

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
Virtual Meeting
June 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Edibaldo Herrera, Ayelet Barrera, Morcos Miranda and Tim Grodek

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order and explained that due to COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines, the meeting is being held virtually.

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Crazy Quesadilla Inc. dba Crazy Quesadilla Mexican Restaurant located at 644 E. Golf Road.

The Mayor asked the petitioners to introduced themselves; Ayelet Barrera and Edibaldo Herrera. Morcos Miranda introduced himself stating that he would be assisting with translation if needed. Mayor Hayes administered the oath to all three.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this was a new liquor license. This location has not had a liquor license in the past. The police did background checks on Edibaldo Herrera and Ayelet Barrera and there were no issues noted.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on May 28 and the floor plan was adjusted slightly to match the current set up. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Crazy Quesadilla.

Mayor Hayes asked the petitioners about their business model. Mr. Miranda stated the restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They will be open from 10am – 8pm and may extend the hours in the future. Mayor Hayes also inquired about the petitioners and their experience with Los Tamales. The petitioners managed the previous restaurant for 8 years and that location did not have a liquor license.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of employees hired and Basset training. Mayor Hayes encouraged that the new employees be Bassett certified in person together. Mayor Hayes and Ms. Mikula outlined the requirements if the petitioners do extend their hours for liquor service.

Trustees thanked all three of the interviewees for coming in and for opening the business in Arlington Heights. Trustees expressed the excitement of a new concept for the community. Discussion also included emphasis on being aware of underage drinking and overserving and the responsibility that comes with having a liquor license in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Crazy Quesadilla Inc. dba Crazy Quesadilla Mexican Restaurant located at 644 E. Golf Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Grodek LLC dba Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant & Pub located at 8 North Vail Avenue.

The Mayor welcomed the petitioner, Tim Grodek and administered the oath.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this was a change of ownership for Peggy Kinnane's. This location had a liquor violation, under the previous ownership, in 2019. The police did a background check on Tim Grodek and there were no issues noted and the applicant has not had any liquor violations.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on June 1 and the floor plan was adjusted slightly to match the current set up. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Peggy Kinnane's.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Grodek to explain his background in the restaurant and liquor business. Mr. Grodek said he has spent his entire career with the same company doing business as Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen in both Arlington Heights and Westmont. The Mayor asked about a liquor violation at the Arlington Heights location in 2009. Mr. Grodek explained the safeguards that were put into place to train staff and that since then, there have been no additional violations. The Mayor stressed that Mr. Grodek was not the seller or on premise at the time.

Trustees welcomed Mr. Grodek and his wife and thanked them for taking on the challenge of keeping up what has been started there and wished them wonderful success.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA Liquor License to Grodek LLC dba Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant & Pub located at 8 North Vail Avenue.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS - None

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, and Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.