

**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
August 5, 2019 – 7:15 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tejash Patel, Saroj Kandurl, Leena Joshi, Nancy Frenk, Joyce Barabicho and Jeff Lanaghan

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T Liquor License to JNS Food and Liquors, Inc. dba JNS Food and Liquors, located at 921 W Rand Road.

President Hayes administered the oath to Tejash Patel and Saroj Kandurl. Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a package liquor establishment that had been closed for a couple years. There are 3 people with ownership interest in JNS. No violations have been noted at this address and no liquor violations by the owners. A background check was done on all 3 with ownership interest and there were no issues noted. The hours are within those permitted and they are leasing the establishment. Mr. Patel is Bassett certified.

Ms. Mikula stated she did a walk through and the layout is consistent with submitted floorplan and a copy of an executed lease must be submitted prior to receiving a license. Upon a satisfactory interview, Ms. Mikula stated it would be appropriate to issue a Class B and Class T liquor license to JNS Food and Liquors Inc. dba JNS Food and Liquors.

Mayor Hayes asked the owners about their work backgrounds as neither have experience with the sale of liquor. Mr. Patel said that they are software engineers working with businesses. Ms. Patel has had experience working at a Convenience Store in Chicago however, it did not sell liquor. The Mayor inquired about items to be sold at the business. Mr. Patel said that in addition to liquor they would be selling packaged items such as chips and snacks. The Mayor expressed concern over the fact that they do not have liquor experience and reiterated the importance of training and Bassett Certification. The Mayor inquired as to the number of employees. Mr. Patel said that initially the 3 owners would be working and then plan to hire one or two employees.

Trustee Scaletta asked what they envisioned will be the biggest challenge. Mr. Patel said that he thought since the store had been closed for over 2 years, the biggest challenge will be to get customers. They will be focusing on marketing.

Discussion ensued with questions about carding, number of employees at each shift and the Mayor stressed the importance of adhering to the liquor laws.

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 B and Class T Liquor License to JNS Food and Liquors, Inc. dba JNS Food and Liquors located at 921 W. Rand Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

B. Interview of Leena Joshi for appointment to the Arts Commission – term ending 4/30/22.

President Hayes introduced Leena Joshi. Trustee Canty thanked Ms. Joshi for willingness to serve and asked what would be the first thing she would like to do on the Commission. Ms. Joshi said she would like to get acquainted with everyone and understand what has been done so far. President Hayes asked why she was interested in serving and Ms. Joshi said that art is an important part of her life and wants to help it be a part of the community.

Trustee Canty moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Leena Joshi to the Arts Commission with term ending 4/30/22. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

C. Interview of Nancy Frenk for Appointment to the Senior Citizen's Commission – term ending 4/30/22

President Hayes introduced Nancy Frenk and stated she was recommended by many she has dealt with at the Senior Center. Trustee Padovani asked what she hopes to do by joining the Senior Commission. Nancy said she is interested in serving in her own community and working as part of a team in evaluating what the needs are of the senior population and assist with the need to identify resources. Trustees thanked Ms. Frenk for her willingness to serve and commented on her many qualifications.

Trustee Padovani moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Nancy Frenk to the Senior Citizen's Commission term ending 4/30/22. Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

D. Interview of Joyce Barabicho for Appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (hospitality) – term ending 4/30/21.

President Hayes stated that Ms. Barabicho has been working in Arlington Heights for two years and has learned what Arlington Heights has to offer and business related issues.

Trustee Rosenberg asked what Ms. Barabicho see as her role with the AEA and if she has attended a meeting. Ms. Barabicho stated she has not yet attended a meeting. She said that Michael (Mertes) reached out to her with information on AEA and she has reached out to other businesses to see what some of the challenges are. The Mayor thanked Michael Mertes, staff liaison for AEA, for helping him out in identifying candidates.

Trustee Scaletta moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Joyce Barabicho to the Arlington Economic Alliance term ending 4/30/21. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

The Mayor took a question from the audience. Keith Moen asked if non-resident are allowed to be on the AEA. The Mayor said that the AEA is an exception. To be on the AEA you have to own, operate or be an employee of an Arlington Heights business.

The Mayor stated there was a motion and a second and asked for a voice vote.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

E. Interview of Jeff Lanaghan for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals – term ending 4/30/24.

President Hayes introduced Jeff Lanaghan and explained that this board is a little different as they interact with the public and that he and Mr. Lanaghan talked about all the obligations as a ZBA member and looking out for the best interest of the citizens as a member of the ZBA.

Trustee Scaletta thanked Mr. Lanaghan and asked why Mr. Lanaghan chose this Commission? Mr. Lanaghan stated that with his background in development and land planning and the fact that he has been in front of many ZBA Commissions in many Villages, he felt that this was a good fit for him. Trustee Schwingbeck agreed that Mr. Lanaghan has an impressive background for this role.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Jeff Lanaghan to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 4/30/24. Trustee Tinaglia seconded the motion.

Mr. Moen asked if there is any way that the Board can post resumes on the Committee of the Whole agenda. Village Manager Randy Recklaus said that there is some personal information listed in some cases but that a couple options can be discussed.

The Mayor stated there was a motion and a second and asked for a voice vote.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Scaletta moved, and Trustee Canty seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.