

EMERGENCY MEETING 0919/09

6:05 PM

Saugus Public Safety Building

Attendance – Steven Horlick, Michael Kelleher (Acting Chairman), Peter A. Rossetti Jr, Lt. David Putnam for Chief DiMella,

Also in attendance – Anthony Cogliano, Michael Recupero, Dan Schneider (?)

Reason for meeting – to consider actions by the Town BOS as a result of the multiple shootings at Jin Restaurant. BOS has been in contact with Chief DiMella.

Question as to the legality of the meeting-. Kelleher advised he had been told by Special Counsel Ira Zaleznik, prior to meeting by telephone conversations, to hold meeting. Counsel stated that it was permitted for public safety reasons. Again, need was questioned, and it was asked by Rossetti, if there was a gang or retaliatory issue that required the meeting. Lt. Putnam stated that it could be. Determined this was the grounds for the meeting.

Police Chief DiMella suggested that the BOS take action to suspend the entertainment license immediately as a hazard to public safety. Special Counsel Zaleznik concurred. See attached letter from Kelleher written before meeting and vote.

Anthony Cogliano, in attendance, stated that there was a wedding scheduled at the location at 7:00PM that same evening. It was estimated the wedding would continue to midnight, Saturday the 19th. He requested the BOS consider allowing the wedding with music to continue. After discussion, the Board, in conference with Chief DiMella, allowed the music/entertainment to continue. Chief agreed through Lt. Putnam to allow the wedding for Saturday night to continue, exempt from the entertainment ban.

Cogliano also mentioned there was a “Men in Motion” show also scheduled for Saturday night. The show was scheduled to begin at 9:00PM, with the doors to open at 8:00PM. We were told that 150 tickets had been pre-sold. The show should end at 11:00PM. The BOS was not inclined to allow the latitude for this show. The Chief was also in agreement with this decision. The club would be required to provide full security for the wedding, and could not depend on Saugus PD for a detail. The evening in question, Saugus PD had four men, including Lt. Putnam on duty, and at least three to four, including the shooter from the Jin incident, in the holding cells.

Call for executive session – Motion by Horlick seconded by Chair. 6:36PM. Attendance would be Horlick, Kelleher, Rossetti, and Putnam. Reason was discussion of legal issues relative to potential lawsuit. Three votes in favor. 6:36PM
Horlick, yes; Kelleher, yes; Rossetti, yes.

Returned to regular session at 6:49. - Motion by Horlick, seconded by Chair.
Horlick, yes; Kelleher, yes; Rossetti, yes.

Reconvened in regular session. - Cogliano offered to closed entire complex, including Orchid if additional activities, 3 other weddings scheduled for Sunday could occur. Also requested that complex be given an additional ½ hour to allow for more orderly dispersal of patrons. Accepted offer to close entire complex until future hearing

Motion by Peter A. Rossetti Jr. – to suspend the license for entertainment for the entire complex at Jin, including Orchid, immediately, however upon the Chief's recommendation the previously scheduled wedding for Saturday evening in the Grand Ballroom will be allowed to continue entertainment until 12:00midnight on Saturday. The entertainment will cease at 12:00 Midnight. The grounds for the motion were public safety and the recommendations of the Police Chief and Special Counsel Ira Zaleznik.

Vote: Horlick, yes; Kelleher, yes; Rossetti, yes

6:49 PM Motion to adjourn – Horlick, seconded by Kelleher (Chair)

Vote: Horlick, yes; Kelleher, yes; Rossetti, yes.

Police to deliver notification to Jin. Kelleher wished to be involved in deliverance. Other Board suggested this was not a good appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A Rossetti Jr., Esq. Secretary
09/20/09

See attached letter from Mike Kelleher, and police report and narrative