

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
November 4, 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: Mark Porwit, Kei Han Yeung and Jaldeep Maniya

IV. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes Committee of the Whole minutes October 7, 2024

Trustees LaBedz and Tinaglia passed.

Trustee Grasse moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on October 7, 2024.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes Committee of the Whole minutes October 15, 2024

Trustees Grassi passed.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on October 15, 2024.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. New Business

A. Interview of Mark Porwit for appointment to the Environmental Commission term ending April 30, 2026.

Mayor Hayes stated that Mark has been waiting for an opening on a Board or Commission and the Mayor feels the Environmental Commission is a good fit and he recommends his appointment. Mark stated he and his family have been residents for over 20 years. As a recent retiree, Mark feels it is his time to give back to the community.

Mark stated he has a business background in environmental issues. Trustees thanked Mark for his willingness to serve. Discussion ensued regarding determining what is important to the community environmentally. The Mayor pointed out that the Commission oversees all types of issues that may impact the environment. Trustees discussed that although Mark does not have a strong environmental focus on his resume, his reasoned fiscal responsible approach as well as looking to what will matter for the future generations showed Trustees that he will be a good addition to the Commission.

Trustee Bertucci moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Mark Porwit for appointment to the Environmental Commission, term ending April 30, 2026. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

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 A liquor license to Sun Shui AYCE Corporation dba Sun Shui located at 155 W Rand Road upon surrender of existing liquor license and submission of executed lease.

The Mayor swore in Kei Han Yeung, President Sun Shui AYCE Corporation.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. This is a new ownership of a current establishment. Ms. Mikula stated that Kei and the other owners have experience as they are a part of another intown establishment, Bistro Chen.

Police completed background checks on all owners: Kei Han Yeung, Lichun Yao and Xiaobo Lin. No issues were noted however, the address itself has had 3 liquor violations.

A walk through was conducted on October 25, 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 A liquor license to Sun Shui AYCE Corporation dba Sun Shui located at 155 W Rand Road.

Mayor Hayes stated he has met Kei as a patron at Bistro Chen. He asked Kei about her role at Sun Shui. Kei stated that she and 2 chefs will be the new owners as they partnered up from Bistro Chen to run Sun Shui. Kei stated that they have been working with the managers at Sun Shui, practicing for compliance checks and training regarding ID checks. Bistro Chen has not had any violations and Kei stated they will be working with Sun Shui staff. The Mayor encouraged an in-person classes for Basset training the employees.

Trustees thanked Kei for expanding their business ventures in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to Sun Shui AYCE Corporation dba Sun Shui located at 155 W Rand Road upon surrender of existing liquor license and submission of an executed lease.

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 B and Class T liquor license to Elm's Liquors located at 906 W Northwest Highway upon surrender of existing liquor license and submittal of executed lease and certificate of insurance.

The Mayor swore in Jaldeep Maniya, one of the owners of Elm's Liquors.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. This is a change in ownership. Ms. Mikula stated that the owners are interested in purchasing the business however, first wanted to see if they would be approved for a liquor license.

Police conducted a background check in September of both owners Jaldeep Maniya and Gitaben Maniya. No issues were noted. A walk through was conducted on October 25, 2024 and the submitted floor plan did reflect what was seen onsite.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated, it would be appropriate to issue a Class B and Class T liquor license to Elm's Liquors located at 906 W. Northwest Highway.

The Mayor noted that he saw there will only be one employee at the store. Discussion ensued on the hurdles of only having one employee. Jaldeep stated that he knows the current owner who also is the only employee and he is training with him. Trustees stated they have seen small business owners place a sign on the door when they need to be away. Jaldeep feels that that being the only employee will not be an issue. Ms. Mikula stated that the store has security cameras.

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 B and Class T liquor license to Elm's Liquors located at 906 W Northwest

Highway upon surrender of existing liquor license and submittal of executed lease and certificate of insurance.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

D. Other Business - none

E. Public Comments - none

F. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.