



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Committee-of-the-Whole
Community Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
January 17, 2017
7:45 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Hayes; Trustees LaBedz, Glasgow, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Blackwood, Farwell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Hutchison

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Interview of Tom Hutchison for Appointment to the Electrical Commission - Term Ending: 4/30/20

Mayor Hayes introduced Tom Hutchison to the Board. Mr. Hutchison is a Master Licensed Electrician and has a business in Arlington Heights. Mayor Hayes said Mr. Hutchison is very interested in serving and has some good ideas on how to operate more effectively and efficiently in terms of the Village's Code Amendments. Mayor Hayes thanked Mr. Hutchison for his willingness to serve.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Hutchison how the Village could be more effective in reviewing the Codes. Mr. Hutchison said the last National Electric Code book the Village accepted was dated 2005. Every three years the National Electric Code is rewritten and the newest book is dated 2017. There are 65

pages of electrical amendments to the 2005 code book. Some of the newer technologies have made some of the amendments obsolete. Mr. Hutchison said Arlington Heights has about 60 pages of local amendments which should be cleaned up to be more accessible to builders and homeowners and not overwhelming.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Hutchison when the new Code is adopted if all the amendments that are in place go away as a result of the adoption of the current Code. Mr. Hutchison said it is up to the Commission to decide what amendments go along with whatever code book is accepted. Most municipalities should adopt the last book when the new book comes out. It gives inspectors and contractors time to inspect the book already knowing what changes to expect. Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Hutchison if most of the work he does is commercial or residential. Mr. Hutchison said it is split between commercial, residential and industrial. Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Hutchison how big his company was. Mr. Hutchison replied it is a four-person company.

Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Hutchison about solar power and its impact in the electrical world. Mr. Hutchison said that at this time states other than Illinois are doing a better job of offering rebates for residential solar panels. He said it is a growing field. Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Hutchison if there was a lot of interest in residential solar panels. Mr. Hutchison said there are companies that focus on it but not too many in Illinois. There is more business in neighboring states.

Trustee Tinaglia asked Mr. Hutchison how long he has been doing electrical work in the Village. Mr. Hutchison said he has been an electrician since 1992 and his business started in the Village in 2006. Trustee Tinaglia said he would like to see Mr. Hutchison clean up and sift through many of the Village's electrical amendments while on the Electrical Commission. Mr. Hutchison agreed and said he would like to do that.

Following discussion, **TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF TOM HUTCHISON TO THE ELECTRICAL COMMISSION.** The Motion: Passed
Ayes: Hayes, LaBedz, Glasgow, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.