

**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 15, 2013
7:30 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Sidor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Bill Dixon; Assistant to the Village Manager Diana Mikula; Village Attorney Jack Siegel; Director of Planning and Community Development Charles Perkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Applicants: Rakan Dababneh and D. Court Harris.

1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B & T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO R & F LIQUORS, INC., dba R & F LIQUORS LOCATED AT 921 W. RAND RD.

Mayor Hayes swore in Rakan Dababneh who was present for consideration of a "Class B & T" (package liquor store with tastings) liquor license at 921 W. Rand (former A&A Liquors).

Ms. Mikula presented the staff report for R & F Liquors. On May 28, 2013, the Arlington Heights Police Department conducted a background check on owner Rakan Dababneh 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 outstanding.

In response to various questions Mr. Dababneh indicated that his liquor experience includes working at his family's store in Glenview since 2008. He was hands on in the business and has never had a liquor violation. He is BASSET Certified and took the training in a classroom.

Mr. Dababneh indicated that he plans to work on-site assisted by 1 part-time employee. Various Trustees expressed concern about Mr. Dababneh working full days and nights by himself. Trustees noted that it is difficult to handle deliveries, stocking items, take necessary breaks and ring up patrons with only one person. Mr. Dababneh said he understood and will take that into consideration and hopes when business picks up he will hire another person. Future employees will be BASSET trained.

Mr. Dababneh understands he can't operate as a convenience store. If he has questions as to what can be sold, he should ask Ms. Mikula.

Trustee Scaletta indicated he would like to see a report at a future meeting about what can be sold at convenience stores and the prohibition of selling liquor.

TRUSTEE FARWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GLASGOW TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B & T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO R & F LIQUORS, INC., dba R & F LIQUORS LOCATED AT 921 W. RAND RD.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. INTERVIEW OF D. COURT HARRIS FOR FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION – TERM ENDING 4-30-14.

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Harris and indicated it was his pleasure to recommend Mr. Harris as a member of the Fire & Police Commission. Mr. Harris is a former member of the military and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The Board reviewed Mr. Harris' resume and he discussed his interest in serving on the Fire & Police Commission. Mr. Harris described his military career which includes being a Captain in the US Army. He also described his work as an Aide-de-Camp to NATO Afghanistan. More recently he served as a support operations and logistics officer.

Trustees thanked Mr. Harris for his willingness to serve and indicated that he is well qualified. Being a former member of the military provides him with the discipline and knowledge required to fulfill the duties of this commission.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, TRUSTEE TINAGLIA SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF D. COURT HARRIS TO THE FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION WITH A TERM ENDING 4-30-14.

Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.