

Public Hearing
Liquor License transfer from Sandy Township to City of DuBois
from Allegheny Ovens, Inc. to Invictus Defense, LLC
November 22, 2021 @ 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 6:45 p.m.; Council convened as a Hearing Board in order to hear and receive comments, written and oral, reviews and have discussion on the proposed Liquor License transfer from Sandy Township (Allegheny Ovens, Inc.) to the City of DuBois (Invictus Defense, LLC). Mayor Walsh opened the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Other Council Members present were: James Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; Police Chief, Blaine Clark and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Mayor Walsh opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. and promptly turned the meeting over to City Solicitor Cherry.

Solicitor Cherry asked Mr. Joe Morrison if his attorney was attending.

Mr. Morrison stated that he told his attorney he would be attending and answering any questions.

Solicitor Cherry asked if Joe Morrison is the sole owner of Invictus Defense, LLC.

Mr. Morrison confirmed he is.

Solicitor Cherry asked if he had contracted with the state to purchase the liquor license in question.

Mr. Morrison confirmed he had.

Solicitor Cherry explained that the Liquor License is currently held by Allegheny Ovens, Inc. (former Italian Oven) in Sandy Township and Mr. Morrison had purchased it from the state for his business in the City of DuBois (Invictus Defense, LLC). The City must accept the license in order for Mr. Morrison to use it in his establishment.

Solicitor Cherry asked Mr. Morrison where his business is located.

Mr. Morrison stated 650 DuBois ST (formerly Kohlhepp & Sons) by ACE Hardware.

Solicitor Cherry asked if Mr. Morrison currently has a restaurant at that location.

Mr. Morrison stated currently they do not but he is thinking of possibly having food; something simple like pizza or nachos.

Solicitor Cherry asked if patrons have requested food on the premises.

Mr. Morrison confirmed they have.

Solicitor Cherry asked what his business consists of.

Mr. Morrison stated weapons; such as, axes, spears, etc. that you throw at targets. He is thinking of adding rage rooms that people would be able to go in and smash things to relieve stress.

Solicitor Cherry asked if Council approves the transfer does Mr. Morrison feel the ownership of a liquor license would help his business.

Mr. Morrison confirmed he did.

Solicitor Cherry asked if he has made any accommodations for weapons and alcohol safeguards. Mr. Morrison stated that currently it is byob, if someone is intoxicated they are not allowed to throw. He feels he would have more control if he had a liquor license. He could control who has alcohol and how much.

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Solicitor Cherry ask if he feels he would be able to hire more employees if he has a liquor license.

Mr. Morrison confirmed he would once business picked up.

Solicitor Cherry asked if he would have a cook and/or a bartender.

Mr. Morrison felt he would have a bartender yes but a cook wouldn't be needed as he would just have simple food.

Solicitor Cherry asked if anyone else had questions for Mr. Morrison.

Councilwoman Bernardo asked what the hours are for Mr. Morrison's business. Mr. Morrison stated 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. during the week; 2 p.m. to Midnight on weekends. He feels the hours will be extended when business picks up.

Mayor Walsh asked if anyone in the public had any questions. No one did.

Mayor Walsh closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



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