



AGENDA
Committee of the Whole
Community Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd
March 17, 2025
7:15 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
 - IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Committee of the Whole 2/3/2025
 - B. Committee of the Whole 2/18/2025
 - V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Interview of Aleena Patel for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026
 - B. Interview of Maria Georgakopoulos for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026
 - 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 OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
February 3, 2025**

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: Tripp Turchik; Vipul Patel; Rodrigo Zshornack

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes Committee of the Whole minutes January 13, 2025

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on January 13, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shirley.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Tripp Turchik for appointment to the Special Events Commission, term ending April 30, 2025

Mayor Hayes stated that Tripp has been interested in serving on this Commission for many years. He previously served on the Village's Youth Commission.

Tripp explained that after college, he came back to Arlington Heights because he feels safe in our community, loves the community and wants to give back. Tripp mentioned that there are great events for children, but he would like to see some events that would encourage younger adults to get involved and volunteer. While vocal with their opinions, Tripp mentioned that his generation will better understand their community by getting involved. Discussion ensued on the importance of connecting with others, getting the younger generations involved and keeping all of Arlington Heights connected.

Trustees thanked Tripp for his willingness to serve.

Trustee Bertucci recused himself because of a business relationship.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Tripp Turchik for appointment to the Special Events Commission, term ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Grasse seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

1 Abstained

The motion passed.

B. Recommendation that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class A and Class N(r) liquor license to Krish Arlington 1 LLC dba Courtyard Chicago Arlington Heights located at 100 W. Algonquin Road

The Mayor swore in Vipul Patel, owner and Rodrigo Zshornack, on-site manager of Krish Arlington 1 LLC dba Courtyard Chicago Arlington Heights.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. This location has two liquor license classifications: one is for on premise consumption and one is for package sale of beer and wine which is locked in a cabinet. These are the same liquor license classifications as with the prior ownership. A walk through was conducted January 28, 2025 and the submitted floor plan matched what was seen at the establishment. Police completed a background check on both individuals and no issues were noted.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated staff feels it would be appropriate to issue a Class A and Class N(r) liquor license to Krish Arlington 1 LLC dba Courtyard Chicago Arlington Heights located at 100 W. Algonquin Road.

Mayor Hayes asked Vipul about his experience in the liquor business. Vipul stated that he has not had direct ownership but his family has owned liquor stores for many years where he helped out and sold alcohol with no violations.

Mayor Hayes asked Rodrigo about his experience in the liquor business. Rodrigo stated that he has several years of experience in the industry and has never had any violations. Rodrigo began managing this hotel in November 2023. The bistro hours of operation are 5:00pm – 10:00pm and sales from the locked cabinet can begin at 8am, per Village code.

Vipul, Rodrigo and their four employees are Basset certified. Hotel policy is to card anyone purchasing alcohol and they must show their hotel key to verify that they are a guest. Police compliance checks were also discussed.

Trustees thanked Vipul and Rodrigo for taking over ownership of this business.

Trustee Grasse moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend that the Liquor Commissioner the issue a Class A and Class N(r) liquor license to Krish Arlington 1 LLC dba Courtyard Chicago Arlington Heights located at 100 W. Algonquin Road due to new ownership.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
February 18, 2025**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Grasse, Schwingbeck

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ilona House; Lizbeth Esquivel; Pedro Sanchez

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes Committee of the Whole minutes January 21, 2025

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from the meeting on January 21, 2025. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dunnington.

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Ilona House to the Performing Arts Metropolis Board of Directors, term ending February 18, 2028

Mayor Hayes stated that Ilona has many experiences and qualifications which make her a good fit for this Board position. As a Marquee member of the Metropolis, Ilona is familiar with the theater and its importance to the community. Ilona has a strong desire and passion to see the Metropolis continue its success.

Ilona explained that she has lived in Arlington Heights for 35 years and is familiar with the town. She is a figure skater so has a love for the arts. As a member of the Metropolis, she attends every event that she can and loves that her community has the Performing Arts Center. Ilona also worked at her husband's veterinarian office where she helped manage the office, the staff and the payroll so she understands the business side as well.

Mayor Hayes asked Ilona to explain how her experience with producing figure skating shows and event planning will help her in this role. Ilona stated that she participated in many figure skating shows and then organized shows with Olympic champions and local talent coming together. She is willing to help on the Board in any way that she can and has some ideas for using the space in creative ways.

Mayor Hayes noted that several members of the Performing Arts Metropolis Board of Directors were in attendance and he thanked them for showing their support for Ilona.

Trustees thanked Ilona for her willingness to serve.

Trustee LaBedz moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Ilona House to the Performing Arts Metropolis Board of Directors, term ending February 18, 2028. Trustee Baldino seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Recommendation that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class A Liquor License to THLACO LLC dba Thlaco Cocina Tijuanaense located at 1786 W. Algonquin Road

The Mayor swore in Lizbeth Esquivel and Pedro Sanchez, owners of THLACO LLC dba Thlaco Cocina Tijuanaense.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. A walk through was conducted on February 10, 2025 and the submitted floor plan matched what was seen at the establishment. In August 2024, the Police Department completed a background check on both individuals and no issues were noted. They are leasing the space and are not anticipating late night hours.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated staff feels it would be appropriate to issue a Class A Liquor License to THLACO LLC dba Thlaco Cocina Tijuanaense located at 1786 W. Algonquin Road.

Mayor Hayes asked Lizbeth and Pedro about their experience in the liquor business. Pedro stated that they started doing business in Hanover Park in 2022. They are a different type of Mexican Taqueria with their cooking style coming from the west coast. This is their first time serving alcohol since their location in Hanover Park does not serve alcohol. Pedro worked at Costco for 16 years as a supervisor and in management so he learned how to handle alcohol. Pedro stated that he was never cited for a liquor violation. Lizbeth has experience working in restaurants and a hospital kitchen but has never served alcohol.

Mayor Hayes asked about their Basset certification status. Pedro is Basset certified and Lizbeth is in the process of getting Basset certified. Pedro stated that initially they are only planning on selling beer. The restaurant's focus is on the food and it is a family atmosphere. Since there is no table service, the patrons will need to purchase alcohol from the bar. Their policy is to card every patron purchasing alcohol. There will be 8-10 employees but only Pedro and only one other person will be selling alcohol. Mayor Hayes encouraged in-person Basset training and reminded them about the annual compliance checks.

Trustees welcomed Lizbeth and Pedro and thanked them for bringing their business to Arlington Heights.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Dunnington to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class A Liquor License to THLACO LLC dba Thlaco Cocina Tijuanaense located at 1786 W. Algonquin Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Baldino moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



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Committee of the Whole
3/17/2025

Item: Interview of Aleena Patel for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

Interview of Aleena Patel for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026. Aleena's core values include service and leadership, having participated in many charitable events. She currently serves as an executive board member for her school's Rotary Interact Club. Aleena is looking to pursue a future in the medical field, so she is keenly aware of mental health challenges facing today's youth. She would like to find innovative ways to support youth from diverse backgrounds.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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3/17/2025

Item: Interview of Maria Georgakopoulos for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

Interview of Maria Georgakopoulos for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2026. Maria participates in a variety of activities at her high school and is passionate about making a positive impact in Arlington Heights. Maria feels she can be effective in voicing the concerns of young people while shaping the future of Arlington Heights.

ATTACHMENTS:

None