

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
January 21, 2025**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Baldino

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Yoo; Kristen Schurtz

V. New Business

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to KROSS CORP dba NIKKO SUSHI located at 282 E. Algonquin Road due to new ownership

The Mayor swore in Scott Yoo, owner of KROSS CORP dba NIKKO SUSHI.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. This is the same liquor license classification as with the prior ownership. A walk through was conducted January 13, 2025 and the submitted floor plan matched what was seen at the establishment. The hours of operation are 11:00am – 2:30pm and then 4:00pm – midnight. Scott is leasing the space. Neither the location nor Scott have had any liquor violations. Police completed a background check on Scott Yoo and no issues were noted.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated staff feels it would be appropriate to issue a Class A liquor license to KROSS CORP dba NIKKO SUSHI located at 282 E. Algonquin Road upon surrender of the existing liquor license from the previous owner, upon receipt of the executed lease, the certificate of insurance and other necessary documents. Scott is looking to purchase, so he will move forward with that after the satisfaction of liquor license.

Mayor Hayes asked Scott about his background in the restaurant and liquor business and his experience in the sale and service of alcohol. Scott stated that he has worked there as a sushi chef for over 10 years. Now that he has his Basset certification, he is more involved in the sale and service of alcohol. Discussion ensued on the requirements of Basset certification for Scott and his employees. Scott confirmed that there won't be changes to the menu, layout or hours. Scott indicated that they mainly serve families and that his focus is the food.

Discussion ensued on carding patrons with Mayor Hayes recommending that they have a policy in place so it is standard for employees and patrons. Police compliance checks were discussed and Ms. Mikula noted that this business recently passed a compliance check.

Trustees thanked Scott for taking over ownership of this restaurant and staying in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Grasse moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to KROSS CORP dba NIKKO SUSHI located at 282 E. Algonquin Road due to new ownership upon receipt of certificate of insurance, executed lease and surrender of existing liquor license.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending Kristen Schurtz for appointment to the Plan Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

Mayor Hayes stated that Kristen has been on our Arts Commission for the past 12 years. The Mayor feels the Plan Commission is a good fit for her and he recommends her appointment. Kristen is a school teacher and brings a different perspective to the group. Kristen is a lifelong resident and she knows the community. She is level-headed and that will be an asset to the Plan Commission.

Kristen stated she is born and raised here, loves this Village and she would love to be involved in the continued growth of Arlington Heights. She has volunteered throughout the community and will be retiring next year.

Trustees discussed the purpose of the Plan Commission, Kristen's experience in land use and zoning and the perspective she will bring to the Commission.

Trustees thanked Kristen for her willingness to serve.

Trustee Grasse moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Kristen Schurtz for appointment to the Plan Commission, term ending April 30, 2027. Trustee Dunnington seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Other Business - none

D. Public Comments - none

E. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.