

**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, MAY 15, 2017 AT 7:30 PM**

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Aleksandar Dupor for Shakou; Raul Zavala for Raul's Kitchen; Scott Rowader for Special Events Commission

**1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE
ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO SHAKOU LLC SERIES
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, DBA SHAKOU, LOCATED AT 70 N. VAIL.**

Mayor Hayes swore in Aleksandar Dupor.

Ms. Mikula reported to the Board that Mr. Dupor is seeking a Class "A" liquor license which permits the retail sale in restaurants only of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises where sold with a seating capacity at tables for a minimum of 25 persons for food service. Mr. Dupor is leasing the establishment, he is Basset certified and he also owns four other Shakou restaurants with locations in Libertyville, St. Charles, Barrington and Park Ridge. There was a liquor violation in 2014 at the Libertyville location by a bartender. The current address has had two liquor violations by previous owners back in 2002 and 2005.

Ms. Mikula further reported that the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Mr. Dupor and his wife Chrissy Dupor. Each owns 50% of Shakou LLC Series Arlington Heights. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found on either applicant. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. A walk-thru of the establishment was conducted with a slight modification to the floor plan to reflect the current seating plan.

Mayor Hayes asked for clarification on the floor plan. Ms. Mikula explained that there were four types of areas – the front dining area which has 92 chairs at tables, the bar area has 16 stools, a sushi bar which has eight stools, a waiting/dining area surrounding those two bar areas, and the back room has a lounge with seating at a loveseat-type seating arrangement. The total number of seats is approximately 154.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Dupor about his experience in the restaurant and liquor business. Mr. Dupor responded that his first restaurant opened four years ago which is in Libertyville. He and his wife have been in the business for 25 years ranging from

anything from Sports Bars, American menus, etc. The Shakou brand was developed about five years ago. Libertyville was their first location, St. Charles second, Barrington third, Park Ridge fourth and finally Arlington Heights. Each location is identical in menus and pricing but the layouts are different – Park Ridge and Arlington Heights locations are located only on one floor where the other locations have two floors.

Mr. Dupor stated he will be running the operation and will be hiring a general manager and an assistant manager soon. There will be around 30 – 40 employees and all will be required to have Basset certification within 30 days of employment.

Hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday: 11 AM – Midnight; Friday: 11 AM – 1 AM; Saturday: 12 PM – 1 AM; Sunday: 4 PM – 10 PM. Mr. Dupor is aware that a limited dinner menu must be available after 11 PM.

Trustee LaBedz expressed her excitement in having Shakou open a location in Arlington Heights. She asked if Mr. Dupor had an opening date set. Mr. Dupor replied that if things go well he's hoping for Tuesday, May 30.

Trustee Rosenberg asked what the restaurant's 11 PM menu would offer. Mr. Dupor stated that the back kitchen would close but the sushi kitchen will be open until the restaurant closes. Mr. Dupor said his hours may change. He is not really into the bar scene, he's more into the restaurant scene. Most of his locations close at 11 or 11:30 PM.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Dupor to explain the lounge area of the restaurant. Mr. Dupor responded that area is really more of a sitting lounge. Patrons can have dinner in the area or they can sit there until their table is ready. There is no bar in the lounge area.

Trustee Tinaglia complimented Mr. Dupor on his Barrington location and his success in the restaurant business.

Trustee Scaletta asked about the employee who had a liquor violation at the Libertyville location. Mr. Dupor reported that the employee was suspended for one week and there was a change in the training method used on employees.

TRUSTEE TINAGLIA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SIDOR TO RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO SHAKOU LLC SERIES ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, DBA SHAKOU, LOCATED AT 70 N. VAIL. Motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO RAUL'S KITCHEN CORP., DBA RAUL'S KITCHEN, LOCATED AT 2200 W. EUCLID AVE. (BACKSTRETCH KITCHEN)

Mayor Hayes sworn in Raul Zavala, owner of Raul's Kitchen.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula reported to the Board she conducted a walk-thru of the backstretch with Mr. Zavala last week. He is before the Village Board seeking a Class "E" liquor license, which is beer & wine sales only in the backstretch which is part of Arlington Park. The backstretch includes its kitchen which is primarily for those who live there during the racing season. Typically they have about 1100 people that live there during that time. The entrance to the backstretch is limited by invitation only or a special security key card to get through and there is a security guard.

The Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Mr. Zavala and there are no issues.

Mr. Zavala has previous restaurant experience. He owns another establishment in Chicago. The lease he obtained will just take him through the racing season that will end October 2. There was a liquor violation at this location by the previous owner back in 2014. Mr. Zavala has no previous liquor violations.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Zavala to tell him about his other establishment. Mr. Zavala responded that he opened his other restaurant last October. He started in the business by doing catering. Mayor Hayes asked if the layout of the backstretch kitchen had changed. Mr. Zavala reported that it had not changed. Mr. Zavala stated that he will have four employees and he will be there most of the time. He will spend about 10 hours a day at the backstretch location. His two sisters will be helping him – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One sister is Basset trained and the other will be.

Trustee Scaletta asked if Mr. Zavala served liquor at his other restaurant. Mr. Zavala reported that he did not but he had applied for a liquor license a few days after applying for the backstretch liquor license. All of his backstretch employees will be Basset trained.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Zavala if any of his employees worked at Arlington Park last year. Mr. Zavala responded no.

Trustee Rosenberg and Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Zavala if the hard liquor listed on his menu would be removed and he stated that they would be.

Trustee Rosenberg reminded Mr. Zavala that some type of food must be available during all alcohol sales. Mr. Zavala acknowledged that he understood.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LABEDZ TO RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO RAUL'S KITCHEN CORP., DBA RAUL'S KITCHEN, LOCATED AT 2200 W. EUCLID AVE. (BACKSTRETCH KITCHEN). Motion passed unanimously.

3. INTERVIEW OF SCOTT ROWADER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/21

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Rowader and he spoke about Mr. Rowader's 40 years of employment with the Village and how glad he was to see that Mr. Rowader wanted to

be appointed to the Special Events Commission. Mr. Rowader is very familiar with this Commission because of working with them during his employment.

Mr. Rowader stated that he was looking forward to being appointed to the Special Events Commission, and serving the residents of the Village.

The Board thanked Mr. Rowader for his willingness to serve the Village.

TRUSTEE TINAGLIA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT ROWADER TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/21. TRUSTEE SCALETTA SECONDED THE MOTION. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCALETTA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Reported By: Diane Staggs, Administrative Asst. II