



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Committee-of-the-Whole
Community Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
November 21, 2016
7:45 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Blackwood, Scaletta

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Liquor Applicant Alfonso Longobardi

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "A" Liquor License to Via Arenella Ristorante, Inc., dba Via Arenella Ristorante & Pizzeria, located at 1609 W. Campbell

Mayor Hayes asked Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula to present her report to the Board. Ms. Mikula reported that Via Arenella Ristorante & Pizzeria, located at 1609 W. Campbell (former Rustic J's) is seeking a Class "A" liquor license. The establishment hours are Tuesday – Thursday 11 AM – 10 PM, Friday 11 AM – 12 AM, Saturday 4 PM – 12 AM and Sunday 3 PM – 10 PM. The applicant is leasing the property and he does have his Basset certification. He was a manager at a restaurant in Mt. Prospect and there

were no violations there.

On October 28 the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Alfonzo Longobardi who is the owner/manager of the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding.

A walk-thru was conducted last week but the tables and chairs were not yet in place. Once they are in place Ms. Mikula will conduct a walk-thru to make sure they are in compliance with the submitted floor plan. Upon a satisfactory liquor interview it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a Class "A" liquor license and also this evening if the applicant does receive the Class "A" liquor license he's also seeking approval of the ordinance itself which is on the Board agenda for this evening.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Longobardi about his experience as an assistant manager at another restaurant. Mr. Longobardi reported he had been an assistant manager for six years. He has grown up in the restaurant business because his parents also had a restaurant in Arlington Heights. He has also worked in his aunt and uncle's restaurant. He has previous liquor experience from working in his family's business and he has never been cited for any liquor violations. Mr. Longobardi did state that he was not Basset trained while working at the other establishments but he has recently completed Basset training.

Mayor Hayes asked what were Mr. Longobardi's plans to have his staff Basset trained. He responded that they would be taking the on-line course.

Trustee Tinaglia stated he had visited Arenella's when it was located on the north end of town and when it relocated to Palatine and to Mario's when it was located in downtown Arlington Heights. They do an outstanding job with the food and he's happy to see them coming back.

Trustee Glasgow asked Mr. Longobardi to explain the lien against him placed by Capital One Credit. Trustee Glasgow further told Mr. Longobardi that being granted a liquor license is a privilege and not a right. He told Mr. Longobardi that he would like Capitol One to be paid in full before he receives his liquor license. Mr. Longobardi agreed to those terms.

**TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO
RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A
CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO VIA ARENELLA RISTORANTE, INC.,
DBA VIA ARENELLA RISTORANTE & PIZZERIA, LOCATED AT 1609 W.
CAMPBELL UPON PROOF OF PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING
JUDGEMENT/LIEN TO CAPITAL ONE.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Recorded by: Diane Staggs
Administrative Assistant II