

**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, AUGUST 5, 2013**

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Tinaglia

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Liquor Applicant: Mr. John Choe,  
President/Owner of Byul Bahm, Mr. Peter Lee,  
Attorney, Ms. Chung Hee Chung, On-Site  
Manager

1. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR  
COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "AA" LIQUOR  
LICENSE TO BYUL BAHM CORP., DBA BYUL BAHM  
RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 234 E. GOLF ROAD.**

Mayor Hayes swore in John Choe, Owner; Chung Hee Chung, On-Site  
Manager; and Mr. Peter Lee, Attorney, who were present for  
consideration of a "Class AA" license to Byul Bahm Restaurant.

Ms. Mikula reported that a background check was performed on May  
28, 2013 on Mr. John M. Choe, who has 100% interest in the  
corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal  
derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits,  
judgments or liens were found to be outstanding. Mr. Choe is a  
financial owner and has no restaurant experience. Because of this,  
Ms. Mikula asked that Chung Hee Chung, who is the on-site  
manager, be a part of the liquor license interview.

The Police Department performed a background check on Ms. Chung  
on June 20. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory  
information was found. In responding to the Additional Applicant  
Information Form, Ms. Chung did not disclose that she had a lien  
filed against her on June 2011. Her written explanation for this was  
given to the Board.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Choe to confirm that he had no previous  
experience in the liquor business or the restaurant business. Mr.  
Choe responded that was correct.

Mayor Hayes asked Ms. Chung about her experience in the liquor business. Ms. Chung responded that she is known as Helen, which is her American name. From 2005 thru 2008, she was a manager at Blue Fin Japanese Restaurant. She currently is not employed in the restaurant business. Mayor Hayes inquired if there had been any liquor violations at the Blue Fin during her employment to which she replied no. Mayor Hayes asked if Ms. Chung had completed Bassett training and she replied she had completed the online class a few days ago.

Mayor Hayes asked how many people would be employed at the establishment. Ms. Chung reported that she and two other people would be working. Hours of operation would be for dinner only beginning at 5:00 PM. The restaurant would close at 1:00 AM Monday thru Thursday, and close at 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. Mayor Hayes ensured that everyone was aware food must be served at all hours liquor is served. The applicants indicated they all are aware of this.

Trustee Farwell questioned the floor plan layout. Mr. Lee responded that what Trustee Farwell thought was a wall was in reality a booth. Trustee Farwell has concerns about only three people being employed at Byul Bahm and asked if business picked up, would they consider hiring more servers. Mr. Choe responded yes and that they would also be Bassett trained.

Trustee LaBedz asked if Byul Bahm would be strictly a restaurant with no entertainment. Mr. Lee responded there would be no entertainment.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Choe if he would be receiving Bassett training. Mr. Choe said no because he will not be working at the restaurant on a day-to-day basis – just on the weekends. Trustee Rosenberg said in that case he should be Bassett trained to protect himself during the time he is there and may decide to help serve alcohol. Mr. Lee and Mr. Choe indicated they understood.

Ms. Mikula stated the applicants need to comply with the following items:

- Need to get Business License through the Building Department
- Residential freezer must be removed prior to opening
- Staff can never say the kitchen is closed – food must always be available to customers
- Continue with Bassett training for employees

The applicants agreed to these items.

Mayor Hayes informed Mr. Choe, Ms. Chung, and Mr. Lee that Arlington Heights takes the Liquor Code very seriously and he would be very disappointed if this business were cited on under-age selling.

**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 "AA" LIQUOR LICENSE TO BYUL BAHM CORP., DBA BYUL BAHM RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 234 E. GOLF ROAD**

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Dixon reported that Trustee Tinaglia had emailed him last week to say he would be on vacation this week.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Recorded by: Diane Staggs, Administrative Assistant II