

**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  
September 3, 2019 – 7:15 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Padovani

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tommy Chanthabandith, Kenneth Kiefer and David Miller

**A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a  
Class E Liquor License to Triple 8, Corp. dba Gumari Thai, located at 170 N.  
Arlington Heights Rd.**

President Hayes administered the oath to Tommy Chanthabandith. Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that Mr. Chanthabandith has 100% ownership interest and that this application is a change in ownership. A background check was done and there were no issues noted. One violation was noted at this address in 2008 but there are no liquor violations by this owner. Ms. Mikula said the hours are within those permitted and that Mr. Chanthabandith is Bassett certified.

Ms. Mikula stated she did a walk-through of the restaurant on August 27 and the layout is consistent with the submitted floorplan. Ms. Mikula said it would be appropriate to issue a Class E liquor license to Triple 8, Corp. dba Gumari Thai Restaurant.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Chanthabandith about his restaurant experience. Mr. Chanthabandith stated he has not owned or managed a restaurant with liquor before. Mr. Chanthabandith stated his wife will be a manager and has had prior experience and has a Bassett card. There will be five employees and either Mr. or Mrs. Chanthabandith plan to be on premise.

Trustee LaBedz asked if the menu would stay the same. Mr. Chanthabandith explained it would depend on the chef. Discussion ensued on importance of Bassett training and number of employees. Trustee Scaletta questioned the time it took from submittal of application to getting the license. Mr. Chanthabandith explained that at first, they were going to see if they could go without liquor but that patrons were requesting liquor.

**Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class E Liquor License to Triple 8, Corp. dba Gumari Thai located at 170 N. Arlington Heights Road.**

**The following voice vote was recorded:**

**8 AYES**

**0 NAYS**

The motion passed.

President Hayes gave an overview of the Housing Commission stating that the Commission is made up of seven members. President Hayes noted that there are two vacancies on the Commission and stated he got eight applications for the Housing Commission openings and he personally interviewed all eight people. The Mayor stated that he looked at a number of criteria, not just one criteria, he also included in his decision the criteria of if they would be a good fit and what the applicants can bring to the table. The two chosen to be presented to the Board were picked on a variety of things including their background, their knowledge of Village issues and their ability to work with the group.

**B. Interview of Kenneth Kiefer for Appointment to the Housing Commission – Term Ending 4/30/20.**

Mayor Hayes introduced Ken Kiefer and explained that his knowledge of recent activity of the Housing Commission, knowledge of affordable housing and direction that the board wants to go all made him someone that the Mayor recommends.

Trustees thanked Mr. Kiefer for his willingness to serve. Discussion about Mr. Kiefer's background in affordable housing and his ideas for upcoming projects for the Housing Commission were highlighted. Mr. Kiefer stated that he has ideas but first needs to be orientated.

Trustee Canty stated that she would like to make a statement that will apply to both Housing Commission applicants. Trustee Canty thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve. She said she has seen the other members of the Housing Commission and feels that they do fantastic work. As a woman of color, Trustee Canty said it is important to her to share that she is uncomfortable at this point, 2019, with a board or commission that does not have any women or people of color. Trustee Canty said she will be voting no and she just wanted the candidates to know where she is coming from and it is not a statement on their qualifications or ability to serve.

In response, Mayor Hayes stated of the eight applications received, there were five women, three men, and no people of color. Mayor Hayes stated he has a sincere desire to balance the commissions. The Arts Commission he stated had the opposite with all women being on the commission. Based on the applications he receives, he considered gender along with other criteria. The Mayor stressed that he looks at the big picture and considers everything into his decision making process, gender being one of them. He emphasized that he will not put a specific gender onto a commission if they do not meet the other criteria. The Mayor stated that based on the eight applications he received; the two that are being interviewed are the two that stood out.

**Trustee Scaletta moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Kenneth Kiefer to the Housing Commission with term ending 4/30/20. Trustee Tinaglia seconded the motion.**

**The following voice vote was recorded:**

**7 AYES**

**1 NAYS (Canty)**

The motion passed.

**C. Interview of David Miller for Appointment to the Housing Commission – term ending 4/30/22**

President Hayes introduced David Miller. The Mayor stated that he was impressed with Mr. Miller's knowledge of the Housing Commission and background. Trustee Rosenberg asked how Mr. Miller how he felt his commercial experience would translate to this commission. Mr. Miller stated that from the economic end, a tenant is a tenant, commercial or residential. Discussion continued as to the types of developments taking place and steps needed to make successful. Trustees thanked Mr. Miller for his willingness to serve.

**Trustee Tinaglia moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of David Miller to the Housing Commission term ending 4/30/22. Trustee Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

President Hayes asked for comments from the audience. Peg Lane stated that she is frustrated as there is no information on the candidates online and no way to know what type of backgrounds they have and how they were found. President Hayes stated that a wider net was cast through social media and a good response was received, and as far as posting resumes online, this has been a concern so a survey was done of the surrounding 17 municipalities. Village Manager Randy Recklaus stated that the survey found 13 municipalities do not share resumes, three share with personal information redacted and one that does not share resumes even with the board. Based on comments received by residents, the board is reviewing the process. Mr. Recklaus pointed out that the resume is just one piece of the whole process. It is a volunteer position and some residents may not want personal information posted.

Melissa Cayer stated that she would like to see a paragraph posted on the website about each Board and Commission member, similar to what is on the website about each Trustee. She also said there should be a name listed for the Housing Commission liaison.

President Hayes called for a vote on the motion.

**The following voice vote was recorded:**

**7 AYES**

**1 NAYS (Canty)**

The motion passed.

**D. OTHER BUSINESS**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Tinaglia moved, and Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.