

**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, APRIL 7, 2014 – 7:30 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bert Rosenberg

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Bill Dixon; Assistant to the
Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Mirza Ganjani, owner of 7-Eleven; Sue
Swanson, License Consultant for 7-Eleven;
Brent Schultz, Business Consultant for 7-
Eleven; Paul Danko, applicant for Bicycle &
Pedestrian Advisory Commission

**1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR
COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" LIQUOR LICENSE TO
GANJANI ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA 7-ELEVEN #33876b LOCATED AT
1481 HINTZ ROAD IN BROOK RUN PLAZA.**

Mayor Hayes swore in Mirza Ganjani.

Ms. Mikula reminded the Board that on January 6, 2014 the Village Board amended the liquor code to allow convenience stores to sell package alcoholic beverages as long as the establishment is 2500 square feet in size. The 7-Eleven on Hintz Road meets this requirement and is the first convenience store to apply for a packaged goods liquor license. She then presented the staff report on Mr. Ganjani who has 100% interest in the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found on the March 24 background check performed by the Arlington Heights Police Department. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding.

Ms. Mikula stated that she had met with Mr. Ganjani, as well as Sue Swanson, license consultant for 7-Eleven and Brent Schultz, business consultant for 7-Eleven on April 2. She also conducted a walk-thru of the premises to specifically view the areas for liquor display and discussed the

liquor code with Mr. Ganjani. All employees at the business had completed a BASSET program called Come of Age. Ms. Mikula informed the Board that 7-Eleven requires annual liquor training and has its own compliance check program.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Ganjani to explain the Come of Age Program is that 7-Eleven uses to train their employees. Mr. Ganjani explained that it is an on-line training program and that each year they must pass this training test. Ms. Mikula verified that this is a State of IL certified program.

Mayor Hayes asked how many employees would be working for Mr. Ganjani at this location. Mr. Ganjani stated that eight total will be working with him and they will all be BASSET trained.

Mayor Hayes questioned where the liquor would be displayed in the store. Ms. Mikula replied that spirits will be stored behind the counter and beer and wine will be displayed in coolers and shelves towards the back of the store.

Trustee LaBedz asked about hours of operation. Mr. Ganjani explained that the store is open 24 hours but that liquor will only be sold from 8 AM to midnight Monday thru Saturday and 11 AM to midnight on Sundays. Coolers housing beer and wine will be locked after midnight.

Trustee Scaletta stated he appreciated the hours that the store has limited themselves to and that he was a proponent of allowing convenience stores to be allowed to sell liquor.

Trustee Sidor asked how they would monitor theft. Mr. Ganjani stated that there are cameras in the store. Ms. Swanson said that with spirits being behind the counter and liquor in the back area away from the doors serves as a deterrent also. Mr. Schultz added that with 7-Eleven being located in a more residential area the theft rate is very low.

Trustee Blackwood asked about sizes of liquor being sold. Mr. Schultz stated that they have a variety of sizes – 750ml but also larger sized bottles and some smaller sized bottles. They will comply with size limitations as dictated in the liquor code.

Trustee Tinaglia asked staff when the last time a convenience store held a liquor license in the Village of Arlington Heights. Mr. Dixon and Ms. Mikula stated that the policy had been in effect since the 1970's. Trustee Tinaglia said that this is such a big opportunity and he wants this location to succeed. He feels that getting involved in the community is important for the business. Ms. Swanson said that 7-Eleven has a staff member that coordinates this and she will get in contact with that person to contact the Village in order for the business to participate in community events.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" LIQUOR LICENSE TO GANJANI ENTERPRIZES, INC., DBA 7-ELEVEN, #33876b LOCATED AT 1418 HINTZ ROAD IN THE BROOK RUN PLAZA.

Trustee Scaletta asked if 7-Eleven has any plans to obtain more liquor licenses for their other stores in Arlington Heights. Mr. Schultz responded that they have no plans at this time. The other store they have is located on the south side of the Village and that store is prohibited by lease to obtain a license because of a liquor store already being located in that same shopping center.

2. INTERVIEW OF PAUL DANKO FOR BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION. TERM ENDING: 04-30-15.

Mayor Hayes swore in Paul Danko. The Village Board asked him questions regarding his interest in serving on the Commission. Mr. Danko explained to the Board that he had served as a volunteer route-tester for the Chicagoland Bicycle Map. This involved riding over 30 miles of roads in Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Elk Grove, and Palatine to evaluate potential new bike routes and verify the bike-friendliness of previously rated routes. Mr. Danko further explained that he is interested in serving the public with his experiences as well as learning from others about their needs.

Mr. Danko mentioned some bike problem areas he would like to address with the Commission once he is appointed.

TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LABEDZ TO APPOINT PAUL DANKO TO THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 04-30-15

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II