

**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, MARCH 17, 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, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Bill Dixon; Assistant to the Village Manager Diana Mikula; Assistant Village Attorney Robin Ward; Arlington Heights Police Department Staff Investigator William Kirby and Sergeant Richard Sperando

OTHERS PRESENT: Myoung Lye Joung, Applicant for Joung & Eom Corp. dba Hanshin Pocha; Attorney Sungwhan Kim; Melissa Silverberg for Daily Herald; Tim O'Connor for Journal & Topics

1. CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO JOUNG & EOM CORPORATION, DBA HANSHIN POCHA, LOCATED AT 1918 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD (CURRENTLY JINMI OK).

Mayor Hayes swore in Myoung Lye Joung, 100% owner of Hanshin Pocha. Mr. Sungwhan Kim indicated he is the attorney representing Mrs. Joung.

Ms. Mikula stated that when the applicant first appeared before the Board on February 17 the Board had various questions and that is why this interview was continued. Since then several items have been provided by Mrs. Joung's attorney Mr. Kim – an affidavit, copies of checks and emails that respond to questions that Board members raised at the last meeting.

Trustee Glasgow inquired about the two separate checks – one from Cosmos Plastics and the second check from Mr. Mo. Attorney Kim responded that Mr. Mo is a personal friend and Cosmos Plastics is the employer of Mrs. Joung's husband. Mr. Park is President of Cosmos Plastic and came to speak on behalf of Mrs. Joung and answer questions the Board may have regarding the check.

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. Andrew Park. Trustee Glasgow asked about his relationship with Mr. Joung. Mr. Park explained that Mr. Joung has worked for him for 10 years. Trustee Glasgow asked if the \$10,000 check was a gift or if he

expected the money to be paid back. Mr. Park explained that in the Korean culture it is common practice to loan money without payment terms but to fully expect the loan to be eventually paid back.

Trustee Glasgow asked about the relationship between Mr. Mo and the Jouns. Attorney Kim responded that Mr. Mo was a family friend and that he too, expects the money to be paid back eventually.

Trustee Glasgow asked what Mrs. Joungh was going to do to ensure that the liquor codes of Arlington Heights are going to be followed. He is concerned about her lack of proficiency in English and does not want to set her up for failure by approving this liquor license if language is going to be a barrier. Attorney Kim responded that Ms. Okrim Hwang was present at the February 17 meeting and testified that she is bilingual and that she will be a full-time manager at the restaurant. Ms. Hwang testified at the previous meeting. Ms. Hwang will be able to communicate with restaurant staff as well as with customers.

Trustee Glasgow indicated that his concerns regarding this petitioner have been satisfied. He reminded Mrs. Joungh of the strict liquor laws in Arlington Heights and that a violation can lead to losing her liquor license.

Trustee Sidor suggested that the Village consider translating the Liquor Code into various foreign languages. This was the sixth or seventh time that an applicant has come before the Board with a language barrier and the Board had to communicate with the applicant's interpreter. Mr. Dixon responded that this raises a policy question for the Board. Mayor Hayes responded that while staff will continue to work closely with applicants, he believes this to be the burden of the applicant to overcome issues or problems when seeking a liquor license. Mayor Hayes said he could see a FAQ sheet being created in different languages.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCALETTA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO JOUNG & EOM CORPORATION, DBA HANSHIN POCHA, LOCATED AT 1918 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD. ISSUANCE OF APPROVED LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE PROVIDED AFTER THE EXECUTED LEASE IS SUBMITTED TO THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II