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, JULY 21, 2014 – 7:45 PM

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Hayes; Trustees Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Scaletta, Tinaglia
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Trustee Blackwood
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Interim Village Manager Diana Mikula
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ms. Feng E. (Amy) Lin, Mr. Tao Yang, Liquor Applicants, Ms. Yanni Lin, Niece & Interpreter for applicants

1. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO A.M.Y. STARS FORTUNE, INC., DBA 5TH AVENUE SUSHI, LOCATED AT 138 E. RAND ROAD (ARLINGTON PLAZA)**

Mayor Hayes swore in Feng E. (Amy) Lin, Tao Yang, and Yanni Lin. Mayor Hayes informed the applicants they are to let the Board know if they do not understand something that is being said. The applicants stated they would do so.

Diana Mikula reported to the Board that the liquor license being sought by this establishment would allow for full liquor service at their restaurant located at 138 E. Rand Road. On April 21, 2014, the Village Board granted a Special Use permit for a restaurant to be located at this location and limited the number of seats to 66 seats. The applicants indicated they would comply with the Special Use conditions.

On June 13, 2014, a background check report was issued on the applicants who each have 50% ownership interest in the business entity. No convictions were disclosed and no lawsuits, judgments, or liens are outstanding. In addition, the applicants had a restaurant in Wheeling with a liquor license and no liquor violations were found.

On July 17, 2014, a walk-through of the restaurant was conducted by Ms. Mikula. She found the restaurant is still under construction but confirmed the floor plan layout is consistent with what was submitted as part of the application.

Mayor Hayes asked the applicants what their roles would be in the business. Ms. Lin replied that she would be the manager and Mr. Yang will be the sushi chef. There will be four employees hired, a sous chef, bus boy, and servers.

Mayor Hayes asked if Ms. Amy Lin was Basset trained and she responded yes. When asked if her other employees would be Basset trained, she did not seem to understand the question so her interpreter stepped in and explained to her what was being asked. Ms. Amy Lin stated through the interpreter that any staff handling liquor would be trained accordingly.

Hours of operation were discussed and applicants were told that food must be available at all times liquor is served. A modified menu is permitted after 11:00 PM. Applicants indicated they understood.

Trustee Tinaglia welcomed the applicants to the Village.

Trustee Sidor asked Ms. Mikula if we follow up with restaurants to see if they have complied with having Basset trained staff. Ms. Mikula said there is no plan in place to do this unless a sting operation is done, which we do annually. New employees have 90 days to get Basset certification

Trustee Sidor asked if we could go in to check for compliance that all employees have Basset cards. Ms. Mikula said staff could make this a part of the condition of their file and follow-up accordingly.

Mayor Hayes reminded the applicants that the Board takes the liquor laws very seriously regardless of a language barrier.

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 "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO A.M.Y. STARS FORTUNE DBA 5TH AVENUE SUSHI.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II