AGENDA
Committee of the Whole
Community Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd
October 7, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Committee of the Whole Minutes from September 9, 2024

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and Class T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter& Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class DD liquor license to Arlington Lanes ENT LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue

C. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 Rand Road

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Village of Arlington Heights
Board Room

Arlington Heights Village
Hall 33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
September 9, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

President Hayes and the following Trustees responded to roll: Schwingbeck, Shirley, Bertucci, Grasse, Dunnington, and Baldino. Trustees Tinaglia and LaBedz were absent.

Also present were: Randy Recklaus, Tom Kuehne, Cris Papierniak, Mary Ellen Juarez, Lance Harris and Becky Hume.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Committee of the Whole 8/12/2024

Trustee Grasse moved to approve the minutes of 8/12/2024. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 Budget Ceiling Update Discussion

Mr. Recklaus introduced two budget ceiling topics which came up in the June Committee of the Whole discussion. First was the addition of a fifth ambulance and the timing. Second was the proposal to increase the property tax levy. In June, the Board directed staff to find a way to put a 5th ambulance into service for 2026 and continue to work to lower the proposed 2024 property tax levy.

The staff is proposing, in the first couple of years, additional overtime in the Fire

Department. This is just to get it going, not full-time/every hour. The 5th ambulance will be deployed during the peak times and days. The plan is for 100 days in 2024, 260 days in 2025 and full time by 2026.

There's going to be some additional maintenance costs with an additional ambulance, but we'll save some money in terms of the mutual aid call recapture. We'll still need about $1.1 million in additional revenue. The goal is to get this done with the least amount of taxes on the property side. So, we're suggesting implementing a new streaming tax. Over the last few years, as people moved away from cable television to streaming channels, revenues from the Village's cable franchise fees have been going down. The Internet doesn't have any kind of franchise fee, even though all the same lines as cable TV are used. We're proposing that a new fee be implemented in order to pay for a large portion of the new ambulance service. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be a modest property tax increase to cover the balance of the $1.1 million cost.

Mr. Kuehne said the plan is to implement the streaming fee halfway through 2025. We don't think we will need a full year's amount in 2025. Implementing it in the half year works because we really aren't sure what the monthly revenue gain would be for streaming and that would give us some time to get a number. The estimated $232,000 streaming revenue is a conservative estimate. The additional property tax revenue required for this model is projected at $170,000. In June, staff reported the property tax increase was estimated at 3.5% to generate $1.3 million. The proposed additional ambulance tax impact of $170,000 would be a very small amount. We wanted to make it clear that adding the streaming fee still wasn't a net-zero proposal.

In relation to the General Fund, health insurance costs are coming in a little higher than what we projected. Departments are working on their 2025 budget requests to meet the 95% ceiling of what the Board approved. We're still moving forward in that process. The Fire Department has said using overtime in ‘24 and ‘25 is something they can do on a temporary basis, but doing it year after year could cause burnout.

President Hayes said keeping property taxes low and adding services are competing interests, as noted in the memo. We want to keep property taxes as low as possible for our residents, but we also want to provide for the safety of our community and make sure that the needed services are provided. He said he was moved by the increase in call volume that we've had over the last year. We're 161 calls ahead of where we were at the same time last year. Emergency medical services account for nearly 78% of our call volume, so certainly there's a dire need, and he thinks we're moving in the right direction towards the 5th ambulance. President Hayes said he is in favor of the new streaming tax. He asked which other communities have a streaming tax. Mr. Recklaus said it's a relatively new tax, there are only a handful of communities that have started to do it, but there are a number of that are contemplating it. Right now, East Dundee, Bloomington, Evanston and Chicago have it.

Mr. Recklaus noted the infrastructure of the internet and cable exists mostly within Village rights of way. The money that was collected is kind of an acknowledgment that these providers are using our rights of way and should pay for the maintenance of it. Just because people are cutting the cord with cable doesn't ameliorate the costs of our rights of way.

Trustee Shirley asked if residents would have to pay both the cable and streaming fee. Mr. Recklaus said if their provider is a cable provider, that fee is assessed by them. So, when they have the cable and perhaps HBO, they are paying fees added on to their cable bill. With the new system, their streaming service will bill them 5%. Each of the streaming services would pay the fees to the Village. The fee would be charged by the providers on the residents' bills for each streaming service they use. The technology to do this didn't really exist to do that a few years back. Right now, residents who have cut the cord pay nothing.

Trustee Shirley wondered why we shouldn't implement this right away and bank the money against the property tax increase. Why wait until the middle of 2025? Mr. Kuehne said we're trying to tie this directly to the new service cost. If we were to implement it now, and reduce property taxes or do other things with the money, we wouldn't be able to pay for the ambulance service down the road. We don't want the revenue to get lost in the General Fund, so we are trying to make sure that it is being informally earmarked to support the new ambulance service. If we implemented it this coming year, there would be a surplus, and we would still require a property tax increase. That doesn't equate. We are trying to put off any tax increase we can as long as possible.

Trustee Shirley countered that it might be possible to avoid that exercise if we got the funds earlier. He wondered if his idea would co-mingle the funds by accepting those funds for other things where they are not attached. Mr. Recklaus responded that, essentially, if you get $500,000 this year, you have to find a place for it, and you're still raising property taxes, so that's the challenge. We were concerned about the optics of raising this as well as property taxes where we're generating a surplus.

Mr. Kuehne said our original plan was to have the new ambulance fee increase as part of this plan, but when we put that in place, we found our income and sales taxes were going down, so we had to use that money to fund regular General Fund services. We are trying to be careful not to miss this option. Trustee Shirley said he was for the additional ambulance and the streaming fee.

Trustee Grasse said she supports the proposal, saying attaching the additional streaming fee to a particular safety need helps with transparency for the community. Nobody ever likes to have taxes increased, but those who cut the cord have been avoiding some taxes. She said knowing that the fees will provide for an ambulance that benefits all of us is helpful. With all the additional apartments coming in, we may have to look at adding more down the road to ensure we have what we need for the well-being and safety of our community.

Trustee Bertucci agreed with Trustee Grasse saying that in general, the Village and global community has an aging population. We are also bringing additional apartments and more elder care communitites to town. It makes all the sense in the world attaching the streaming fee to this, as possibly those who might use the ambulance service often watch TV more. He said he was 100% in favor of moving this along.

Trustee Dunnington said ambulances provide a core service. She agreed it was the right thing to do.

Trustee Schwingbeck asked if we will have to purchase this ambulance. Mr. Recklaus said right now we have 4 ambulances in service, but we have 6 ambulances on hand because there are four main line units and two in reserve. Because of the delay in procuring ambulances, we actually have to start ordering them before our current vehicles go out of service. We have 6 on order, and the idea is to keep the best one of our remaining fleet as these new ones phase in. Ultimately, we will have 7. Ambulances cost about $400,000 and so we pre-fund those through our Vehicle Replacement Fund. It's going to cost us about $40,000 a year once we start this to begin pre-funding the next purchase. What we're committing to is 100 days this year and 260 days next year based on our peak days/hours. The goal is to get to 365 which requires hiring 6 new employees and that's the majority of our cost.

Trustee Schwingbeck said, with respect to Trustee Shirley, we've already got a plan in place to do this. He doesn't understand why we couldn't start January 1st. Mr. Recklaus replied we're concerned about raising property taxes and generating a new tax which will generate a surplus, so we're concerned about the view from the taxpayer's perspective. If we are applying these fees for something that's pending, it's more palatable. Trustee Schwingbeck said he didn't see a big problem getting this going sooner. Mr. Recklaus said we will not be able to implement the 5th ambulance full-time sooner than 2026, regardless of when the funding begins, because of the challenges of staffing it. We can't just pull 6 paramedics out of thin air. Trustee Schwingbeck said he looks at the streaming charge as a way to replace revenue from the loss of people moving to streaming.

Chief Harris said there are ALS calls and BLS calls. Advanced Life Support calls are more serious than Basic Life Support calls. It's very hard to determine how many of the BLS calls don't need an ambulance, where we're just going to pick somebody up (helping get off the toilet, falls, getting out of or into bed, or helping them get into the house when they're coming home from the hospital) we've had 317 of those this year out of 5,830 ambulance calls, so about 5%. He noted that 317 doesn't sound like a big problem, but we have taken action to use other services the Village offers. For instance, for residents who have called two or three times in a short period of time, we have a referral service through our EMS report through Image Trend that goes right to Health and Human Services. Lindsey Dohse or Erin Mercado follow up to address the resident's needs. It is working out well and reduced the number of repeat callers.

Trustee Baldino moved that the Committee of the Whole direct staff to outline a long-term funding plan for a new 5th ambulance service in the proposed 2025 budget. This plan will include the implementation of a new streaming tax in mid-2025 and a planned property tax increase payable in 2026 to cover the balance of the cost of the expanded ambulance service. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Credit Card Service Charges

Ms. Juarez said residents and businesses have had the convenience of being able to use a credit card to make payments and the Village has paid for credit card fees. In 2022, staff discussed passing on the fees to customers, but at that time the General Fund's financial position was favorable, so it was decided to revisit passing on the credit card fees in 2024. The fees are $225,000 annually. The credit card payments and the associated fees are for water bills, miscellaneous payments, business licenses and building permits. The fees are charged to the General Fund or the Water and Sewer Fund. Fees are charged on a percentage basis, so the higher the payment, the higher our fees become. Since building permits are costly, the Village limits credit card payments to less than $10,000 to suppress even larger fees.

Fifty-four percent of municipalities assess fees for the convenience of using a credit card based on a survey by the Northwest Municipal Conference. Our Tyler ERP software has an option which would allow the Village to designate Tyler as the credit card facilitator. This would allow Tyler to charge the customers directly a 3.75% fee or a $2.50 flat fee on any lower payment. The Village would not be involved and would not see any more credit card fee expenses. As more Village transactions are completed online, we will likely see an increase in our credit card fees. For that reason, staff recommends that the Village pass on the credit card fees to our customers utilizing Tyler as the credit card facilitator, saving the Village $225,000 a year. This action would allow the Village to eliminate the credit card payment limit of $10,000 since we wouldn't have to worry about the fees anymore. People who use credit cards for transactions over $10,000 will have another convenience. If any customer wants to avoid a credit card charge, they can still pay with a check, in cash, or sign up for electronic payments for their water bills.

President Hayes said this makes sense. He was struck by the fact that customers can avoid this fee by paying with cash, check, or electing auto payment. People can still avoid the fee if they choose one of those options.

Mr. Recklaus noted that a lot of residents choose to use a credit card because we don't charge a fee, and they get points back, they're kind of using our paying of the fee as a way to generate benefits for themselves. We are providing options for people to pay without the fee.

Trustee Bertucci said he agreed with this whole heartedly, noting that Cook County charges a fee for property tax payments.

Trustee Bertucci moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Village Board that the Board approve charging customers the credit card fee for payments to the Village by utilizing the Village’s software provider, Tyler as its credit card facilitator. Trustee Grasse seconded the motion.

Trustee Schwingbeck asked for confirmation that the Village would not receive any fees. Tyler would receive them and bill them as a third party. The answer was yes. He noted that for small charges, the fee is a flat $2.50. So, if somebody had a $10.00 bill, they would get charged $2.50. He said he was in favor of charging the fee. It is a common charge.

Trustee Baldino wanted it clearly said that to avoid the fee, residents have to link your bank account to the water bill payment.

Trustee Dunnington noted the average fee percentages over the last couple of years are lower than 3.75%. This percentage seemed kind of high. She asked if the rate was negotiable. Ms. Juarez said we asked, but Tyler has a contract with all the credit card companies, and they won't negotiate the 3.75%. They have to make sure that they're covering themselves to get all their fees.

Trustee Tinaglia joined the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment

Mr. Recklaus said every five years we evaluate our water rates. Consumption numbers are driven by our meters, and we’ve ramped up the replacement program in the last few years. We have a higher number of water main breaks per 100 miles of water mains than the American Water Works Association suggests is best practice. Back in 2015, we were spending about $500,000 a year on water main replacement, now we're spending about $4.2 million a year. Water mains have a projected service life of about 100 years. Ideally, only maintenance is required. Every year about 1% of them, are going to be too old, break and require replacement. The good news is we're at that 1% and it's a big leap forward from where we were a few years ago. The bad news is we're essentially treading water as we're replacing the old stuff, we're not catching up. These days we are averaging 80 breaks per 100 miles. Public Works is doing detection with variable frequency drives. We have brought down our water main age into the mid-50s.

Mr. Kuehne said we've made a huge leap since 2015, and it's been an intentional commitment for the last 10 years. Now we're recommending a new five-year increase of 2.75% + $2 million from the bond issue. The current plan includes spending $4.34 million on the program in 2025, and increasing this amount by 3% each year to account for cost increases. The good news, is that we are at a place where we can have more moderate increases.

Mr. Papierniak added the 10-year plan that we developed addresses water storage tanks and lift stations in addition to the water main issue. We're still playing catch up on the recent copper price increases. We're working together in planning our projects concurrently to get economies of scale together using as many funds as we can on these larger projects. He wanted to ensure the Board was aware that this modest increase accounts for all of our future needs over the next 10 years.

Mr. Kuehne continued, saying, to make sure that we're actually billing properly, we're trying to be more accurate with our large commercial meters, which are the heavier users, as well as the 18,000 residential meters. All those are being replaced aggressively over the next two years to make sure we're accurately accounting for the water we're providing. The percent billed has gone down quite a bit over the years and that's primarily due to the water meters slowing down. We're currently at around 79%. As we change out the meters over the next two years, on a conservative basis we figure we can get up to 85%. We built that in, even before applying any water and sewer rate changes. People are going to pay for the water that they actually use.

Staff completed a water and sewer rate study to compare ourselves to other communities, and we're in the lower third of communities in terms of our combined water and sewer rate. We're at $10.61. Currently, the average is $12.48 per 1000 gallons. Staff is recommending a 2.75% increase, which equates to an increase in 2025 to $10.90. By 2029 the rate would be $12.15 per 1000 gallons, still well below the current average. We can all assume that the other towns are going to be raising their rates between now and 2029 too. We think it's a conservative plan.

Mr. Recklaus added that sometimes we hear from the public that our reserves are too high. He thinks it's important to note, this plan brings down our reserves closer to what we think an appropriate level should be. We don't want to go into the next cycle in a deficit, but we can rely on reserves somewhat.

President Hayes said he thinks this also makes sense and is a reasonable recommendation.

Trustee Tinaglia asked if we're at 79% right now, it's reasonable to get 85% and what kind of increase could a person expect to notice. Mr. Kuehne said there are a couple of things. Not each person will see a 7% increase. It depends on how well their meter held up. Our experience is limited, as the transition began in March, but we've noticed that some meters are worse than others. Some people are noticing it and other people aren't. Some people will be higher than 7% and some people lower.

Mr. Recklaus agreed saying some homes have the rare perfectly functioning old meter that's getting replaced. For others, it may be way off. It's important to note that for people whose meters are way off they've been getting free water, so this is not unfair. Mr. Kuehne said we've gotten some calls from folks that are a little surprised about their increase, and we try to handle all that at a staff level. The average increase for a water bill is about $7.

Trustee Grasse said she sees quite a significant difference from 2005 to now just in the gallons pumped and gallons sold. Is it just the meters? Mr. Papierniak said one of the complicating factors is that we're taking the water from the Commission to four different sites. That's where our measurement comes in, so we're guessing upon delivery and discharge every single time. The benefit of the new meters is now that we have better numbers, we can see what is coming in and going out. Now, we can literally just press ready, and we can instantaneously read any section of any meter route or the entire town. We're going to be able to audit our readings. The numbers will be better and our meter accuracy will be better as well. There are a lot of benefits from this program. Mr. Kuehne added that the meters were last changed in 2004 and 2005, and you can see that is when we had a big uptick.

Trustee Grasse asked if we offered residents ideas on how to reduce their usage. Mr. Papierniak said the water department team encourages people to safely use their water and will advise and check to see if they're losing any water. Trustee Grasse said this was a trick question as she has seen staff do that. She thinks it’s a great service that we provide.

Trustee Shirley noted that with efficiencies in fixtures and higher rates, the gallons pumped and sold is lower than in years past. Mr. Papierniak said the average used to be 125 gals per person per day. It’s closer to 85 now. Mr. Recklaus added that our population has even gone up.

Trustee Dunnington wondered if a tiered system would be appropriate for Arlington Heights. Mr. Recklaus said staff looked at that, and our ten highest water-consuming customers are all generally medical uses, like the hospital, or they are apartment buildings. So, the question would be would we want to raise rates higher for the apartment buildings? Essentially, those fees are passed on to the renters. A lot of towns that have done the variable rates do so when there are heavy industrial users because there are certain industrial processes that use a lot of water. We're not seeing that type of water use in the Village.

Trustee Dunnington noted that our storm sewer charge is $6.25 per month, which seems higher than other towns. What is included in that? Mr. Recklaus said around 2015, there was a series of studies done on the sewer systems. There were a number of projects identified in the community that needed to be funded to eliminate flooding areas. We've had a lot of success and are just about rounding out the last couple of major projects on that list. We still have debt to pay off, but we have seen a significant drop-off in problems, so it's been a successful program.

Trustee Schwingbeck asked if it is known when there is a water main break and how much water is lost. Mr. Papierniak said, as a whole, about 3% of usage is not counted for things like water fountains in the parks or Fire Department testing. He enumerated the ways staff is better addressing leakage issues and determining losses. Records are being kept so we can have better numbers. Trustee Schwingbeck asked if we are dependent on residents to notify us or if technology is helpful. Mr. Papierniak said it depends. Terrible ones we know right away because the towers drop. We are notified immediately in that case. The small leaks and small breaks are being addressed by our aggressive annual leak detection program. We try to find those before they become active. Right now, we don't have any sounding devices.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Village Board that the Board approve a 5- year water and sewer rate increase of two- and three-quarter percent per year from 2025 to 2029. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

D. Proposed Solar Panel Installation at Public Works Garage - Discussion

Mr. Papierniak introduced Grace Rasmussen from Verde Solutions, the proposed provider of a solar panel system for the roof of Public Works. Mr. Papierniak said the Public Works roof has 88,000 square feet that can accommodate over 800 solar panels. They are currently replacing the roof right now. Solar panels add weight to the roof, which limits their use on many existing buildings. The Public Works garage has a strong base, and the new roof can withstand the additional weight. Historically, state and federal incentives were only tax rebates and that limited the number of opportunities for municipalities. With the Inflation Reduction Act, direct payment to municipalities became viable, allowing us to recoup 90% of our costs. The solar panels are designed to connect to the water pumping station so, it will not impact our franchise agreement with ComEd. This installation would also reduce utility costs for the Water and Sewer Fund.

Ms. Rasmussen described the structure of the installation. There will be about 861 solar panels on the roof which equates to a capacity of 503 kilowatts. Our current consumption is 608,945 kWh a year. She said the offset ratio to our current utility consumption from the panels should 101% during the first year. We should save 9.4 cents per kWh. The avoided utility cost is calculated by combining solar production data. During the winter months, solar production isn't as high. Then, during the summer, production is quite high, the roof overproduces and the credits are banked with ComEd. Additionally, the avoided utility costs are factored in with the well interval data from ComEd, so every half hour of kilowatt demand is recorded and factored into their analysis. Finally, all of that is averaged over the 30-minute intervals for the entire year and that is the 9.4% average.

The system's cost is $1.2 million. This will be paid over a typical construction milestone completion schedule. After the grants and incentives are applied, our total investment would be $129,934. Incentives are from: Smart Inverter Incentive, Illinois Shines, and Direct Pay-Investment Tax Credit. The internal rate of return is 15.7%. Electrical savings are $57,000 in the first year of the payback period. There is an estimated utility inflation rate of 4% per year so this rate escalates each year. By year 30, we would be at about $153,000. Mr. Papierniak detailed the grant payback timeframe. He also described the ownership possibilities of outside entities which work with Verde.

Staff is recommending that Arlington Heights own, operate and maintain the system. In this scenario, the village is responsible for the maintenance and eventual removal of the panels. Maintenance is minimal and the removal costs are estimated to be $184,000.

Trustee Shirley asked if the installation would go out to bid, and who would be guaranteeing the work, warranty, and equipment. Mr. Papierniak said this came from a request to design/build. We would have a contract with Verde for the project. The warranties for the inverters, panels, and the structure will come from the manufacturers. Verde has been in business since 2012. Trustee Shirley said many solar companies have gone out of business. He wanted it to be known that there are risks associated. He said he sees the savings and is okay with the proposal. Trustee Shirley asked about the losses from dirt.

Mr. Papierniak said the Village's losses would not be the same as those from a desert area. We're rewarded with rain which washes off the panels. What was presented is the national standard. We expect to see much less than that based on 20 years of historical weather data. Trustee Shirley asked about the degradation rate at .5% per year. At the end of the 30 years, the panels would be 15% less efficient than when they're first installed. Mr. Papierniak said yes. If it's more than that, the variant covers the difference. We will be covered by the manufacturer.

Trustee Tinaglia asked how long the new roof would last. The answer was 30 years, the same as the warranty for the solar infrastructure. Trustee Tinaglia asked what will happen 30 years from now? Mr. Papierniak responded that with a Power Purchase Agreement, we would have the company come back. They would be required to either sell it to us for a reduced rate, remove the panels, or extend the time frame with us owning it at 85%. The panels will take on a significant portion of the abuse on the roof and will produce solar energy, reducing the wear on the roof. If we project that out at the 30-year time frame, we're still seeing significant savings.

Trustee Tinaglia asked about the punctures in the roof to mount the system. He was concerned that the roof was going to leak. Mr. Papierniak said there are not penetrations everywhere. There's going to be some number of penetrations for transmission of energy through the system, but the amount of penetration will be insignificant. Ms. Rasmussen said the racks are held down on top of the roof. Trustee Tinaglia asked if it's going to be cost prohibitive to remove and get rid of if we don't like it. Mr. Papierniak said everyone was in these discussions (building maintenance staff and roofing contractors) to make sure that all avenues were covered. Also, it doesn't all have to be built at once to get the warranty.

Trustee Bertucci noted that PW was due for roof replacement. Mr. Papierniak said it was placed in the 5-year capital improvement plan in 2018. It was supposed to be done more quickly, but then the strategic priority to evaluate solar panels within sustainable measures was developed. So, we did some maintenance to prolong the life of the roof. Trustee Bertucci asked for the difference between what was reserved versus what we would spend. Mr. Papierniak said he still had $500,000 in his budget. Mr. Kuehne said there are reserves in the Capital Projects Fund to cover the rest. Trustee Bertucci wanted to understand where the money was held, what was in reserve, and when the actual bills were due that we will have to pay. Mr. Papierniak said the roof itself is being built now, so that it will be done in about four weeks. Then we'll have about $500,000 in roof replacement capital program for 2024 remaining. We met with Finance, and they were in agreement that it makes sense financially for the Village to pay upfront and then access savings from the grants and incentives along the way.

Trustee Bertucci asked how we are doing in general with our capital funding and our engineering assessments. Are we on track for most things? Mr. Papierniak said he thinks we're covered as we've been aggressive on all of our capital projects. There may be a couple of surprises on masonry replacement repair, but all is within budget. So far, he's been pretty happy with our planning as well as what we're seeing.

Trustee Dunnington moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend to the Village Board that the Board approve the Village's purchase and installation of solar panels on the Public Works garage through a design-build contract with Verde Solutions at an estimated cost of $1.2 million and that staff secure any eligible federal or state incentives outside of portion of this cost. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

Mr. Recklaus clarified that the motion contemplates the cash option, which is the staff recommendation.

Trustee Schwingbeck said we're going to lay out that $1.19 million, but it's going to basically cost us about $129,000 to pull this off. Are we now responsible for the maintenance of this equipment? Mr. Papierniak said yes. The cost of that is roughly $5,000 to $10,000 per year. We can accommodate in house, because mostly, it is just looking at the panels and bolts. Based on the current workload, he's planning on budgeting that. We will make sure not to do any maintenance that jeopardizes the warranty. There's some importance to get this account now to take advantage of the initial energy community bonus.

Trustee Baldino said he too wanted to make sure that this wouldn't place a burden on Public Works. He said he was gratified to see that the payback was anywhere from 7 to 10 years. That appears to be cut in half. There are a lot of benefits beyond just the benefits to the taxpayer's money.

The motion was called and passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Trustee Tinaglia moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Becky Hume
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

INC. 1887

Committee of the Whole
10/7/2024

Item:	Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and Class T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter& Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen
Department:	Integrated Services

Item Description:

Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and Class T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter& Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bitter and Sweet

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
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Date:	October 4, 2024
To:	Thomas W. Hayes, Liquor Control Commissioner
From:	Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager
Subject:	Liquor License Interview: Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter & Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen

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At the September 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, Janine Durbin, Director, will be interviewed for a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and Class T liquor license for Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter & Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen. This is a new liquor license at this address.

Liquor Classification:	Class "B" authorizes the retail sale of alcoholic liquor but not for consumption on the premises where sold. Class "B/BB Supplemental" authorizes retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises, by holders of a Class "B" or "BB" when part of an educational class. Class "T" permits the bona fide tasting of alcoholic liquor in connection with the sale of alcoholic liquor in its original package to holders of a Class B or BB license.
Establishment Liquor Hours:	Monday – Sunday 11:00 am to 10:00 pm
Lease or Ownership:	Leased
Basset Certification:	Yes
Address Violations:	None
Applicant Liquor Sales Related Violations:	None

In January 2024, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Janine Durbin, Director and Scott Sanaghan, Director. No issues were noted.

On October 2, 2024, a walk through was conducted. The floor plan reflected what was observed on site. Upon a satisfactory liquor interview, it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and Class T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter & Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen.

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
INC. 1887

Committee of the Whole
10/7/2024

Item: Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class DD liquor license to Arlington Lanes ENT LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class DD liquor license to Arlington Lanes ENT LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Arlington Lanes

Date: October 4, 2024

To: Thomas W. Hayes, Liquor Control Commissioner

From: Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager

Subject: Liquor License Interview: Arlington Lanes Ent LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott

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At the October 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting Lindsey Chanthaboury, owner of Arlington Lanes Ent LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N Kennicott Avenue will be interviewed for a Class DD liquor license. This is a change in ownership.

Liquor Classification:	Class "DD" authorizes the retail sale on the premises specified of alcoholic liquor only for consumption on the premises where sold. Licenses are issued and retained only by establishments which have 24 or more lanes available for bowling, are in fact operated principally as bowling alleys; and offer the patrons full bowling facilities with liquor service incidental to bowling.
Establishment Liquor Hours:	Monday 10:00 am to midnight Tuesday-Sunday 9:00 am to midnight
Lease or Ownership:	Leased
Basset Certification:	Yes
Address Violations:	August 2009
Applicant Liquor Sales Related Violations:	None

In September 2024, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Lindsey Chanthoboury, owner and onsite managers Mariah McVay and Mike Steil. No issues were noted.

On October 2, 2024, a walk through was conducted. Slight changes were made to the submitted floor plan to have it reflect what was seen onsite. Upon a satisfactory liquor interview, it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a Class DD liquor license to Arlington Lanes Ent LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue.

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
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Committee of the Whole
10/7/2024

Item: Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 Rand Road

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 Rand Road

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Golf VX

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
INC. 1887

Date: October 4, 2024

To: Thomas W. Hayes, Liquor Control Commissioner

From: Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager

Subject: Liquor License Interview: AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 622, 626, 644 E. Rand Road

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At the October 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting Kyu Choi, CEO and Gina Choi, Project Manager for AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 E. Rand Road will be interviewed for a Class A liquor license. This is a new liquor license for this address.

Liquor Classification:	Class "A" authorizes the retail sale in restaurants an brew pubs of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises. Seating capacity at tables is a minimum of 25 persons for food service.
Establishment Liquor Hours:	Monday – Thursday 10:00 am to 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to midnight Sunday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Lease or Ownership:	Leased
Basset Certification:	Applying
Address Violations:	None
Applicant Liquor Sales Related Violations:	None

In January 2024, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Kyu Choi, CEO and Gina Choi, Project Manager. Police noted that Kyu Choi had a DUI in January 2022 and it was satisfied through the court process.

On October 1, 2024, a walk through was conducted. The submitted floor plan was revised to reflect what was observed on site. Upon a satisfactory liquor interview, it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 E. Rand Road.