

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
August 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee LaBedz and Trustee Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Dean Walsh and Adalberto Huerta

A. Interview of Dean Walsh for appointment to the Fire and Police Commission, term ending April 30, 2024.

The Mayor introduced Dean Walsh and pointed out that Mr. Walsh comes with the recommendation of the Chairperson Lynn Szabo. The Mayor stated after his interview with Mr. Walsh, he feels very comfortable in recommending him to this commission.

Mr. Walsh said that when he was approached by Lynn Szabo to volunteer for this position, he thought it would be a good fit with his background in management consulting and that he has a history of volunteering and would like to give back to the Village.

The Board thanked Mr. Walsh for his willingness to serve and stated it is a challenging opportunity. Discussion ensued regarding the value of diversity within the Village and the police and fire departments. Mr. Walsh shared his philosophy that it is important to recruit in the demographic that is being sought.

Trustee Scaletta moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Dean Walsh for appointment to the Fire and Police Commission, term ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ, LLC dba Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ located at 286 W. Rand Road.

The Mayor swore in Adalberto Huerta, owner of Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ.

Randy Recklaus, Village Manager, gave the staff report. He stated that this is a new business in the location of the former JD's Q and Brew. The police finished a background check in July and there were no issues noted for the applicant, Mr. Huerta. There had been violations at the address in 2011 and 2012.

A walk through was done on July 20 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. Upon a satisfactory interview, Village Manager Randy Recklaus indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ.

Mr. Huerta stated he started working with TGI Fridays in 2005 starting as a dishwasher and moving up; learning how to run restaurants. Mr. Huerta opened his first restaurant in 2015 and now has 4 different restaurants. None of the establishments have ever had any liquor violations. He said he plans to have 10-15 employees to start and then will grow the staff. Mr. Huerta is Bassett certified and plans to offer employees Bassett training on site. For the first twelve months, Mr. Huerta plans to be on site at the new establishment.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Huerta for choosing Arlington Heights to open his business and for choosing to open in this location. Mr. Huerta stated people have been coming to the restaurant wondering when it will be opening. Trustees agreed it is good to hear that there are patrons eagerly anticipating the opening. Possible opening date will be August 18.

Trustee Canty moved, seconded by Trustee Scaletta to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ, LLC dba Blitz Sports Bar and BBQ located at 286 W. Rand Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS – None

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