## **RESOLUTION 20-60**

## A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVALRY ALE HOUSE

WHEREAS, the owners of the commercial building located at 945 Main Street have made substantial progress toward the reconstruction of this building, and

WHEREAS, the owners of the business to be located therein wish to begin to prepare for opening of the establishment, and

WHEREAS, the owners of the business wish to be able to open at such time as that is possible consistent with the various orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in connection therewith, the owners consider it crucial to open with both their liquor license and video license in place so they can offer a full range of products and services to their clientele at the earliest possible time to generate interest and revenue as the state and nation emerge from the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the owners have negotiated a tentative escrow arrangement with the Mayor and Village Attorney which is attached as Exhibit A hereto, and which is intended to allow the Mayor to issue a liquor license presently and allow the owners to use that for the sole and exclusive purpose of filing for their video gaming license pending completion of the work on the establishment, the granting of a final certificate of occupancy, the obtaining of a health license from the Lake County Department of Health and the lifting of at least some of the restrictions on restaurant and bar operations, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has considered the Exhibit A draft agreement and the Board finds that allowing the issuance of a local liquor license for this limited purpose makes sense as a continuing investment in helping to restore and improve a key property in downtown Antioch, which will also provide a significant additional attraction to tourists and other visitors interested in sharing the increasingly lively venues available in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the proposed agreement will benefit not only the subject business, but will open the door to drawing customers to adjoining properties upon lifting of the pandemic-related restrictions which are likely to benefit the entire area, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board finds that the owners have agreed to the terms of the Exhibit A draft agreement, including the revocation provisions therein and that in such event, there is no discernible downside to assisting this business in the fashion proposed,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** The Mayor and the Clerk are authorized to execute Exhibit A and to take all steps necessary or helpful in issuing the local liquor license to the Rivalry Ale House, and to overseeing their compliance with the terms thereof.

**SECTION TWO:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS, ON THIS  $14^{\rm TH}$  DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

ATTEST:

LAWRENCEM. HANSON, MAYOR

LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK