

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

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Baldino and Trustee Schwingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus and Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: John Peterson, Jennifer Cantore Eichorn, Janice Krinsky, Frank Portera, Zadok Segev and Marco Chilelli

A. Interview of John Peterson for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) term ending 4/30/22.

The Mayor introduced John Peterson. Trustees thanked John for his willingness to serve and stated that his involvement in student council, track and his church will serve him well as other contacts for the commission. Trustees asked what issues John would like to approach. John said youth vaping and doing drugs is something he would like to see addressed.

Trustee LaBedz moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of John Peterson for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) term ending 4/30/22, motion was seconded by Trustee Scaletta.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Interview of Jennifer Cantore Eichorn for appointment to the Special Events Commission term ending 4/30/25.

Jennifer Cantore Eichorn was introduced by the Mayor, and he stated her family is very involved and rooted in the community. The Mayor asked Jennifer why she wanted to be involved. Mrs. Eichorn stated that she would like to make a difference in the community. Trustee Canty stated she knows Mrs. Eichorn from their children being in school together; she asked Mrs. Eichorn what she could bring as far as ideas. Mrs. Eichorn stated she hears a lot of chatter from the mom community but even more so, with her marketing background, she would like to look at the numbers and find what people are attending which events and where. The Trustees thanked Mrs. Eichorn for her willingness to serve and stated that with her background and people skills she will be a good match for this committee.

Trustee Canty moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Jennifer Cantore Eichorn for appointment to the Special Events Commission term ending 4/30/25, motion was seconded by Trustee Tingalia.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Interview of Janice Krinsky for appointment to the Housing Commission - term ending 4/30/23.

The Mayor stated that Janice Krinsky was originally interested in the Environmental Commission. When there were no openings, the Mayor and Ms. Krinsky discussed the Housing Commission. Ms. Krinsky stated she is interested in the Housing Commission due to what she has seen, especially being on the school district 59 board and seeing students that are homeless. Trustee LaBedz thanked Mrs. Krinsky for her willingness to serve and stated that she has known Ms. Krinsky for years and feels that she will be a good addition.

Trustee Grasse moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Janice Krinsky for appointment to the Housing Commission term ending 4/30/23, motion was seconded by Trustee Canty.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

D. Interview of Frank Portera for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 4/30/26.

Frank Portera was introduced by the Mayor who stated that Frank Portera also was interested in a different commission originally. Discussion ensued and Mr. Portera and the Mayor thought his skill set as an attorney would work well on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Scaletta stated that he had meet Mr. Portera before and they had discussed his interested in getting more involved in the Community. Trustee Bertucci stated that he has also spoken to Mr. Portera at events and feels very comfortable with his appointment. Trustees thanked Mr. Portera for his willingness to serve.

Trustee Scaletta moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Frank Portera for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 4/30/26, motion was seconded by Trustee Grasse.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

E. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Value Fresh Market LLC dba Value Fresh Market located at 450 E. Golf Road.

The Mayor swore in Zadok (Zak) Segev and Marco Chilelli.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. She stated that this is a new owner of a current business (Valli Produce), keeping the same liquor license classifications. There are two owners, Zadok (Zak) and Menashe Cohen. The police finished a background check in December and there were no issues noted. The police were not able to get a report from Waukegan for the store that is owned there. The owners do remember a liquor violation (sale to a minor) at the Waukegan store sometime between 2007-10.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on January 11, 2022 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. The ownership change took place prior to the walk through so, all alcohol was covered as they did not have a new liquor license and were not able to sell alcohol. None of the applicants have had liquor violations, there were a few violations at that address in the past. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Value Fresh Market LLC dba Value Fresh Market located at 450 E. Golf Road.

The Mayor asked applicant if there was going to be any changes to the business model and if new employees were going to be hired. Mr. Segev stated there are no plans to change the business model and the hope is to hire 5 additional employees. The Mayor also asked about Mr. Segev's background in liquor sales. Mr. Segev stated that he has been involved with stores in Waukegan since 1990 and has had liquor licenses since that time. A store was also added in Chicago which received a liquor license in 2003.

Discussion ensued regarding training. The Mayor asked Mr. Chilelli (on-site Manager) if he had been a part of the violation in summer of 2021. Mr. Chilelli stated he did work there at the time but, was not a part of that violation. Mr. Segev and Mr. Chilelli stated that a new policy is being implemented where no employee under 21 years old can handle liquor. Each cashier has a profile so, if they are under 21 years of age, the register will not take it and a manager would have to override. All managers will be Bassett trained. The Board acknowledged receiving a copy of Value Fresh Market's Liquor Sales Procedures sheet prior to the start of the meeting.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Value Fresh Market, LLC dba Value Fresh located at 450 Golf Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

F. OTHER BUSINESS – The Mayor asked if there were any questions from the audience. Melissa Cayer, member of the public, asked if the Building Permits can be put online. Village Manager Randy Recklaus stated that the status of individual permits can be viewed online. A lot of information is proprietary like builders plans etc.

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