

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES**

On October 10, 2012, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members Roland Meerdtter, Chairman, Robert Tabler and David Brauning were present as well as Assistant County Attorney Tim Dixon, Counsel to the Board; and Nancy David.

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Case 5670, Class B – Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to John Randall Shorb and Timothy Brandenburg for the use of Crossroads Inn, LLC, t/a Crossroads Inn, 6694 Middleburg Road, Keymar – Violation Hearing (Operating a Business Without a Current Business License)

The Board found a violation did occur and issued a fine of \$200.00 within 30 days of the written decision. The Board also granted a 15-day period to the Licensees to obtain a valid business license or a temporary suspension of the liquor license will occur.

10:10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the September 12, 2012, meeting of the Board was approved upon a motion of Mr. Tabler and seconded by Mr. Brauning.
2. A letter from Vince Dell, of the Westminster American Legion Post 31, informing the Board of several dates in 2013 for outdoor events was presented and approved by the Board.
3. A letter from Robert Downing, of the Sykesville V.F.W. Post 10076, informing the Board of a change in the hours of operation was presented and approved by the Board.
4. A fax from Rafael Javier, of Rafael's, requesting permission to open at 7:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving evening was presented. After discussion of Rule #20 concerning restaurants, the Board granted permission for Rafael's to open at 5:30 p.m. with menu items available to meet the food (meal) requirement of that rule.
5. A letter from David Shriver, Chairman of the Maryland Microbrewery Festival, informing the Board of the date for the 2013 Festival to be held at the Union Mills Homestead will be September 28, 2013. The Board expressed concern over the conflict that occurred this year concerning two festivals on the same date.
6. Inspector Kaizer presented photos and an update on the sign situation at VCP (formerly New York J & P Pizza) in Taylorsville.
7. The liquor license for La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant was surrendered on this date. The fine of \$250.00 for a violation in Case 5652 has been paid. The Board questioned if the Resident Agent on a liquor license could be held accountable for the payment of fines in an attempt to make them more responsible. Mr. Dixon will research this issue.

8. The Board discussed the matter of violation notices being sent out as certified mail with a return receipt required in instances when the Inspector would not be available to hand deliver the notice. In unique cases where letters cannot be hand delivered, the Board made a ruling that the notice should be sent certified mail as well as first class mail, effective October 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

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