Speed Enforcement – Route 28 (SR0028). Mr. Cross moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle that Resolution No. 8-2020 authorizing the proper officers of the Township of Shaler to execute the Shaler Township Police Department Speed Enforcement Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Pennsylvania State Police to enforce speed restrictions on Route 28 (SR 0028) be approved. The motion was carried.
Resolution No. 10-2020 Comcast Franchise Agreement

The next item of business was the possible approval of Resolution No. 10-2020 Comcast Franchise Agreement. Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that Resolution No. 10-2020 Comcast Franchise Agreement be approved. The motion was carried.

Mr. Rogers gave a management review of contract changes with Comcast to the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Boyle moved, seconded by Mrs. Fisher that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Rogers, Secretary
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Shaler Township Commissioners Meeting
300 Wetzel Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15116

March 10, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
David W. Shutter, President
William Cross, Vice President
Frank Iozzo, Member
David Mizgorski, Member
Susan Fisher, Member
James M. Boyle, Member
Thomas J. McElhone, Member

SOLICITOR:
Harlan Stone, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:
Timothy J. Rogers

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:
Matthew Sebastian, P.E.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING CODE OFFICIAL:
Robert Vita

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:
Elaina DiBucci

TRANSCRIBED BY:
Noreen A. Re
Certified Realtime Reporter

EXCEPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 9-2020

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PROCEEDING

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EXCERPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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RESOLUTION NO. 9-2020 - INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF 
LIQUOR LICENSE FROM CHUCKOS PLACE, INC., TO MASTIC TRAIL 
BREWING, LLC, 1044 SAXONBURG BOULEVARD, GLENSHAW, PA 15116 

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THE COURT: We're moving to public hearing, which we 
need to have a scribe for, so we're going to move ahead with 
that. Resolution No. 9-2020, Inter-municipal Transfer of 
Liquor License from Chuckos Place, Inc., to Mastic Trail 
Brewing, LLC, 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116. 
I'll let our solicitor conduct the hearing.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Is Mr. Rodgers here?
MR. WILLIAM ROGERS: Yes.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: How you doing?
MR. WILLIAM ROGERS: Doing well. How are you?
MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: For the record, we're not 
related?
MR. WILLIAM ROGERS: No, we're not.
MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Good. Just want to make sure we 
got that in the record. Can you just briefly describe what 
you guys are up to here.

MR. WILLIAM ROGERS: Absolutely. I've got some
prepared remarks, if that's okay.

Members of the Board, may it please the Board, my
name is Bill Rodgers. I'm an attorney at Edward J. Krug &
Associates. And I represent Mr. Ben Williams, who is going to
come up here and answer some questions under oath, since we
have our scrivener here.

And I also represent him in his capacity as the sole
owner of Mastic Trail Brewing, LLC. And this company has
requested an inter-municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor
License R13519 to be transferred into this municipality at the
property located at 1044 Saxonburg Boulevard, Glenshaw, which
is within Shaler Township. You may know this as the property
being the former Moose Lodge.

The liquor license is being transferred from
Coraopolis into Shaler. It was previously at Chuckos Place,
which was located on 1033 Fourth Avenue in Coraopolis. I
don't know if anyone --

MR. BOYLE: Can we stop there?

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Yes.

MR. BOYLE: With the electronic world, while we got
our information on this, I Googled Chuckos Place. No Chuckos
Place to be found when I Googled it. I'm not saying there is
none, but if you could explain Chuckos Place. I found
Chuckie's Place, but no Chuckos.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: The license is held by a
particular corporation. I'm not handling the transfer paperwork, but I have done some liquor license transfer work in my practice. The liquor license itself is held by Chuckos Place, Inc. That license is housed at this address, which I -- it might be the Coraopolis Hotel. I can't remember the physical name of how -- what entity is operating the business. But that's basically what's going on here.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Is there a d/b/a attached to it?
MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: I don't know. I don't know the answer to that question.

MR. BOYLE: When was the last time --
MR. STONE: Not to interrupt, but according to the law, according to the resolution, anything that we approve tonight is subject to the Liquor Control Board approval. So any issues with the license would have to be resolved before this would become effective.

MR. BOYLE: Could I just ask one question?
MR. STONE: Go ahead.
MR. BOYLE: When was the last time that the Coraopolis Hotel or Chuckos Place transacted any liquor sales?
MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: I honestly do not know the answer to that question.
MR. BOYLE: I was just curious how long it may have been inactive. That's all.
MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: I don't represent them,
unfortunately, so I don't know the answer to that question.
Thank you, Attorney Stone. Good to see you. I haven't seen
you in a while.

MR. STONE: Nice to see you.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: He's absolutely right. So what
happens is attached to the transfer paperwork is the
resolution that we would ask the Board to sign here tonight.
And they are looking for that document in order to approve the
transfer. They will not approve the transfer without this
township's consent.

MR. BOYLE: "They" being the LCB?

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: The Liquor Control Board, the
LCB. The property itself where this license is going to be
transferred into is located in a general commercial zoning
district. And, obviously, it's along Saxonburg Boulevard.
It's going to have a kitchen, bar and alcohol
service. The applicant, Mr. Williams, and his company, Mastic
Trail Brewing, is proposing to use the liquor license in
conjunction with a brewing license, which they currently do
not have yet, to manufacture and sell its own beer and other
beer and spirits.

The proposed brew pub has a tropical Caribbean theme,
and we believe it will be a fun place for the community to
come together at the former site of the Moose Lodge. My
client will talk a little bit about that in a very short
while. This project has been before the Planning Commission.
I believe it was before them on February 17th, and I believe
they did approve my client's plan.

We are requesting that the inter-municipal transfer
-- we are requesting this transfer because there are currently
no licenses available within the township on the Safekeeping
List that are for sale. Due to that, the applicant had to
look outside of Shaler Township for a restaurant liquor
license. That's why earlier the license is identified by an
"R."

This liquor license will be a complement to the
additional brewery license that my client will seek to obtain
for that location. The brewery license will be confined to
the production area in the plan, and the restaurant license
will cover all the sales in that planned area.

We are in agreement -- my client and myself are in
agreement with the Planning Commission that we would seek its
approval prior to opening and serving in any outdoor areas.
Of course, I believe there may be some questions about that
that my client would be glad to answer when he's up here
testifying.

The plans are to open the front of the building first
and then open the brewery in the back half of the building
over the summer. The location will consist of two service
areas with a short Caribbean menu produced in the kitchen.
The food and beverage offerings will consist of craft beers produced by Mastic Trail, as well as others, commercial beers, Sam Addams, Michelob Ultra, White Claw, Angry Orchard, etcetera, tropical mixed drinks including daiquiris, pina coladas, Dark and Stormies, Bahama Mamas -- the list goes on. And food menu items, maybe 10 or 12 light fare. This is a brewery restaurant, after all. Jerk chicken, fish tacos, nachos with pineapple salsa and chicken wings, amongst other things. There will be a couple other things on the menu. All sales will occur on premise with full compliance with this township's ordinances and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board full regulations.

The applicant's proposed hours of operation are as follows -- and you can see that this is not going to be a nuisance bar or a late-night facility. So on Sunday the facility would operate -- the planned hours of operation are noon to 7:00. On Monday it will be 5:00 to 9:00. On Tuesdays it would be closed to guests where that would be the day where they do the primary functions of the brewing. On Wednesday it would be open from 5:00 to 9:00. On Thursdays it would be open from 5:00 to 9:00. And on Fridays it would be open from 4:00 to 10:00. Of course, on Saturday being the busiest day, it would be open from noon to 10:00.

If the Board will indulge me, I think I would like to
have my client up here to tell you a little bit more about this. This is very important to him. And he could answer some more questions and maybe anticipate some of your questions.

MR. WILLIAMS: Hi. Good evening. I'm Ben Williams. I was born and raised in Robinson Township. I played volleyball in high school. So I have a few passions. Volleyball is certainly one of them. I still continue to play. I can't play with 20-year-olds anymore. I've tried, and they hurt my fingers, and they don't heal like they used to. Some of my other passions are beer and sustaining the environment.

So all of those things kind of come together with this business venture that I'm proposing. So I have been in the Caribbean a number of times, and I especially loved the island of Grand Cayman. That's where the name "Mastic Trail" comes from. There's actually an old agricultural pathway, which is now a two-and-a-half to three-hour nature walk on the island of Grand Cayman. So you can go and see Caymanian parrots, mastic trees, palm trees, orchids, tree frogs and the like. It's a very nice relaxing place to go, and I encourage you all to go to Cayman and check it out. It's beautiful.

So I want to bring that kind of vacation getaway back here to Shaler Township. So you can go to Mastic Trail, and you can feel like you're on vacation for a few hours and just
relax and have fun. So that's the overall plan for like the reason why I want to do this.

We've already kind of said that the Moose Lodge building, which I purchased in January, has a front part of the building and a back part of the building. So I envision the front part of the building to be -- in general, the building isn't changing. It's really just kind of getting updated with more of the Caribbean theme from the way it was decorated.

So there was a bar in the front of the building. We'll keep that. There is a game room in the front of the building. We'll still keep that. I should also point out that part of what kind of makes me me is I have a really strong passion to give back to the community. I think I got that from my father, who was a long-term Rotarian with the Pittsburgh Rotary. And so part of what we're doing going forward is we're going to support the Moose. It will still be their home until they choose -- if they choose -- to find another place.

I've become a Moose member myself. I was actually invited to join the Moose board two weeks ago, which I happily accepted. So I'm continuing to provide them a rent-free space for them to continue to have their meetings, to have fundraisers throughout the year. And the pool team, which there is a pool league and a pool team, the Moose uses that as
their home base. So I'm welcoming them to continue to use the
Moose Lodge as their home base for the pool league.

And one of the beers that I will produce will be
named after the Moose. I think it's going to be called
"Surfing Moose." And some percentage of every beer sold for
that will go back to the Moose as a financial contribution.
And I plan on also helping out other community service
organizations in a similar fashion, whether or not it's
Rotarians or Lions Club or local softball teams, soccer clubs,
that kind of thing.

Giving back to the community is just really, really
important, I think, not only for Shaler Township, but kind of
across the country. I think that would be a great thing if we
had a lot more community sort of places to bond and support
each other.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: If I could just get a couple
points on the record, since we do have a recordkeeper here
today. And so you do own Mastic Trail Brewing, LLC?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. I set up two LLCs last August in
Pennsylvania. Mastic Trail Brewing, LLC, is the brewing
operating company. And I also created Ben VR Holdings, LLC,
which is a real estate holding company. That's the entity
that bought the property back in January from the Moose. So
the holding company will lease the building to the operating
company.
MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: And if you could kindly tell
the Board a little bit about what your role will be at the
brew pub.

MR. WILLIAMS: So I'm the chief fun officer. I used
to be CFO, like chief financial officer, of a number of family
businesses for the past 25-ish years. Mostly manufacturing
businesses, some distribution. And actually dental supplies
was also something I was involved in for a little bit. But
doing this -- I mean, life is short. And so it's important to
have fun.

So my title, self-titled role is the chief fun
officer. I'm going to basically run the business. I have a
lot of professional experience basically running businesses
from a financial and operations standpoint. I will be the
brew master in the short term, but I will, I think, need to
hire a full-time brew master in the fall sometime.

I've already hired my first employee, a hospitality
director. So he and I together are really going forth to
build this business up to make it a fun place for the
community.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Ben, that's a perfect segue
into my next question. How many employees do you think you
may hire as part of this operation?

MR. WILLIAMS: Probably about 15. We'll have about
three people in the kitchen, five-ish bartenders and then five
to six servers/drink/food runners. And then the brewery
operation will have two or three.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: With regard to the brewery
operation, are you going to be in distribution?

MR. WILLIAMS: No.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Can you explain to the Board
what that means.

MR. WILLIAMS: There's a lot of breweries that
produce beer; and they sell it through their operation, which
is what I want to do. There are other breweries that will
exist for the sole purpose of bottling and canning and selling
to restaurants -- or kegging as well. Selling to restaurants,
bars, grocery stores. And so that's called selling through
distribution. I have no desire to get into that.

As sort of a financial professional, you have to be
very large to be able to get into that game to be able to
produce that kind of volume of beer and distribute in many
cases in multiple states around the country. And that's not
in my plan at all. It's a low-margin business, requires a lot
of money to do well. And I would be very happy to have my
Caribbean vacation spot and keep it all within those four
walls.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: What do you plan on offering in
those four walls, what kind of selection? I mentioned some of
it, but you really know.
MR. WILLIAMS: So the craft brewery community is really cool, because it's very collaborative. So craft brewers often have guest taps. That means I would have beers of other local craft breweries on tap at my place. Unfortunately, I won't be able to do that kind of reciprocally because of the Shaler Township ordinance against me being able to do that at that location, which is fine. I'm more than happy to have other breweries have their product on tap at my place.

It's really important for me to be able to offer people who aren't interested in craft beers something to drink, because I'm not going to force people to drink craft beer, if they don't want to.

When you go to the Caribbean, they're serving lots of fun tropical drinks. You mentioned many; Bahama Mamas, Mai Tais, a lot of basically rum drinks, Dark and Stormies, daquiris and those kind of things. Then there's a younger crowd as well that likes to drink Michelob Ultra or some of the lifestyle drinks like Truly, White Claw. So I'll offer those as well for people that want that.

I'll also have nonalcoholic beers for people who aren't interested or they want to be the designated driver. Again, I'm not going to produce those on my own, because they're pretty difficult to do. That's kind of above my pay grade technically. It's kind of a mixture of those, that
range of drinks.

I kind of draw the line at wine, because wine isn't produced or really drunk much in the Caribbean. I might have one white available, but that would really be it. I'm not going to be like a place for wine drinkers, unfortunately. It just doesn't fit my theme.

And then you mentioned the food menu. It will be a relatively short menu. Again, Caribbean focused. So jerk chicken, Jamaican beef patties, fish tacos, nachos with the Caribbean salsa. I'll still offer buffalo wings, because you kind of have to as a pub. So that's one area where I'll make an exception to the Caribbean theme. But, in general, yeah, we'll try to stay true to the Caribbean cuisine.

MR. BOYLE: Before you go on, just one quick question. You say you're going to have beers that cater to the younger folks like the Michelob Ultra and the Sam Addams, beers other than the ones you're brewing.

MR. WILLIAMS: Right.

MR. BOYLE: What about the older folks? Are you going to have any IC?

MR. WILLIAMS: We have some right now. I mean, I don't know how long they've been at the Moose.

MR. BOYLE: I don't know many old folks that drink IC products.

MR. WILLIAMS: We had a Moose meeting. I'm not going
to speak out of school about what goes on at a Moose meeting. We had a Moose meeting at the Moose building a month ago. I had brought in some chips and pretzels. And I had Miller Lite on tap, because I was recommended to have that kind of a beer on tap.

But I also had -- I had two of my own craft beers that I had made like small batches of, and I just offered them. I don't know if I served one Miller Lite. Everybody was trying the craft beers, and they all really liked them and came back for extras.

MR. BOYLE: One last question.

MR. WILLIAMS: I wasn't selling them. I'm not allowed to do that. It was kind of a social thing.

MR. BOYLE: You're going to have the beer "Moose Surfing"?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

MR. BOYLE: Now, is the grand pooba of the Moose, Joe Wall, is he going to be on the label surfing?

MR. WILLIAMS: I don't think so.

MR. BOYLE: You'll sell a lot just with him in a bathing suit.

MR. WALL: No. 1, I'm not the grand pooba.

MR. BOYLE: The ex grand pooba.

MR. WALL: Second of all, you don't put this face on a picture.
MR. STONE: We are a little short on time tonight, and we're up against some other agenda items. So I got to try to conclude this hearing.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Absolutely.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: One quick question I had. You're operating in the valley?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Do you anticipate any odor issues in the valley?

MR. WILLIAMS: No. Whenever you're brewing beer, it doesn't produce any kinds of off-odors.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: So you've never driven by Iron City?

MR. WILLIAMS: I have never driven past Iron City.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: It is an issue. So we need to be able to know that's not going to be an issue for us from an enforcement --

MR. WILLIAMS: I'm going to be as long as 10 Barrel Brew House, which is like 300 gallons. I don't know how big Iron City's brew house is. It's got to be huge.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: You anticipate no odor issues?

MR. WILLIAMS: No. Not at all.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Two leading questions, if that's okay. That will be it.

MR. STONE: Uh-huh.
MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Ben, are you willing to work with your neighbors to insure a smooth operation of the brew pub, which would have minimal effect, if any, on the quality of the life in the neighborhood?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Actually, it will be a positive impact to the quality of life in the neighborhood. Like I mentioned, I'm really interested in giving back to the community and being a place for people to come and have fun. Certainly with what preceded our discussion, I certainly want to be a place for the police officers to come and relax and have a good time whenever they're off shift. I don't want to see them at my door under any other circumstances.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Very good. Thank you for indulging us. My final question. I think, Ben, you'll agree with me that this proposed inter-municipal transfer will not adversely affect the welfare, peace and morals of the township?

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Would you be also willing -- one of the issues we have is we need a place for the school buses and my plow trucks to turn around. You're at the end of the township. Would you be willing to accommodate those?

MR. WILLIAMS: They currently do. Yes.

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: You're okay with that?

MR. WILLIAMS: We'll renew that contract.
MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Great.

MR. STONE: First of all, do any other commissioners -- Mr. Cross, you have a question?

MR. CROSS: Operational questions for here or the site development?

MR. TIMOTHY ROGERS: Site, probably.

MR. STONE: We're sticking strictly to the liquor license transfer here, inter-municipal transfer. So, according to the Liquor Code, one of the requirements for tonight's hearing was that it be advertised.

So I'm going to ask Mr. Vita if he caused this hearing to be advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on two occasions, as reflected in the proof of publication, which we will make part of the record.

MR. VITA: Yes, sir, I did.

MR. STONE: And we'll mark that Exhibit No. 1. Also, just so -- I didn't mean to cut off any other commissioners. And the other thing here is that I would ask you whether you've had any prior problems in operating a restaurant or in operating a bar.

MR. WILLIAMS: No. I mean, this is my first foray into doing that, but I have never had problems.

MR. STONE: You've never had problems. You've never been given notice of any violations that you were responsible for?
MR. WILLIAMS: No.

MR. STONE: And the last thing is just so the commissioners understand, under the code you're required to take a vote on a resolution whether to approve or disapprove this application. The law says that unless there is evidence and testimony in the record that would indicate that the application would result in harm to the community and would be detrimental to the community, you must otherwise vote in favor of it.

Is there anybody here tonight who wants to give testimony or evidence in opposition to this liquor license transfer?

(No response.)

MR. STONE: Okay. That being said, we'll close the record. And I would just point out to the commissioners that there really is no evidence in the record that would support a vote to disapprove the resolution. That concludes the hearing. Thank you.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

MR. WILLIAM RODGERS: Thank you.

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(Whereupon, the above-captioned hearing was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE

I, Noreen A. Re, RMR, CRR, do hereby certify that the evidence and proceedings are contained fully and accurately in the machine shorthand notes taken by me at the hearing of the within cause and that the same were transcribed under my supervision and direction and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

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