

**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, FEBRUARY 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

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

**TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCALETTA TO
MOVE ITEM 2 - COMMISSION INTERVIEW - ON THE AGENDA TO
APPEAR FIRST ON THE AGENDA.**

**1. INTERVIEW OF AMY MAZUROWSKI FOR SPECIAL EVENTS
COMMISSION. TERM ENDING: 04-30-15.**

Mayor Hayes swore in Amy Mazurowski. The Village Board asked Ms. Mazurowski about her interest in serving on the Special Events Commission. It was noted that she has extensive experience in fundraising skills and working with sponsors. Amy has been President of the Arlington Heights Junior Woman's Club, oversaw Foundation fundraising and non-fundraising events and activities at Northwest Community Hospital and assisted in increasing donations and community awareness at WINGS.

**TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO
APPOINT AMY MAZUROWSKI TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS
COMMISSION. TERM ENDING 04-30-15**

**2. 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).
ISSUANCE OF APPROVED LIQUOR LICENSE TO BE PROVIDED
AFTER THE EXECUTED LEASE IS SUBMITTED TO THE VILLAGE OF
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.**

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 presented the staff report on the Hanshin Pocha liquor application. Hanshin Pocha will be taking over the premises currently occupied by Jinmi Ok, who received their liquor license on May 22, 2013 and had a liquor violation just over two month later on July 30, 2013.

On January 21, 2014, the Arlington Heights Police Department conducted a background check on owner Mrs. Myoung Lye Joung who has 100% ownership in the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding.

On February 6, 2014, Ms. Mikula met with Mrs. Joung and her attorney. Mrs. Joung only minimally conversed in English. For the majority of the meeting, her attorney translated questions for her and translated her answers. I expressed the importance of someone on staff being able to communicate with members of the public and Village staff at all times. This includes being able to ask for identification to determine age and being able to turn someone away. Also, someone at the establishment needs to be able to understand written material from the Village regarding rules and regulations.

A copy of the executed lease will be delivered to the Village if the liquor license to Joung & Eom dba Hanshin Pocha is authorized. If authorized, the Village will issue the liquor license upon receiving the executed lease.

Because there is a limited English proficiency by Mrs. Joung, Attorney Kim indicated he would interpret questions asked by the Village Board and the answers provided by Mrs. Joung during this meeting.

In response to various questions, it was communicated that Mrs. Joung has not had ownership interest in any liquor or restaurant business but that she managed some.

In Mrs. Joung's last employment at Old Village Korean Restaurant she was the cook, was the manager, and did sell alcohol. At Ding Dong Dang she was the cook only. At the Mundelein restaurant she was a cook only. She took the Basset course in a classroom and received the Basset certificate in 2011. She has never had a sale of service to a minor.

Mrs. Joungh anticipates four employees working at this establishment; a cook (herself), plus three others. She will make sure that anyone serving alcohol is Basset trained. She plans to be open for lunch, briefly close, then reopen again for dinner. She indicated she understands that she needs to sell food at all hours alcohol is served but that she can have a modified menu after 11 PM.

Various Trustees commented on the necessity to have someone on-site that is bilingual at all times. This would help to ensure that someone is able to ask someone for an I.D. and turn someone away if they are under 21 or over served. It was also noted that Mrs. Joungh has limited English proficiency and she is the one designated as the Agent for the corporation. How can the Village be sure she is able to properly convey and carry out the liquor laws of Arlington Heights and the State of IL due to her limited English?

Mr. Kim indicated his firm would represent the business affairs of his client and any communication that came in from the Village would be handled by them.

A Trustee indicated this would not help an active situation at the restaurant if a pressing situation occurred and Mrs. Joungh was unable to deal with it.

Mr. Kim indicated that there is another on-site manager, Ms. Chung Mo Jung, who speaks better English. Also, Mr. Kim introduced employee Ms. Okrim Hwang who is bilingual and speaks English.

Mayor Hayes swore in Ms. Okrim Hwang. Ms. Hwang indicated she will be a full-time employee at the restaurant and she is Basset trained.

Mrs. Joungh was asked if she would allow BYOB at the restaurant and she replied that she would not.

Trustee Glasgow asked various questions of Mrs. Joungh including her employment history, duration selling alcohol, affiliations with the State of Alaska and financing of the business. In the liquor application she is listed as the sole person of the corporation and that she is financing the acquisition of the business by "cash on hands". Trustee Glasgow further indicated that she declared bankruptcy and wanted to better understand how she was getting the financing for this business.

After speaking with his client, Mr. Kim indicated that she never lived or visited Alaska. She did file for bankruptcy a couple of years ago. Ms. Mikula commented the bankruptcy was discharged in February 2010. Mr. Kim further indicated her husband gave her the money for this business.

Trustee Glasgow questioned why he wasn't on the liquor application and if he is a financial backer of the business; the Village Board does not have information about him. Mr. Kim responded that it will be Mrs. Joung's business and she is 100% sole owner of the corporation. Her husband has a full time job and would not be a part of this. Her husband received a loan from a co-worker and they saved money to buy the restaurant.

When Mrs. Joung was asked about her interest at Ding Dong Dang, Mr. Kim replied that she was just the cook. The current Jinmi Ok owner is from Alaska and it is not clear on how the relationship came about.

After further discussion, Trustee Glasgow said he was not comfortable issuing a liquor license to Mrs. Joung. He has concerns with her ability to communicate and understand the liquor laws. He also is not satisfied with answers provided at the meeting. He further questioned her ability to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public in selling alcoholic beverages.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED TO DENY A LIQUOR LICENSE TO MRS. JOUNG FOR JOUNG & EOM CORPORATION DBA HANSHIN POCHA WHICH WAS SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FARWELL.

Mayor Hayes indicated that he also has some concerns about the applicant but that detailed questions were raised tonight of the applicant. Rather than deny the application, he would recommend deferring this applicant to a future date.

Trustee Sidor asked if Mrs. Joung would open up the restaurant without a liquor license. Mr. Kim replied that she would not because it is such a small restaurant and it would not be profitable without the ability to sell liquor. Everything is contingent upon Mrs. Joung receiving a liquor license.

Mayor Hayes stated that due to the various questions raised tonight, this matter will be tabled for two weeks or for the next available Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. It will be up to the applicant to provide satisfactory explanations to the questions raised.

TRUSTEE FARWELL WITHDREW HIS SECOND AND TRUSTEE GLASGOW WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Recorded By: Diana Mikula, Assistant to the Village Manager