

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
October 7, 2024**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Bertucci, Dunnington, Grasse, LaBedz, Schwingbeck, Shirley and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

IV. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes Committee of the Whole minutes September 9, 2024

Trustees LaBedz and Tinaglia passed.

Trustees moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on September 9, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. New Business

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

The Mayor swore in Janine Durbin and Scott Sanaghan, co-owners of Bitter & Sweet Cocktails.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. This is a new liquor license and new classification. About one year ago the Board did approve the issuance of a new classification (B/BB Supplemental) that allowed for the sale of liquor for consumption as part of an educational class. Anticipated hours are 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Sunday.

Police completed a background check on both Janine and Scott in January and no issues were noted. A walk through was conducted on October 2, 2024 and the submitted floor plan matched what was seen at the establishment.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated, it would be appropriate to issue a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter & Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen.

Mayor Hayes asked Janine to explain the concept of the store. Janine said there will be a retail component as well as educational classes at the store. The goal is to bring back the at home cocktail party by giving guests the knowledge, equipment and ingredients to make unique cocktails at home.

Trustees thanked Janine and Scott for choosing Arlington Heights and bringing this new concept. Discussion ensued regarding the number of employees, Basset certification as well as how class registration and retail sales will need to be monitored for age appropriateness.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B, Class B/BB Supplemental and T liquor license to Bitter & Sweet Cocktail Boutique Inc dba Bitter & Sweet Cocktails located at 157 N. Evergreen.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

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.

The Mayor swore in Lindsey Chanthaboury, President of Arlington Lanes ENT LLC dba Arlington Lanes.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. This is a change in ownership. In September 2024, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Lindsey Chanthaboury and two onsite managers Mariah McVay and Mike Steil. The report showed that there had been a fight outside the bowling alley involving intoxicated persons and the police had been called.

A walk through was conducted on October 2, 2024 and slight changes were made to the submitted floor plan to reflect what was seen onsite.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated, it would be appropriate to issue a Class DD liquor license to Arlington Lanes Ent LLC dba Arlington Lanes located at 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue.

The Mayor asked Lindsey about her background. Lindsey stated that this is a family business and she had been working at the business in the capacity of a bookkeeper however, not involved with liquor. Discussion ensued regarding Bassett certification and Lindsey stated that she and both managers are certified. All employees that serve or sell liquor will be Bassett trained.

Trustee Grassi moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend 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.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

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 E. Rand Road

The Mayor swore in Kyu Choi, CEO and Gina Choi, Project Manager.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. This is a new liquor license. This concept was presented to the Board at a prior meeting; a golf simulator concept with a robotic bartender. This is a unique concept for Arlington Heights. The robotic bartender will not be in place until January.

Police completed a background check in January 2024 on both Kyu Choi and Gina Choi. It was noted that Kyu Choi had a DUI in January 2022 and it was satisfied through the court process. A walk through was conducted on October 2, 2024 and the submitted floor plan was revised to reflect what was observed on site.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated, it would be appropriate to issue a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 E. Rand Road.

Mayor Hayes asked both Kyu and Gina about experience with the liquor business. Both stated they do not have experience. The Mayor asked if Kyu will be working at the site. Kyu will not be on site; Gina will be the project manager and the newly hired General Manager will be onsite. Gina stated they will have a full-service menu. Discussion ensued regarding the robotic bartender and it was stated that the servers will be taking the orders and will be checking ids.

Kyu and Gina were thanked for bringing this concept to Arlington Heights and wished good luck.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to AHTIL GVX LLC dba Golf VX located at 644 E. Rand Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

D. Other Business - none

E. Public Comments - none

F. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Baldino moved, seconded by Trustee Shirley to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.