

**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
July 16, 2018 – 7:30 PM**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Blackwood, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula; Village In-House Counsel Robin Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: School Resource Officer Rick Veenstra, Ryan Crain

President Hayes introduced the Board and staff. Mayor Hayes asked for a motion to move the order of the agenda. Trustee Glasgow made a motion to take item B on the agenda first, motion was seconded by Trustee Baldino. All in favor. Motion passed.

A. Consideration of appointment of Ryan Crain to the Youth Commission – term ending 4/30/19

The Board reviewed Ryan's resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Youth Commission. Mayor Hayes asked Ryan why he would like to serve on the Youth Commission. Ryan stated he would like to see more opportunities for the youth and he would like to contribute to the community.

Trustee Sidor moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Ryan Crain to the Youth Commission with term ending 4/30/19. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

**THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE WAS RECORDED:
8 AYES 0 NAYS**

The motion passed. Trustee LaBedz arrived at the meeting.

B. Consideration that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the Village Board adoption of the proposed amendments related to truancy and electronic devices.

Randy Recklaus introduced two changes being proposed to the Village code that were requested by school resource officers. The first change deals with truancy. Mr. Recklaus said that what is trying to be addressed are situations where parents are knowingly letting children stay home from school and not calling them in as absent. The school and police department would like to hold the parents responsible.

Officer Veenstra explained there is a truancy ordinance for students but that many times parents are fostering the situation at home. Officer Veenstra said that they are hoping for parents to be held responsible in certain situations for truancy to help alleviate the problem.

Trustee Glasgow expressed concerns. Discussion ensued and Trustee Glasgow mentioned he would like more information such as statistics on who is being consistently truant; are supportive services needed and what do the schools offer before action is taken. Trustee Glasgow pointed out that he was not sure if the Village would have the jurisdiction to take such action being proposed and not sure if it follows Senate Bill 100. Trustee Glasgow said he would like to see this tabled for the time being.

Trustee Scaletta asked about the fine punishment. Officer Veenstra stated local court would be the first step and then the judge would decide if a fine was appropriate. Robin Ward explained the general penalty provisions from \$5.00-\$750.00. Ms. Ward stated that District 25 has ten or so families that go as high as 30-40% of absence rate and that is what they are hoping to address. Trustee Baldino asked if there are other municipalities that have ordinances like this on the books. Ms. Ward explained that there were and that is where the language for this came from; Mr. Recklaus referenced the Village of Schaumburg.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Officer Veenstra for clarification of the truancy ticketing process currently in place. Ms. Ward pointed out it would not be a criminal offense, it would be an ordinance violation. Officer Veenstra explained the current process and how if parents don't call in, officers must look for the child. Mr. Recklaus explained that the goal for the amendment is to add the ability to give the police and schools more leverage with the families that have chronic truancy.

Mayor Hayes pointed out that there seems to be a consensus for this to be put over for additional information. Mayor Hayes stated additional information should be presented at another Committee-of-the-Whole, possibly before school is in session. Mr. Recklaus asked for clarification of additional items needed. Trustee Glasgow asked to include reconciling with Senate Bill 100, information on what District 25 is doing now and how many tickets are written, backgrounds of those with chronic truancy to see if there is a cultural barrier. Trustee Sidor requested examples of how parents "willingly" let their child be truant. Trustee Scaletta asked if information can also be provided on School Districts 21, 23, 59 and 214, maybe even private schools, as well as Dist. 25. Trustee LaBedz asked if information can be provided on success rates of schools that have adopted such a policy.

For the second item regarding electronic devices, Mayor Hayes asked if there are any objections. Mr. Recklaus explained that alternative nicotine products are already banned, but they are starting to advertise some e-cigarettes as not containing nicotine, so with this item, Mr. Recklaus explained it as a way to try to be all inclusive so that kids aren't getting any type of e-cigarette whether it is billed as a nicotine product or not.

Trustee Glasgow moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to the Village Board adoption of the proposed amendments to 12-201, and 12-207 of the Arlington Heights Municipal Code.

THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE WAS RECORDED:

9 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS – There was no further business.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Glasgow moved, and Trustee Baldino seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.