

Amity Township Board of Supervisors
Public Hearing

May 21, 2025

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

The May 21, 2025, Public Hearing for the *Vincenzo's, D&P Brutto, LLC*, 1333 Old Swede Rd, Douglassville held at the Township Municipal Building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:00PM, by Chairperson Kim McGrath. The following were in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Kim McGrath, Chairperson
Dave Hackett, Vice Chair
Paul Weller
Terry Jones
Kevin Keifrider

STAFF

Brian F. Boland, Kozloff/Stoudt Attorneys
Steve Loomis, Director of Codes & Life Safety
Pamela Kisch, Township Secretary

A stenographer was present for the hearing. The stenographer's transcript shall be the official record of this hearing.

Mrs. McGrath turned the hearing over to Mr. Boland at 6:01PM.

Mr. Boland stated this was the time set aside for a Public Hearing to consider the *Liquor License Transfer Amendment* filed by Vincenzo's, D&P Brutto LLC, to permit an outdoor seating area and entertainment. Mr. Boland explained the original Resolution in November 2011 to approve the Liquor License Transfer set conditions of no outdoor seating or service of alcohol or no entertainment. Mr. Boland stated the application and revision was to remove these conditions, allow outdoor seating and allow outdoor entertainment, if their application for revision should be approved by the PLCB.

Vinny Brutto, Manager at Vincenzo's testified he submitted the application for amendment. Mr. Brutto stated they intend to have an outdoor seating area to draw more customers in during summer months where they have less business. Mr. Brutto stated they've seen an increase in popularity in this type of seating in the past few years. The outdoor seating area would be in the rear of the parking lot, utilizing 6 existing parking spaces and would be approximately 1,800 square feet. Mr. Brutto stated there would be a half wall in that area, roof and floor would be installed. Mr. Brutto stated the proposed outdoor seating would provide seating for 80 to 100 chairs. Mr. Brutto testified the restaurant's kitchen area and parking lot were sufficiently sized to accommodate the additional seating. Mr. Boland asked if Mr. Brutto has experience with outdoor seating in their other locations. Mr. Brutto stated patrons wait inside for outdoor seating to become available at their other locations. Mr. Brutto stated he has already contacted the PLCB and agreed to comply with any and all regulations imposed by the PLCB. Mr. Boland asked the Supervisors if they had any questions. Mr. Weller asked how many seats they had outside at another location. Domenico Brutto stated they have 120 seats. Mr. Weller stated it didn't look like that many. The Stenographer asked Mr. Brutto to

state his name for the record. Mrs. McGrath asked what type of entertainment would be offered. Vinny Brutto stated it would be with ambiance of the restaurant; a pianist or harpist, not rock bands or parties like that. Vinny Brutto stated he can't have any entertainment at the restaurant indoor or outdoor. Domenico Brutto stated entertainment of any sort is prohibited under the current agreement at the PLCB. Vinny Brutto stated the patio would be closed when the restaurant currently closes. There is no plan to change hours. Current hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 11:00am to 9:00pm and Friday and Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm. Vinny Brutto stated there is no sketch plan, as they wanted to get proper approvals before spending money to plan.

Vinny Brutto and Domenico Brutto were sworn in by Mr. Boland.

Mrs. McGrath asked about notice sent to adjacent properties or notice by footage. Mr. Boland stated notice was sent to adjacent properties only. Mrs. McGrath asked if notice was sent for other hearings by footage for smaller properties. Mr. Boland stated he didn't bring that Ordinance with, but the Ordinance was reviewed prior to notification being sent to adjoining property owners.

Mr. Boland asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Hearing none, Mr. Boland asked if the public had any questions. There were no questions.

Mr. Boland stated if the Board were prepared to approve it, they could do so at this time. Mr. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Hackett to adopt **Resolution 25-11**, approving the Liquor License Transfer Amendment, conditioned upon the applicant obtaining PLCB approval for the changes to their Liquor License prior to having outdoor seating, providing liquor service outdoor, and indoor or outdoor entertainment and the applicant complying with all Licensing requirements of the PLCB rules and regulations and all Township Ordinances as amended from time to time. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela L. Kisch
Township Secretary