

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 – 11:00 am

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Present: Patricia Gross, Mayor
J. Roy Oliver, Deputy Mayor
Ken Whildin, Committeeman
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Guests: Paul Urbish, Deputy Attorney General –Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Amy Beth Cohn, Deputy Attorney General - Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gross at 11:00 am and the pledge of allegiance followed.

Roll Call: Mrs. Gross, present
Mr. Oliver, present
Mr. Whildin, present

The purpose of this meeting is to meet with Paul Urbish, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General for the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Amy Beth Cohn.

Discussion:

1. Discuss the terms of Maurice River Township Ordinance 674 and the role of ABC and responsibilities of the township under Title 33.

Amy Beth Cohn verified that the township is eligible to offer up to 2 Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses based on the most recent census. The allowance is 1 license per 3,500 for a Plenary Retail Consumption License (#33). Ms. Cohn offered that should the township, in the future, want to allow for a Plenary Retail Distribution License (#44) the allowance is 1 license per 7,500 population or at least one license.

Ms. Cohn asked for the process of how the township came to be offering Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses. Mrs. Gross explained that the resident presented a valid petition to have the question presented for vote at the 2017 General Election and it was approved by the residents.

It was discussed that the offering of a Plenary Retail Distribution License can also be done through the same process or the question can be presented directly by the township committee for resident consideration on the ballot.

Ms. Cohn explained that the legal office of ABC had done a review of Maurice River Township Ordinance 674 and would like to offer some suggestions and needed changes to the ordinance.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to doing a page-by-page review of Ordinance 674 with Ms. Cohn and Mr. Urbish explaining the necessary changes, and recommendations. This included items that were outdated, not enforced by ABC and/or, not included but necessary.

Ms. Cohn offered to set up a conference call with ABC Licensing representative Joann Frascella to discuss responsibilities during the licensing process. The clerk will be contacted to arrange with Ms. Cohn the date and time for the conference call.

Adjournment

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn at 12:49; seconded by Mr. Whildin.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk