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PRESENT: MS. SANDY HART, LIQUOR COMMISSION CHAIR/  
LICENSE OFFICER

MR. DAN BROWN, ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY  
MS. JAMIE HELTON, ASSISTANT STATE'S  
ATTORNEY  
MS. THERESA GLATZHOFFER  
MS. CASSANDRA HILLER  
MS. KRISTY CECHINI, LIQUOR COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

ALSO PRESENT: DETECTIVE KYLE BRASEWICZ,  
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MS. JULIE BROCKMAN VOLK,  
OWNER  
RE: Touched by Jules

MR. JONATHAN VOLK

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1 CHAIR HART: New Business, 7.1, Touched by  
2 Jules Massage hearing and application for Massage  
3 Business License.

4 MS. HELTON: Good morning, Chair Hart.  
5 Jamie Helton from the State's Attorney's Office. This  
6 meeting is being held pursuant to Section 114.09 of the  
7 ordinance. This is regarding a massage therapy license  
8 for the business named Touched by Jules, LLC.  
9 Ms. Brockman, I see, is present on Zoom, and this  
10 meeting's being conducted via Zoom. There is a court  
11 reporter present. Ms. Brockman is the owner of the  
12 establishment.

13 Pursuant to the Lake County Ordinance,  
14 with this hearing, the Chair, as the License Officer,  
15 will hear evidence and testimony and at the end make a  
16 recommendation to the County Board on whether or not to  
17 approve or deny the license for massage therapy  
18 license.

19 So, Ms. Brockman, do you have any  
20 questions about the procedure, and can you tell me  
21 whether or not you are planning on having an attorney  
22 present?

23 MS. BROCKMAN: It depends on if this license  
24 -- if me not getting the license is going to affect my

1 livelihood, and I don't have an attorney, I mean.

2 MS. HELTON: Okay.

3 CHAIR HART: I was just going to say, it  
4 sounds like you don't have an attorney right now, and  
5 you might choose to hire an attorney depending upon the  
6 outcome of this hearing; is that right?

7 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah.

8 CHAIR HART: Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah.

10 MS. HELTON: Okay, that's fine.

11 MR. BROWN: Jamie, if I my interrupt just  
12 for one second.

13 MS. HELTON: Sure.

14 MR. BROWN: I believe that the statute also  
15 calls for if a transcript is made, that the person  
16 Ms. Brockman would be responsible for the payment of  
17 that transcript.

18 MS. HELTON: Okay. Okay. So, Ms. Brockman,  
19 the considerations here will be for the License Officer  
20 to determine whether or not to recommend the  
21 application or denial of your license to the County  
22 Board. Do you understand that?

23 MS. BROCKMAN: No.

24 MS. HELTON: Okay. Is there someone else in

1 the room with you? Maybe it might help to have that  
2 person on video too so we could answer any questions  
3 before starting.

4 MR. VOLK: Hi, I'm her husband.

5 MS. HELTON: Hi. How are you, sir.

6 MR. VOLK: My name is Jonathan Volk.

7 MS. HELTON: Okay, great. And can I answer  
8 any questions -- can we answer any question for you on  
9 the procedure before we move forward?

10 MR. VOLK: So we thought this was just going  
11 to be a matter of course. And that was why things had,  
12 you know, we wanted to -- what we were expecting to  
13 have, what sounds like the conversation that we're  
14 about to have right now, we were expecting to have that  
15 back on the 3rd. We attended the -- it was the -- what  
16 was listed on the citation, so we showed up there, and  
17 that whole -- that whole -- the group that was there  
18 looked for the citation and couldn't find it and  
19 couldn't figure out why we were there, and it was,  
20 according to them, the officer hadn't submitted the  
21 citation, so we were expecting to have this kind of a  
22 conversation back then.

23 Today we were just expecting, you know,  
24 you to just confirm everything and e-mail off a

1 certificate. That was the expectation anyway.  
2 Apparently, that's not the case.

3 MS. HELTON: So I think you are talking  
4 about the citation for noncompliance with the Lake  
5 County Ordinance in running the business without a  
6 license; is that right?

7 MR. VOLK: Yep.

8 MS. HELTON: Okay. So that's a wholly  
9 distinct matter. That's a matter that's being dealt  
10 with possibly in the courts, though it seems like there  
11 was some confusion as to when the citation -- as to the  
12 kind of the procedure with the citation, so that's a  
13 different matter. This matter is for the Chair, the  
14 License Officer, to decide whether or not to recommend  
15 the license for approval or denial to the Lake County  
16 Board.

17 This is pursuant to ordinance, so it's  
18 in our Lake County Ordinances. Ms. Brockman does have  
19 the right to have an attorney present for this. That's  
20 why I asked at the outset whether or not she was  
21 planning on having an attorney. If the County Board  
22 ultimately decides not to approve the license, then  
23 Ms. Brockman's business would not have a license to  
24 operate.

1                   So I guess I will ask again. Hopefully  
2 I have clarified what this hearing is for.

3                   MR. VOLK: The question I have is that if  
4 this hearing is going to have an effect on -- you know,  
5 this is her livelihood we're talking about. She's been  
6 in business for 15 years. You know, this is -- I  
7 understand fully, you know, why these things have to  
8 happen. You want to keep the riff-raff out. That's  
9 absolutely something that we support entirely, and  
10 Julie has gone to and worked with the Warrenville Chief  
11 of Police to shut down some of the nasty ones in  
12 Warrenville, so she's one of the good guys. And this  
13 is just -- we just kind of figured that this was going  
14 to be somewhat automatic.

15                  CHAIR HART: So I'm sorry.

16                  MR. VOLK: Okay, go ahead. Sorry.

17                  CHAIR HART: It just sounds to me like, and  
18 I don't -- I mean, we have hearings, right, so for a  
19 liquor license, we have hearings. And for when a  
20 massage business opens up, we have hearings like this.  
21 So we can continue with this hearing, if you would  
22 like. If you would feel better about having an  
23 attorney, then, you know, maybe you can tell us what  
24 your thoughts are on that. But in Lake County and I

1 think in other counties, other collar counties too,  
2 there is a hearing before someone opens up a massage  
3 business.

4 MR. VOLK: Maybe there is now, but not  
5 15 years ago.

6 CHAIR HART: Well, that's true, many things  
7 have changed over 15 years. Gosh, I couldn't even  
8 think to list them all off. But yeah, there's  
9 been a lot of changes over 15 years.

10 MR. VOLK: So.

11 MS. BROCKMAN: Would it be recommended that  
12 I get an attorney?

13 CHAIR HART: We don't make any  
14 recommendations on that. That is absolutely up to you.  
15 People come before us with attorneys and without  
16 attorneys all the time.

17 MR. VOLK: Okay. I mean, if it's going --  
18 if the chances are good that there is going to be a  
19 denial, we need an attorney. If the chances are good  
20 that we're not going to get a denial, then, you know,  
21 let's just keep moving forward.

22 MS. HELTON: Well --

23 CHAIR HART: We haven't started the hearing  
24 yet.

1 MR. VOLK: Oh, I thought that started when  
2 the Zoom call started.

3 CHAIR HART: Well, we're -- that's fair,  
4 sir. We're in process.

5 MR. VOLK: Okay.

6 CHAIR HART: So I don't think any -- like we  
7 haven't really gotten into the subject at hand. You  
8 brought up a citation on the 3rd. So I don't know. I  
9 mean, we don't tell somebody to get an attorney or not.  
10 That's your decision.

11 MR. VOLK: All right.

12 CHAIR HART: Jamie.

13 MS. HELTON: Ms. Brockman, so I will just  
14 ask you, are you ready to proceed, or would you ask for  
15 additional time to hire an attorney to have one  
16 present? It's ultimately up to you. We're ready for  
17 hearing this morning, but if -- you have a right to  
18 have an attorney present, so if you would like an  
19 attorney present, then the matter can be continued for  
20 a short time for you to hire an attorney to have an  
21 attorney here. Or we can go forward today.

22 MS. BROCKMAN: Can you give me a minute,  
23 please?

24 MS. HELTON: Okay.

1 (Brief pause in proceedings.)

2 MS. BROCKMAN: I think I am just going to  
3 proceed.

4 MS. HELTON: Okay. So, Ms. Brockman, is it  
5 just you that's going to be testifying this morning on  
6 your behalf?

7 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes.

8 MS. HELTON: Okay. And we also have  
9 Detective Brasewicz here as well, so if the court  
10 reporter could swear in the two witnesses that will be  
11 testifying.

12 (Witnesses sworn.)

13 MS. HELTON: Okay, thank you. I will start  
14 with Detective Brasewicz. Hopefully, he can hear  
15 everything okay.

16 DETECTIVE BRASEWICZ: Yes.

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1                                   DETECTIVE KYLE BRASEWICZ,  
2                   called as a witness herein, having been first duly  
3                   sworn, was examined and testified as follows,  
4                   to-wit:

5                                   E X A M I N A T I O N

6                                   by Ms. Helton:

7                   Q.       Okay, thank you. Detective Brasewicz,  
8                   what's your current occupation?

9                   A.       I'm a detective with the Lake County  
10                  Sheriff's Office.

11                  Q.       Okay. And were you employed with the  
12                  sheriff's office on December 9, 2021?

13                  A.       Yes.

14                  Q.       And what's your current role at the  
15                  sheriff's office?

16                  A.       Detective and then also investigator for the  
17                  Liquor Commission.

18                  Q.       Okay. And as a detective and as an  
19                  investigator for the Liquor Commission, do you  
20                  investigate both criminal behavior as well as  
21                  violations of the Lake County Ordinance?

22                  A.       Yes.

23                  Q.       Okay. And on -- are you familiar with a  
24                  business named Touched by Jules?

1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. And how are you familiar with that business?

3 A. I was notified by the Commission of the  
4 application that I was given.

5 Q. Okay. And on November -- I'm sorry.

6 Did you come in contact with somebody  
7 named Julie Brockman?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay. And did you come in contact with that  
10 person through your work as an investigator for the  
11 Liquor Commission and as a detective for the Lake  
12 County Sheriff's Office?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And did you reach out to the Touched  
15 by Jules business?

16 A. Yes, I did by text message on my work cell  
17 phone.

18 Q. Okay. And can you tell us about how you  
19 came to do that as well as run us through the details?

20 A. I was notified by the Commission that the  
21 application was still in application process and it  
22 hadn't been approved yet and the business may be  
23 operating. So I sent a text message to schedule an  
24 appointment asking if they were open. The reply was

1 that they were, but they just weren't available at that  
2 time, so I made one for I believe it was the following  
3 week.

4 Q. Okay. Could you tell us, what number did  
5 you -- you don't have to know specifically, but how did  
6 you know which number to reach out to?

7 A. It was on the website for the business.

8 Q. Okay. And is that TouchedbyJules.com?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And so you looked up the website and you  
11 found a contact information on that website?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Okay. And then you said that you text  
14 messaged that number?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. And that was from your work phone?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. And when you text messaged that  
19 number, did you request an appointment?

20 A. Yes, I did.

21 Q. Okay. And what happened?

22 A. The first time it was unavailable when I was  
23 looking to make an appointment. And then the following  
24 week, I asked again and was able to schedule an

1 appointment.

2 Q. And when you say it was unavailable, do you  
3 mean that you received a response to your text message  
4 stating that an appointment was not available?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Okay. And when you sent another text  
7 message, was it on December 3, 2021?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You asked if there was availability at the  
10 Lake Bluff location?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. And did the business respond that  
13 there was availability?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And was that availability indicated  
16 for December 9, 2021?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And was a specific time provided for that  
19 availability?

20 A. Yes, there was.

21 Q. And when you requested an appointment, were  
22 you requesting a massage appointment?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And did you specify the amount of

1 time that you wanted?

2 A. Yes, I believe she asked me if I wanted an  
3 hour, and I said yes.

4 Q. Okay. And was a price given to you for what  
5 that would cost?

6 A. You know, I'd have to look back at the text  
7 messages. I am not sure if you guys are submitting  
8 them into your evidence.

9 Q. Okay. Give me just one second.

10 Okay, I am sharing my screen here.  
11 Hopefully everybody can see it. I know this font's  
12 really small. I will make it bigger.

13 Is this your report,  
14 Detective Brasewicz?

15 A. Yes, that is.

16 Q. And this is for this matter, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Okay. And I am going to -- this is marked  
19 as Exhibit 2.

20 (Exhibit No. 2 marked for I.D.,  
21 01/10/2022.)

22 BY MS. HELTON:

23 Q. And this is your narrative report, correct?

24 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. Okay. And in your narrative report, it  
2 advises that -- or it indicates that the owner advised  
3 that the massage would be for \$120; is that right?

4 A. Yes, that'd be correct.

5 Q. And you agreed to that amount, right?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. Okay. And I am just going to scroll to  
8 Page 3. I am going to make this a little bit smaller  
9 here.

10 Can everybody see that clearly, the  
11 text on the screen?

12 Okay. Do you see this on your screen,  
13 Detective Brasewicz? Looks to be a screen shot of text  
14 messages.

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. And are these text messages that you made  
17 with the number for Touched by Jules?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. And your messages are in blue, and the  
20 business messages are in sort of gray-black, right?

21 A. Correct, yes.

22 Q. Okay. So here you are on November 23  
23 requesting an appointment, right?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And the response was that there were no  
2 openings that day, correct?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Okay. Then December 3 you asked for  
5 upcoming availability at the Lake Bluff location,  
6 correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay. And the business responded that there  
9 was availability the following Thursday and Friday,  
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. I am going to scroll down.

13 Again, you recognize these as just the  
14 same string of text messages, correct?

15 A. Yes, correct.

16 Q. All right. You indicate that Thursday  
17 morning or evening works for you; is that right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And the owner recommended  
20 three o'clock; is that right?

21 A. Yes, yes.

22 Q. Okay. And the address was provided,  
23 611 Rockland Road in Lake Bluff?

24 A. Correct.

1 Q. Okay. You provide the name Kyle Matthews,  
2 right?

3 A. Yes, just a name.

4 Q. Okay, and then Suite 2 was specified as the  
5 location, right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And now we're on Page 5 of the exhibit. And  
8 the business asked if you were looking for an hour  
9 appointment, correct?

10 A. Yes, correct.

11 Q. And the price was given for \$120 for the  
12 hour?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. All right. Now, Page 6, there was a  
15 reminder message sent to you for your appointment,  
16 right?

17 A. Yes, correct.

18 Q. Okay. So at some point on that day, it was  
19 December 9?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. You went to the business, right?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. The 611 Rockland Road?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you go to the Suite 2?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. And tell us what happened.

4 A. At first there was no answer. I tried to  
5 call her number as well. Nobody answered, so I waited  
6 in my car for a little bit. I went a little bit early.  
7 Maybe she was on lunch or something like that. And  
8 then I went back inside, and there was like a little  
9 waiting area, so I waited outside of the business, and  
10 then Julie arrived back to the business and opened it  
11 and let me inside.

12 Q. Okay. You say Julie arrived. You see a  
13 person on Zoom with the name Julie Brockman, right?

14 A. Yes, I do.

15 Q. Is that the same person that arrived to the  
16 business?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. Okay. And when she arrived, did she go to  
19 open up the door to the Suite 2?

20 A. Yes, she did.

21 Q. Okay. And did you both enter the location?

22 A. Yes, we did.

23 Q. Did you introduce yourself?

24 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And who did you introduce yourself as?

2 A. Detective Brasewicz with the Lake County  
3 Sheriff's Office.

4 Q. Okay. And did you -- what happened during  
5 that conversation with Ms. Brockman?

6 A. I just had a conversation with her about her  
7 massage business. I asked her if she was open. At  
8 first she said that no, she was not, she wasn't  
9 operating, and then I explained to her that I made an  
10 appointment with her, and that's when she admitted that  
11 she was and that the process to get a license was  
12 taking too long, you know, she has to take care of  
13 herself, you know, it's her livelihood, and then she  
14 also advised that there is other businesses in the area  
15 in Lake County as well as in the same building  
16 operating without a license that she made me aware of.

17 Q. Did she provide you the names of those  
18 businesses?

19 A. Not the ones in Lake County. She said there  
20 was one other in the building, and then that's when I  
21 had requested you guys to possibly look out and see if  
22 there were any active applications or anything like  
23 that. I am not sure of the status of that, but not a  
24 specific name, no, but that there were other businesses

1 doing it in Lake County. And then I just explained to  
2 her that, you know, she can't operate any further until  
3 she has her hearing to get her license, and that, of  
4 course, she could always reach out to you guys if she  
5 has any questions about her application or how long  
6 it's taking, things like that.

7 Q. And you issued a citation for not following  
8 the Lake County Ordinance; is that right?

9 A. Correct, yes, I did issue it to the Round  
10 Lake Beach Courthouse. It should have been submitted,  
11 and it should have been -- I know I submitted it. It  
12 was for a Zoom hearing, but if there was some sort of  
13 -- you know, if it got lost in translation through  
14 records or something like that, that's something I will  
15 have to follow up on and maybe get them another copy  
16 and a new date or something, but this was supposed to  
17 be a Zoom hearing. I know that.

18 Q. Okay. And you will follow up with that  
19 after -- are you going to follow up with that after  
20 this meeting?

21 A. Yes, yep, I can. I will make sure they get  
22 a copy of whatever they need.

23 Q. Okay. Additionally, you learned that  
24 Ms. Brockman -- or is it your understanding that

1 Ms. Brockman has a license in any other county?

2 A. Yes, she does. I would have to look back to  
3 see which county that was, but I know she does, yes.

4 Q. Okay. And did you ever reach out to that  
5 county?

6 A. Yes, I reached out to the local jurisdiction  
7 it was in, and there were never any issues with the  
8 business there.

9 Q. Okay. But your understanding is she did, in  
10 fact, have a license through that county, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 MS. HELTON: Okay. Okay. Chair Hart, do  
13 you have any questions for Detective Brasewicz?

14 CHAIR HART: Just so you issued the  
15 citation, and you are going to follow up because it  
16 sounds like from Mr. -- the gentleman who was on the  
17 call earlier that they couldn't track it down. No, I  
18 think that's -- well, yeah, I think that's it. Thank  
19 you.

20 DETECTIVE BRASEWICZ: Okay.

21 MS. HELTON: Okay. Thank you, Detective.

22 DETECTIVE BRASEWICZ: No problem.

23 (Witness excused.)

24 MS. HELTON: I'd ask next to call Julie

1 Brockman for testimony.

2 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes.

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J U L I E B R O C K M A N ,

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called as a witness herein, having been first duly

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sworn, was examined and testified as follows,

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by Ms. Helton:

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Q. Ms. Brockman, good morning. I know we had

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some discussions prior to testimony. But I do have

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some questions for you regarding your application. I

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am just going to share my screen quickly.

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(Exhibit No. 1 marked for I.D.,

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BY MS. HELTON:

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Q. Okay. Is this the application that you

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submitted for your massage therapy business license?

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A. Yes, it is.

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Q. Okay. And you're applying for a license for

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Touched by Jules, LLC?

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A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. And that is -- are you the sole

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owner?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. You own 100 percent of the business?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you have any employees?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Okay. And for the record, it's Julie

7 B-R-O-C-K-M-A-N, Volk, V-O-L-K?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. Okay. And is that your full name?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. And is your business located at

12 611 Rockland Road?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. Okay. In Lake Bluff?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. Okay. You said this is the application you  
17 submitted, right?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. All right. So this is exhibit identified as  
20 Exhibit 1. I will just quickly go through this. You  
21 filled this out and submitted this to the County staff;  
22 is that right?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. You have another business in Warrenville,

1 Illinois?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that DuPage County?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. And you've applied for a license  
6 there, right?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. You have had that business sounds like for  
9 quite some time?

10 A. 16 years.

11 Q. Okay. And have you maintained a license  
12 during the entirety of that time?

13 A. 16 years.

14 Q. Have you ever had any issues with your  
15 license, for example, have you ever --

16 A. Not one.

17 Q. You never received a citation or anything?

18 A. Not one.

19 Q. Okay. But you originally had to apply for  
20 that license, right?

21 A. Just through Warrenville.

22 Q. Through Warrenville, okay.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And is that the same Touched by Jules

1 business?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. You just have two locations, one in  
4 DuPage and one here in Lake County?

5 A. Correct, trying to move my business to Lake  
6 County.

7 Q. Okay. And do you live in Lake County?

8 A. I live in Grayslake, yes.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Just trying to omit the drive.

11 Q. Okay, understood. And you also received  
12 your fingerprints for this application procession,  
13 right?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And there is no criminal behavior prior  
16 noted?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You have your massage therapy license,  
19 right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Okay. And that doesn't expire until the end  
22 of next year?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Is that something you renew annually?

1 A. Every two years.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I take continuing ed. credits every year.

4 Q. Okay. And then this is the assumed business  
5 name. When did you get your LLC?

6 A. So this year. They changed the, changed the  
7 whole -- because it's run by the State. I was running  
8 it as a sole proprietor, and they changed the rules on  
9 that, so I had to become an LLC.

10 Q. Understood.

11 A. So my accountant and I made that an LLC this  
12 year.

13 Q. Okay. And you also had Planning, Building &  
14 Development from Lake County, you passed that  
15 inspection, right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And this looks to be your certificate of  
18 some classes that you took; is that right?

19 A. That's my license from when I graduated  
20 school. That's what they needed.

21 Q. Okay, understood. And, Ms. Brockman, when  
22 did you open up the Lake County location?

23 A. I signed paperwork in November -- no, was it  
24 October? October? November 1 I think is when I

1 started renovating the space.

2 Q. Okay. And when did you open the space for  
3 customers?

4 A. Kyle was my first.

5 Q. Kyle was your first customer?

6 A. Uh-huh.

7 Q. Okay. Okay. Have you had any customers  
8 since?

9 A. Nope.

10 Q. Okay. And you have been still running your  
11 DuPage business as well, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Okay. Prior to having Detective Brasewicz,  
14 giving him an appointment time, you had submitted an  
15 application to the Lake County for your business  
16 license, correct?

17 A. Uh-huh.

18 Q. Okay. So you understood that you needed a  
19 license to operate; is that right?

20 A. Well, yeah, but I thought everything had  
21 been complete, and I thought just everything was done.  
22 I thought it was just, like I said, matter of course  
23 that they were just going to send me a license.

24 Q. Okay. You hadn't received that license by

1 the time that you scheduled Detective Brasewicz, right?

2 A. Uh-uh, I thought -- I didn't realize this  
3 was a huge process. I thought it was like Warrenville,  
4 they were just going to send me everything once it was  
5 all done.

6 Q. Okay. You never received any communication  
7 that it was all done that you were issued a license; is  
8 that right?

9 A. Uh-huh, correct.

10 MS. HELTON: Okay. Mr. Brown or Chair Hart,  
11 do you have any questions?

12 CHAIR HART: Yeah. So you applied in  
13 October, did I see?

14 MS. BROCKMAN: I think it was when I went in  
15 with Kristy. Is that when I went in for the first  
16 amount of paperwork? I don't know.

17 CHAIR HART: I think I saw a date on the  
18 bottom of one of those forms. I thought it was mid  
19 October. And then on another form -- oh, late October.

20 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah, late October.

21 CHAIR HART: And then there was another form  
22 that showed the lease, I think it said lease expires,  
23 but I figured it meant lease started. Do you see that,  
24 Jamie?

1 MS. HELTON: Yes, I do see that. That is --

2 CHAIR HART: Sorry about my dog. My son has  
3 COVID, so I am working from home.

4 Okay. So address of place,  
5 611 Rockland.

6 MS. BROCKMAN: Date of expiration, no, I  
7 meant --

8 CHAIR HART: Yeah, I figured, so I wanted to  
9 make sure that I got back to that. So that was  
10 probably the start of your lease.

11 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah. I misread that.

12 CHAIR HART: Yeah, that's okay. No worries  
13 at all.

14 So you were able to get in there  
15 probably on November 1.

16 MS. BROCKMAN: November 1.

17 CHAIR HART: And then took some time to get  
18 it set up. Okay.

19 MS. BROCKMAN: Correct.

20 CHAIR HART: The, okay, so the other county,  
21 well, you went through the town of Warrenville, it  
22 sounded like.

23 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah, just the town. I just  
24 needed a license through the town. You just send in

1 the money, and they basically just tell you, well,  
2 we'll send you your license. That's it.

3 CHAIR HART: Yeah. And, you know, and  
4 unfortunately like, you know, not everybody would know  
5 this because why would you, but different towns and  
6 counties and state, they have different rules, right,  
7 of how they do things, and so maybe they didn't --  
8 sounds like they didn't have to have a hearing when you  
9 were in Warrenville?

10 MS. BROCKMAN: Sure.

11 CHAIR HART: But that's something that we  
12 just require here in the county. I think that's due to  
13 maybe things that happened years ago. I can't really  
14 speak to that.

15 So if I understand correctly, you are  
16 saying that that's the only request that where somebody  
17 showed up to, you know, where you were going to give  
18 somebody a massage?

19 MS. BROCKMAN: The only one.

20 CHAIR HART: Okay. And I see at your office  
21 in Warrenville you have a connection with a  
22 chiropractic --

23 MS. BROCKMAN: A chiropractor.

24 CHAIR HART: Okay. And is that something

1 that you will be doing here? More out of curiosity, to  
2 be honest.

3 MS. BROCKMAN: Just me.

4 CHAIR HART: So but just word of mouth or  
5 whatever from other places?

6 MS. BROCKMAN: I've already joined the  
7 Chamber of Commerce for Lake Bluff/Lake Forest, so I am  
8 hopefully going to be working with the Chamber and  
9 hopefully maybe joining some networking groups to try  
10 to get business through networking groups.

11 CHAIR HART: Got it, okay. Thank you.

12 MS. BROCKMAN: I kind of like do things a  
13 little bit more legit, get things better, join the  
14 community and get things kind of built up a little bit  
15 better, get to know people in the community.

16 CHAIR HART: Got it. All right, thank you.

17 Sometimes in this, you know, we do the  
18 Liquor Commission hearings, the liquor licenses, and  
19 then we also do hearings, obviously, for massage. I  
20 just want to ask my -- the attorneys here, am I able to  
21 go into executive session with you guys to discuss  
22 this?

23 And, Julie, just so you know, for our  
24 liquor license hearings, I have some other County Board

1 Members who join me, there is three others and then  
2 it's me.

3 Oh, I do see executive session.

4 So and for massage hearings it's just  
5 me, so I do want to make sure that I am following kind  
6 of process. I have only had to do this maybe once or  
7 twice before.

8 So just to save a little time, what  
9 best way to do that, Dan and Jamie, to go into  
10 executive? We could go on a teams call and people  
11 could wait here, but I want to make sure we do the  
12 right thing.

13 MS. HELTON: I think if you would like, you  
14 can I believe go into executive session. But I think  
15 to do it properly, we should have Ms. Cechini send out  
16 a separate link so it is in compliance with the statute  
17 so, and that might take her a little bit of time.

18 MS. CECHINI: It's set up.

19 MS. HELTON: Oh, it is, okay, fantastic.  
20 Thank you, Kristy.

21 CHAIR HART: And I apologize for the last  
22 minute notice on that. I just want to make sure that I  
23 am -- anyway, sometimes it's a pain to set up those  
24 Zoom things, so I am glad Kristy had it set up already.

1                   So then they can stay here, right?

2                   Ms. Brockman can stay here, we can zip over to  
3                   executive, and then we'll come back.

4                   MS. HELTON: Perfect.

5                   CHAIR HART: And I didn't even see it come  
6                   up, but I bet it did because I heard it.

7                   All right. There it is. Okay, we'll  
8                   be right back. Thank you for your patience.

9                   (Start executive session at 9:34 a.m.)

10                  (End executive session at 9:46 a.m.)

11                  CHAIR HART: Okay, sorry about that. It  
12                  took me a minute to get back in. I just want to wait  
13                  for Dan to join us. Hey, Dan. Okay, thank you very  
14                  much.

15                  I did have one question, Ms. Brockman.  
16                  When I went on Google just to Google the business, it  
17                  does show that the Lake Bluff office or your Lake Bluff  
18                  site is going to be open this Thursday at 10 a.m.

19                  MS. BROCKMAN: I changed some of the hours  
20                  on some of it, but I don't have anybody scheduled right  
21                  now. I was just trying to change some of the hours on  
22                  my website and trying to change, like trying to change  
23                  things over in anticipation of getting a license, but I  
24                  don't have any openings, and I don't have anybody

1 scheduled just yet. I don't have any -- there is  
2 nobody on my schedule.

3 I am just open in Warrentville. I have  
4 been only taking people in Warrentville, so when he had  
5 texted me on 23rd of November saying do you have any  
6 openings, well, I was working in Warrentville, so.

7 CHAIR HART: Got it. And this could just be  
8 a Google thing. It just shows that, you know, it says  
9 Touched by Jules, and 611 Rockland Road, No. 2, it's  
10 closed, it opens 10 a.m. Thursday. But potentially,  
11 you believe, that's just taking your information from  
12 Warrentville?

13 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah, I mean, yeah, I am just  
14 taking -- I was just trying to kind of change things  
15 over and trying to anticipate opening and trying to  
16 kind of just -- I have changed my website to show I  
17 have got two locations, but I haven't opened anything  
18 yet, just to try to get things kind of set up and get  
19 things rolling, trying to get --

20 MS. HELTON: Sure. And you understand --

21 CHAIR HART: I just have one more follow-up,  
22 please.

23 So you have this location in  
24 Warrentville where you have been for some time.

1 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes.

2 CHAIR HART: And then you said, you know,  
3 the drive is getting a little bit long, so.

4 MS. BROCKMAN: 60 miles each way.

5 CHAIR HART: Yeah, so you will be closing  
6 that location then?

7 MS. BROCKMAN: Yeah.

8 CHAIR HART: Okay. All right. Thank you.

9 Go ahead, Jamie.

10 MS. HELTON: And, Ms. Brockman, you  
11 understand that today is whether or not Chair Hart  
12 decides whether or not to recommend approval or denial,  
13 but ultimately, the County Board will decide whether or  
14 not to approve or deny the license. So that process,  
15 there is a meeting tomorrow, but obviously, it takes  
16 some time to get the transcript and the record to the  
17 County Board, so the next meeting, I believe,  
18 Ms. Cechini can correct me, is February 8, so until you  
19 have that license, you can't operate.

20 You understand, right?

21 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes.

22 MS. HELTON: Okay. And I know that will  
23 take a little bit of time, but, you know, everybody  
24 appreciates your patience.

1                   So I do have a couple more follow-up  
2 questions, if I can.

3                   I want to clarify with Ms. Cechini who  
4 I think is present if she can hear us.

5                   Ms. Cechini, when was the application  
6 complete? Because I know that there are some time  
7 constraints, so the final paperwork was sent when  
8 completing the application?

9                   MS. CECHINI: November 30.

10 BY MS. HELTON:

11                 Q.     Okay. And, Ms. Brockman, I believe you had  
12 talked about some work that you did with the  
13 Warrenville Police --

14                 A.     Yes.

15                 Q.     -- regarding massage?

16                         Can you describe just generally what  
17 you did for them?

18                 A.     So I worked with the police chief to kind of  
19 get rid of all the riff-raff that's been in there.  
20 Because once they kind of come into town, they are like  
21 cockroaches. They just kind of invade everything. So  
22 there was eight unwelcomed massage parlors in town, and  
23 I went and worked with the police chief to help kind of  
24 tell them what they did and helped kind of work with

1 him to tell them what good massage was and bad massage  
2 was and kind of told them where they were and helped  
3 get rid of them and worked with them with the City  
4 Council.

5 I am very passionate about what I do.  
6 Massage therapy is a really good -- is a really good  
7 tool for health and wellness. I have been doing it for  
8 16 years. I have helped a lot of people, and I have  
9 brought a lot of business to Warrenville, and I just  
10 feel that you guys have an ordinance in Lake County,  
11 it should be followed. If you guys are requiring this  
12 for massage therapists, you guys should be doing this  
13 for all the massage therapist businesses in Lake  
14 County.

15 And if it's not being done, I am -- you  
16 guys should be doing this. I mean, that's why I am  
17 trying to do this legally.

18 Q. Sure.

19 A. I feel bad that I did that. I just honestly  
20 thought that was matter of course. I really thought  
21 that this was done. I didn't realize it was this much  
22 of a process. I really thought he was just going to  
23 send the license, I was done, I had everything  
24 finished.

1                   But I am very passionate about massage,  
2                   and I really felt so -- when I saw that coming into  
3                   Warrenville, it's so hard to get rid of. It's part of  
4                   a Korean mob. I mean, I had a cop that was on the task  
5                   force --

6                   CHAIR HART: And I would just stop,  
7                   Ms. Brockman. So I just, I am just going to cut you  
8                   off there, please.

9                   So the I guess -- because I don't want  
10                  to get into, you know, this idea that there are certain  
11                  ethnicities that are doing certain things, so I'm just  
12                  going to stop you right there, so there is that.

13                  We have authority over the  
14                  unincorporated areas in Lake County. We don't have  
15                  authority over all of Lake County. So I just really  
16                  want to make sure that you know that. If somebody were  
17                  to open up something in Highland Park or Lake Villa --

18                  MS. BROCKMAN: Nope.

19                  CHAIR HART: -- that's the decision for  
20                  those municipalities.

21                  MS. BROCKMAN: And they're in unincorporated  
22                  Lake County that you should be worried about.

23                  CHAIR HART: And that's why we have this  
24                  hearing, Ms. Brockman, right? So it sounds like in

1           Warrenville they just sent you something in the mail.

2           That's not how we do things here. We have a hearing.

3                       Okay. Sorry, Ms. Helton, go ahead.

4                       MS. HELTON: I'm sorry, Chair Hart.

5                       Ms. Brockman, the way that our system  
6 works is if there is a place operating without a  
7 license, then we don't know about it. And so it's a  
8 complaint driven, right? So if there is information  
9 that you have that there is businesses that are not in  
10 compliance with the ordinance, you can provide that  
11 information to the sheriff's office, and the sheriff's  
12 office will do, you know, a similar to what you did  
13 where they will investigate the matter, okay? But  
14 without that information, we can't investigate it.

15                      Okay. So if you have that information,  
16 you can provide that information, but it's really  
17 complaint driven. It's we have to have the information  
18 of where the businesses are located, and without that  
19 information, our hands are essentially tied.

20                      Okay. So if you have that information,  
21 you can provide it, and it will be investigated.

22                      I think Chair Hart can tell you that we  
23 take these, clearly, these matters seriously. And, you  
24 know, the sheriff's office can investigate that, so.

1 CHAIR HART: And you don't need to provide  
2 it right here. You can contact the sheriff's office.  
3 You can, you know, contact a County Board Member, and  
4 we will investigate it, but I just want to be really  
5 clear that there is no room for anything about people,  
6 immigrants or other people, I just really want to make  
7 it clear --

8 MS. BROCKMAN: It's human trafficking. I'm  
9 sorry.

10 CHAIR HART: Excuse me, excuse me. I just  
11 want to make it clear that that's not something that I  
12 will allow. Okay? Thank you.

13 Did you have anything else, Ms. Helton?

14 MS. HELTON: I don't, Chair.

15 CHAIR HART: Okay. All right. Thank you.

16 (Witness excused.)

17 CHAIR HART: So, you know, Ms. Brockman, one  
18 of the things that you said was to be a member of the  
19 community. So, you know, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff  
20 Chamber of Commerce, I can tell you that there is many  
21 businesses that are owned by people of different ethnic  
22 and racial backgrounds. So I know the people on the  
23 Chamber of Commerce, and they welcome people of all  
24 backgrounds, and if you think that there is something

1 nefarious going on in an unincorporated area or within  
2 the city corporate limits of Grayslake where you said  
3 you live or Lake Forest or Lake Bluff or anywhere else,  
4 I hope that you will bring that forward. You know, we  
5 all raise our families here, live here. We want to  
6 live in a strong and safe community.

7 So I will move forward with  
8 recommending your approval for a license.

9 As Ms. Helton said, we take these  
10 matters very, very seriously. And so a transcript, you  
11 will pay for the transcript of this meeting. The  
12 transcript, as Ms. Helton said, will be given to the  
13 County Board, and they will make the final  
14 determination, or I should say we, I have one vote out  
15 of 21, and they will make the final determination as to  
16 whether or not you have a business, that you can open  
17 your business.

18 But I can't stress enough how seriously  
19 we take these matters here on the Liquor Commission,  
20 whether it's massage therapy or liquor licenses, so I  
21 urge you very strongly to not open your doors for  
22 business until you do receive that license, if and when  
23 you receive that license in February.

24 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes, ma'am.

1 CHAIR HART: Okay?

2 MS. BROCKMAN: Yes, ma'am.

3 CHAIR HART: All right.

4 MS. BROCKMAN: Thank you.

5 CHAIR HART: Thank you. I don't have  
6 anything further. Ms. Helton, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cechini,  
7 anything?

8 Detective, thank you so much for your  
9 work. Detective Brasewicz is very busy doing lots of  
10 different things, and so that he had to take his time  
11 to drive to Lake Bluff, to sit there, to issue -- to  
12 end up having to issue a citation is not something that  
13 he necessarily wanted to do, and I sincerely hope that  
14 we don't have to take up our deputy's time or other law  
15 enforcement time to ensure that you are in compliance.

16 MS. BROCKMAN: Thank you, everybody.

17 CHAIR HART: Thank you. Seeing nothing  
18 further, I call this hearing adjourned. Thank you.

19 (END OF PROCEEDING)

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