

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:15 PM**

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Scaletta

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Bill Dixon; Assistant to the
Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Liquor Applicants: Kishan Thakkar for Megs
Liquors; Gary Shupak for JD's Q & Brew;
Rebecca Fahy for Youth Commission; Joseph
Geisel for Zoning Board of Appeals; John
Robinson for Youth Commission

**1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR
COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" AND CLASS "T"
LIQUOR LICENSE TO MEGS LIQUOR & WINE, INC., DBA MEGS
LIQUOR, LOCATED AT 1041 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD.**

Mayor Hayes sworn in Kishan Thakkar, owner of Megs Liquor & Wine, Inc.

On August 7, 2013 a background check was conducted on Mr. Kishan Thakkar, who has 100% ownership in the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. The applicant intends to purchase the existing business and all of its assets from the current owner and continue with the dba name of Megs Liquors. The landlord has provided the Village with a letter of intent to offer the applicant a lease. A copy of the executed lease is to be delivered to the Village following the approval of the liquor license to Megs Liquor & Wine. Upon receiving the executed lease, the Village will issue the liquor license.

Mayor Hayes briefly questioned Mr. Thakkar on his prior experience in the liquor business. Mr. Thakkar reported that he works for a gas station located in Fox River Grove that holds a liquor license. Mr. Thakkar has never had a liquor violation or had a liquor license revoked or suspended. Mr. Thakkar has completed BASSET training, as well as his employee.

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 "B" & CLASS "T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO MEGS LIQUOR & WINE, INC., DBA MEGS LIQUOR, LOCATED AT 1041 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD. APPROVAL OF THIS LIQUOR LICENSE IS EXPRESSLY CONDITIONED UPON PROVISION OF AN EXECUTED LEASE BETWEEN MEGS LIQUOR & WINE, INC., DBA MEGS LIQUOR AND THE LANDLORD TO THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO JAMS RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, DBA JD'S Q & BREW RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 286 W. RAND ROAD.

Mayor Hayes swore in Gary Shupak.

Diana Mikula reported that a background check was conducted on Gary Shupak, who has 100% ownership in the LLC. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In responding to the Additional Liquor Applicant Information form, Mr. Shupak answered that he did not have any judgments or liens outstanding against him. The background check disclosed a foreclosure and judgment. To explain this discrepancy, Mr. Shupak provided written explanation that he is in court with a house that is in foreclosure and he is reviewing a medical judgment of \$275 he had no knowledge of when he filled out the application.

The landlord has provided the Village with a letter of intent to offer the applicant a lease. A copy of the executed lease will be delivered to the Village following the approval of the liquor license to JAMS Restaurant Group, LLC. Upon receiving the executed lease, the Village will issue the liquor license.

Mr. Shupak has 22 years of experience in the restaurant business. He has never had a liquor violation, or a license revoked or suspended. Mr. Shupak has not completed BASSET training yet but all of his employees are BASSET trained. There are 15 employees, nine of which will be selling/serving liquor.

Trustee Glasgow questioned Mr. Shupak about his name change. Mr. Shupak answered that once he became a U.S. citizen he shortened the name. He did not hold a liquor license under his original name.

Trustee Glasgow asked about financing of two new business. Mr. Shupak reported that he sold his interest in other businesses in order to purchase this business. Trustee Glasgow questioned Mr. Shupak on why he said he did not have any liens against him when in fact his house was in foreclosure. Mr. Shupak reported that he misread the question.

Trustee LaBedz asked if Mr. Shupak was changing the menu. Mr. Shupak said that he plans to tweak the menu to make it perfect.

Trustee Blackwood asked Mr. Shupak how he discovered that the current owner was interested in selling the business. Mr. Shupak reported that a broker had informed him of the business being for sale.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FARWELL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO JAMS RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, DBA JD'S Q & BREW, LOCATED AT 286 W. RAND ROAD. APPROVAL OF THIS LIQUOR LICENSE IS EXPRESSLY CONDITIONED UPON PROVISION OF AN EXECUTED LEASE BETWEEN JAMS RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC, DBA JD'S Q & BREW AND THE LANDLORD TO THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. INTERVIEW OF REBECCA FAHY FOR THE YOUTH MEMBER POSITION ON THE YOUTH COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 4/30/14.

Mayor Hayes is recommending Rebecca to fill the Youth member position on the Youth Commission. Mayor Hayes feels her resume demonstrates her qualifications for this position. Trustees asked various questions and thanked Ms. Fahy for volunteering to serve the community.

TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED, TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA FAHY AS A YOUTH MEMBER TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 4/30/14.

4. INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH GEISEL FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. TERM ENDING 4/30/18.

Mayor Hayes is recommending Mr. Geisel for the open position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Hayes feels his resume demonstrates his qualifications for this position. Trustees asked various questions and thanked Mr. Geisel for volunteering to serve the community.

TRUSTEE TINAGLIA MOVED, TRUSTEE GLASGOW SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH GEISEL FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. TERM ENDING 4/30/18.

5. INTERVIEW OF JOHN ROBINSON FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 4/30/16.

Mayor Hayes is recommending Mr. Robinson for the open position of Park District Representative on the Youth Commission. Mayor Hayes feels his

resume demonstrates his qualifications for this position. The Trustees asked various questions and thanked Mr. Robinson for volunteering to serve the community.

TRUSTEE FARWELL MOVED, TRUSTEE TINAGLIA SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ROBINSON FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 4/30/16.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II