

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
February 21, 2023**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Baldino, Canty and Schwingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Business Development Manager Michael Mertes

OTHERS PRESENT: Lucy Jochaniewicz, Terry Iverson, Kerri Oots and Ellen Para

A. Interview of Lucy Jochaniewicz for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) – term ending April 30, 2023.

The Mayor introduced Lucy and thanked her for coming forward to serve. He stated that he had been hoping to have a member from Saint Viator apply to help round out the diverse group.

Lucy stated that she was interested in serving to learn about government and hoped to help the community and people her age and to offer her Catholic viewpoint and morals. Lucy stated that she sees government roles as very useful and helpful. The Trustees thanked Lucy for her willingness to come forward and serve. Trustees commented on Lucy's impressive resume. Trustee Grasse asked what Lucy sees as a need within the community for the youth. Lucy stated that she sees the need for youth to have a place to hang out and meet. Discussion ensued regarding teens hanging out in the garages as well as remembering the different Teen Center locations that had been in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend Lucy Jochaniewicz for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) – term ending April 30, 2023.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

In the interest of time, Mayor Hayes asked all of the three appointees for the Arlington Economic Alliance to come to the front and to introduce themselves. Mayor Hayes thanked Michael Mertes for all of the great work he does. The Trustees thanked the three interviewees for their willingness to serve.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential of the commission over the next few years, especially as things unfold with the larger developments. Trustees highlighted that these commission members are the experts and were encouraged to roll up their sleeves and jump right in.

B. Interview of Terry Iverson for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Industrialist) – term ending April 30, 2025.

Mr. Iverson stated he is in his 43rd year of manufacturing with a family business in Des Plaines and is a resident of Arlington Heights. He believes it is his obligation to give back, especially to the youth. Mr. Iverson stated that Jim Bertucci asked him to consider this role.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Iverson if he felt that Arlington Heights has a strong Industrial corridor. Mr. Iverson stated that he feels there is a lot of potential for growth and many opportunities.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend Terry Iverson for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Industrialist) – term ending April 30, 2025.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Interview of Kerri Oots for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Hospitality) – term ending April 30, 2025.

The Courtyard South Arlington Heights is one of the hotels that Ms. Oots has in her role as Area Director of Sales. Her interest is to bring tourism back to this area as it was hit hard during Covid.

Ms. Oots works closely with Meet Chicago Northwest. She stated that now, following Covid, she feels that the different businesses are working well together.

Trustee Grasse moved, seconded by Trustee Scaletta to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend Kerri Oots for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Hospitality) – term ending April 30, 2025.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

D. Interview of Ellen Para for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Downtown Business) – term ending April 30, 2025.

Ellen Para stated that she opened her business in Arlington Heights in June, 2021 and is looking forward to learning more, networking and being of service as part of the AEA.

Trustee LaBedz pointed out that as the Downtown Business representative, it is an important role to as the goal is to keep the businesses thriving especially during all of the upcoming development. Trustee LaBedz asked how things are going as a business that opened during Covid. Ms. Para stated that since she opened her business during Covid, she does not know anything different as there was not a before and after.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend Ellen Para for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Downtown Business) – term ending April 30, 2025.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

E. OTHER BUSINESS - None

F. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.