

**Queen Anne's County Liquor Board
Minutes of Meeting**

August 7, 2018

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at 110 Vincit St., Centreville, MD. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John T. McQueeney. Those present were: John T. McQueeney, Chairman; Gene M. Ransom, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Maurice D. Dashiell, Joyce E. Jones, Esq., and Thomas E. Beery, Members; Patrick E. Thompson, Esq., sitting in for Jeffrey Thompson, Attorney for the Board; Cathy Maxwell, Clerk to the Board; William J. Council, Liquor Inspector; Mike Wisnosky, Director of Planning & Zoning; and Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator.

The Minutes from the July 3, 2018 Liquor Board meeting were approved as written.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Queenstown Vol. Fire Dept. – Dates of event – September 7 & 8
Cloverfields Property Owners Assoc. – Date of event – September 8
Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church – Date of event – September 15
Corsica River Yacht Club – Date of event – September 16
Sweet Bay Magnolia Academy – Date of event – September 22

Mr. Warren Wright, Drug Free Coalition, appeared before the Board. He said opioid overdoses for the County are at 82 and 11 deaths compared to 5 last year. There is a new website and on line store at qacgoespurple.org. If you put in your email address they will send you daily updates and you can make donations. September 6th at Kent Island Fire Dept. is the kickoff date for this event. Saturation patrols are complete. Md. State Police cadets volunteered. Mr. Wright said the Co. Commissioners indicated they would fund future patrols. Mr. McQueeney said he thinks saturation patrols are a good thing. Mr. Wright said Drug and Alcohol Services at the Nielson Center has a new director, Maggie Terzaghi.

Mr. Council advised the Board that O' Shucks Irish Pub will be closed for 30 days for renovations. He did 72 business checks with no violations for the month of July. There is also a program starting with the Sheriff's Office concerning fake ID's. Mr. Council collected 9 fake driver's licenses from underage persons, ages 18-20, at an establishment recently. All 9 also have legitimate Md. driver's licenses and live and work in this County. He has seen these fake ID's from Ohio, Delaware, Florida, Pennsylvania. Mr. Council discussed with the Board different possibilities on how to deal with this problem. He said if he catches the same person twice he is going to notify the Sheriff's Office. At that time they could lose their license for a year and it stays on their record. Ms. Jones said it could also prevent them from getting some security clearance jobs. She suggested that Mr. Council could send a letter to the parents advising them

that their child was caught with a fake ID. Mr. Ransom said he does not disagree but if the child is over 18, then they are an adult. He suggested that Mr. Council contact Mr. Richardson, the State's Attorney, for advice how to proceed. Mr. Wright said perhaps the Sheriff's Office could also publish a press release. Mr. Council said he needs volunteers to assist with compliance checks.

The Board discussed possibly raising the fees for temporary licenses. Mr. Ransom said these are for nonprofit organizations and he does not feel the fees should be raised.

Mr. Ransom advised the Board that he has been appointed to serve on the Legislative Task Force to study liquor laws. He will keep the Board informed.

The Board discussed possible future legislation for Tips/Tams training and salon licenses. The Board will tentatively hold a public hearing on these issues at the September 4th meeting providing the necessary paperwork is complete by the advertising deadline. Following that the Co. Commissioners will hold a public hearing on these issues also.

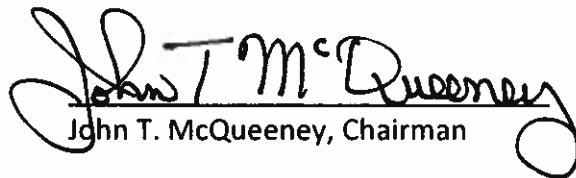
A motion was made by Mr. Ransom, seconded by Mr. Beery, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All members voted in favor.

The Board resumed their normal meeting following the executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No decisions were made during the executive session. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Maxwell, Clerk



John T. McQueeney, Chairman