

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
April 18, 2022**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee LaBedz

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Geogacopoulos, Steve Fotos and Arry Marwavos

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to Our Southern Kitchen, Inc. dba Southern Kitchen located at 818 E. Kensington Drive.

The Mayor swore in owners Frank Geogacopoulos, Steve Fotos and Arry Marwavos.

Village Manager Randy Recklaus gave the staff report. Mr. Recklaus pointed out that this is a new business at the former Eros location. A background check was completed in March 2022 on all three owners and no issues were noted.

A walk through was completed on April 13, 2022 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. None of the new owners have any liquor violations and there have been no violations at the address itself. Village Manager Recklaus indicated that upon a satisfactory interview, staff recommends the issuance of a Class A liquor license to Our Southern Kitchen, Inc dba Southern Kitchen located at 818 E. Kensington Drive.

The Mayor asked the applicants about their background and the many establishments they currently operate, 6 of which serve alcohol. Arry Marwavos will be at the Arlington Heights restaurant full time. Owners are currently in the process of hiring staff and there will be approximately 5 staff serving alcohol. The Mayor stressed Bassett training and recommended in person training.

Discussion ensued regarding the restaurant and location. The Mayor and Trustees wished the group well and thanked them for choosing Arlington Heights to open their new restaurants. Trustees stressed that Eros Restaurant which had been originally in that location was a staple in the village. There is a restaurant desert in that location so, having a new restaurant in that location is a real plus to the community. The owners mentioned they hope to open after Father's Day.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to Our Southern Kitchen dba Southern Kitchen located at 818 E. Kensington.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. OTHER BUSINESS – None

C. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Scaletta to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.