VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH

HEALTH, LICENSE, WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 26, 2026 5:30pm

130 N. Chestnut St. Lower-Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)

Committee Members present: Trustees D. Hines (Chairperson), T. Hines (in place of Bench), and Austin
Staff present: A/C-T Roy

MINUTES:

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

2. Discuss/Possible Action of Temporary "Class B" Retailer's License and Fireworks License for the Friends of the Fair

   The permit application is for the Summer Hoopla event on July 11th from 2pm to 11:59pm. The premise description is the fairgrounds picnic shelter, food stands area, grandstand area, and the Kenny Hines Building. There will also be fireworks as part of the event at dusk. **MSC Austin/T. Hines** to approve the Temporary Retail License. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

3. Discuss/Possible Action of Annual Alcohol License Renewals for Licensing Period of 07-01-2026 through 06-30-2027

   The Village has received Liquor license applications from all vendors, except for Serranos. The application for Barazul Grill (formerly Fiesta Rosita) does not accurately describe the alcohol premises, any approval of the license should note that alcohol can be served in the dining, bar, and patio areas (with appropriate fencing). No application was received from Serranos Mercadito. **MSC Austin/T. Hines** to approve the Annual Alcohol Licenses. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

4. Discuss/Possible Action of Annual Dance License Applications for Licensing Period 07-01-2026 through 06-30-2027

   The Village has received Dance license applications for 07-01-2026 to 06-30-2027. Application have been received from Thirsty Badger, Common Man Tap & Table, Bullwinkle's Pub, Just Ka's, Snowballs, BW's Tavern, Broz Bar. **MSC Austin/T. Hines** to approve the Annual Dance Licenses. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

5. Discuss/Possible Action of Annual Cigarette and Tobacco Product license Renewal Applications for Licensing Period of 07-01-2026 through 06-30-2027

The Village has received Tobacco license applications for 07-01-2026 to 06-30-2027. There are no significant changes to the premises described from the previous year. **MSC T. Hines**/ **Austin** to approve the Annual Tobacco Licenses. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

6. Discuss/Possible Action on amendments to Chapter 12 related to the Alcohol Premise Extension fencing requirements

   Premise Extension permits are for open, unroofed area where beer and other alcohol beverages are served and consumed, and provided such area is connected to a premises to which a "Class B" fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor retail license has been issued. The current ordinance require fencing around the extension area to be 6-feet in height or for double fencing 4-feet in height with 6-feet in between the fences. This requirement is more restrictive compared to other communities and some operations have found this to be a burden

   The proposed amendment puts the onus on the operator to construct a barrier to control ingress and egress and prevent the removal of alcohol from the area. **Austin**/**T. Hines** to recommend approval of the proposed amendment with a 3-foot fence minimum. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

7. Adjourn. **MSC T. Hines**/**Austin** to adjourn. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer