

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
September 20, 2021 at 6:45 PM**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Bertucci Canty, LaBedz, Grasse, Scaletta, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. William Moran; Fred Vogt, Jr.; Nick Triantafillidis; Angela Garbis; Jesushiju M. Pereira and Hart Passman

A. Interview of William Moran, M.D. for appointment to the Board of Health – term ending 4/30/2024

The Mayor introduced Dr. Moran and said that he whole heartily recommends appointment of Dr. Moran to the Board of Health. The Mayor stated that they are expanding the Board of Health from 5 members to 7 members in the near future and they will have at least one mental health professional on the Board.

Dr. Moran stated that he has been a member of the community since 2002 and wants to serve as a way to help expand the understanding of healthcare in the community. The Mayor asked Dr. Moran what he felt was the number one health concern in the village. Dr. Moran said that other than the pandemic, he feels patients need the resources to take care of themselves and connect the different providers of care.

Dr. Moran was thanked by Trustees for his willingness to serve. Discussion ensued regarding working with the hospital as well as implementing an emergency preparedness plan and communication on advance directives.

Trustee LaBedz moved, to concur in the Mayor's appointment of William Moran M.D. for appointment to the Board of Health term ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Canty seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

**9 Ayes
The motion passed.**

0 Nays

B. Interview of Fred Vogt, Jr. for appointment to the Senior Citizen's Commission – term ending 4/30/24.

The Mayor introduced Fred Vogt, Jr. and stated that he had been the head of Public Works in Rolling Meadows for many years and now, in retirement, is looking for a way to be involved in the community in which he resides. Trustees thanked Mr. Vogt for his willingness to

serve and stated that the timing of his appointment is good with all the changes to the Senior Center and all of Mr. Vogt's experience.

Trustee Scaletta moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Fred Vogt, Jr. for appointment to the Senior Citizen's Commission – term ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

**9 Ayes
The motion passed.**

0 Nays

C. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Harvest Fresh of Arlington Heights, LLC dba Harvest Fresh located at 100 E. Rand Road, upon surrender of liquor license issued to this address.

The Mayor swore in Nick Triantafillidis and Angela Garbis and asked them each their role in the business. Both are part owners along with 2 additional owners, Patrick Serpe and Andreas Garbis.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that the petitioners were new owners for this location. They are seeking a Class B and Class T liquor license. The police completed background checks on all 4 owners and no issues were noted.

Ms. Mikula did a walk-through of the establishment on September 14, 2021. Ms. Mikula stated that the layout matched the submitted floor plan. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and T liquor license.

The Mayor asked Mr. Triantafillidis about other stores he is involved with. Mr. Triantafillidis stated that he is also part owner of El Barrio in Arlington Heights. The Trustees thanked the applicants for choosing Arlington Heights to open another business. Discussion ensued regarding the number of employees and management of the store. The importance of Bassett training was relayed and the annual compliance checks were highlighted.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Harvest Fresh of Arlington Heights, LLC dba Harvest Fresh located at 100 E. Rand Road, upon surrender of license issued to this address.

The following voice vote was recorded:

**9 Ayes
The motion passed.**

0 Nays

D. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to A & H Food Liquor Inc. dba A & H Food Liquor Inc, located at 921 W. Rand Road, upon surrender of license issued to this address.

Mayor Hayes swore in the petitioner, Jesushiju Pereira. Mr. Pereira is the owner of the business and will be managing the store.

Assistant Village Manager gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that the petitioner is a new owner for this location which was JNS Liquors. The location does have one liquor violation which was just heard at a liquor hearing September 20, 2021.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on September 14, 2021. Ms. Mikula stated that the layout matched the submitted floor plan. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and T liquor license.

Mayor Hayes asked about Mr. Pereira's experience. Mr. Pereira has 15 years' experience with a gas station that sold liquor. Mr. Pereira is Bassett certified and will have 1-2 employees, including possibly one from the current business. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the employee from the current business (JNS) that Mr. Pereria is considering hiring was involved with the liquor violation at JNS. Mr. Pereria indicated he does not recall the name of the person as they had just met.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to A & H Food Liquor Inc. dba A & H Food Liquor Inc. located at 921 W Rand Road, upon surrender of license issued to this address.

Trustee Bertucci asked if the motion could be amended until more information was received from staff regarding the individual that might be hired to ensure that the individual was not involved in the recent liquor citation. Hart Passman stated that a motion can be amended but, that further action on this item is to be taken on this tonight at the Village Board meeting. Mr. Passman further stated the Board should consider what they feel is relevant to make this decision. Mayor Hayes stated that he felt comfortable as he knew that all businesses that were cited were either getting additional Bassett training for employees or the offenders had been terminated by the businesses. Trustee Bertucci stated that after hearing that, he would withdraw the request to amend the motion. Trustee Tinaglia stated that he knew that there was some hesitation and he wanted the petitioner to know that they want to be sure he understands all that was discussed at the meeting and understands the liquor laws as they are looking out for him and his success as well as looking out for the community.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

E. OTHER BUSINESS – None

F. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.