

Village of Goodfield

Police Committee Meeting

February 8, 2018 at the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Chairman Jim Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Committee members Terry Nohl and Wade Wettstein were present. Also present were Trustee Todd Perry, Public Works Administrator Josh Nohl and Clerk Sheri Martin.

The agenda for the meeting was to begin discussion on a possible liquor ordinance.

Police Chairman Edwards began the discussion with the preface that the committee is meeting in anticipation that the Village may need to have a liquor ordinance in place in the future. He does not want any misunderstanding. The Village is not trying to push anything through but is trying to be prepared in case we need an ordinance. The purpose of the meeting is to cover liquor issues as we go along, not to make decisions at this point but just to come up with questions that need to be answered.

Chairman Edwards has reviewed two other towns' liquor ordinances, Roanoke and Mackinaw.

- I. Village Board President is Village Liquor Commissioner
 - a. Compensation?
 - b. Assistant/deputy commissioner?
 - c. Establish a liquor control committee/commission?
 1. A Board Committee?
 2. An Advisory Committee with members from the community?
Consensus of the committee would be to have a Board Committee. With possibly the chairman of that committee or one of its members being the Assistant Commissioner.
 - d. Commissioner to have say in granting/denying license requests and handling violations?
Attorney Gronewold will be contacted to see if Board of Appeals would handle denials. Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner would handle violations. Another decision to make is if an applicant must live within Village limits to get a license.
- II. What type(s) of licenses to make available?
In determining the type of licenses to make available two questions need to be considered – what is morally right and what tax dollars will be generated?
 - a. Restaurant/bar where food is prepared and constitutes the majority of revenue?
 - b. Bar where liquor is consumed on the premises and there is no food preparation?
 - c. Bar/package sales?
 - d. Package goods only – no consumption on the premises?

(a) Definition for a Restaurant is that not less than 51% of gross retail sales revenue must be from the sale of food and/or non- alcoholic beverages for an establishment to be a restaurant. That percentage number could be adjusted if needed. The problem that

you run into is how do you prove the 51%? Someone would need to check their records as requested by the Village.

(b & c) Consensus of the committee is that there would be no license available for b or c.

(d) This would be like Freedom or possibly a Casey's type store.

III. How many of each class of license should be available?

Possibly 2 Restaurant license

Possibly 2 package goods only - depending on zoning/where they are located

The number of license can be adjusted if needed

Cannot obtain a license without an existing establishment

If they have a liquor license and go out of business the license is lost

IV. What should the cost for each class of license be?

a. Non-refundable?

b. Apply to cost of license?

Possible \$100 non-refundable fee for background check

Possible \$500 - \$750 yearly license fee

V. Who is eligible/ineligible to apply for and to hold a liquor license?

A felon cannot obtain a license.

If there is some moral turpitude they could not obtain a license.

Background checks are done on all applicants

VI. What hours are liquor sales to be allowed?

a. Should the hours for all classes of licenses be the same?

Hours would be set when ordinance is written. Different licenses may have different hours.

Trustee Perry asked about the manufacturing of alcohol. A distillery or winery would have to be licensed through the state. Only someone that wants to sale retail would need a liquor license.

Chairman Edwards would like to continue having Police Committee meeting to determine what should be included in a liquor ordinance should the Village need to have one in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Jim Edwards, Chairman