

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
MAY 19, 2025**

President Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Tinaglia; Trustees Bertucci, LaBedz, Manganaro, Santa Maria, Schwingbeck, Shirley and Zyck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Dunnington

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sejal Patel and Dipesh Patel

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class B and Class T Liquor License to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine & Spirits located at 2948 W. Euclid Avenue

The Mayor swore in Sejal Patel and Dipesh Patel. Sejal is the owner of Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine & Spirits.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. This establishment will continue to be a liquor store. The current business at this location has a Class B and a Class T license. The establishment hours are intended to be 10am–10pm, which are within the permitted hours for liquor sales. The space is leased and there are no prior violations at this address. Sejal is BASSET certified and has no violations.

In May 2025, the Police Department completed a background check on Sejal Patel and no issues were noted. Staff conducted a walk through on May 9, 2025 and the submitted floor plan matched what was seen at the establishment.

Upon a satisfactory interview tonight, Ms. Mikula stated staff feels it would be appropriate to issue a Class B and Class T Liquor License to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine & Spirits located at 2948 W. Euclid Avenue.

Mayor Tinaglia asked Sejal and Dipesh to clarify what their roles are in the business. Sejal Patel is the sole owner. Dipesh is her brother and assistant, but is not an owner or on-site manager.

Mayor Tinaglia asked Sejal about her past business experience. Sejal explained that she owned and managed a liquor store in New Jersey from 2015-2022. Sejal recently purchased a different liquor store in Streamwood. In the future, Sejal will probably change the dba name so her stores will all have the same name. Her goal is to buy at least 10 liquor stores. Dipesh mentioned that he also has experience in liquor sales because he owned a liquor store in New York City from 2010-2012. Neither Sejal or Dipesh have had any liquor violations, licenses revoked or licenses suspended in any of the jurisdictions where their stores were located.

Mayor Tinaglia asked about BASSET training. Sejal is BASSET certified and said that the two on-site managers and Dipesh are also BASSET certified. She will have all staff BASSET certified as well. Ms. Mikula also explained that the on-site managers are currently getting their background checks completed.

Ms. Mikula clarified that any tastings hosted by the establishment must be properly supervised and proper measurements must be used for the tasting servings.

Trustee Bertucci emphasized that the Village of Arlington Heights takes the issue of serving alcohol to minors very seriously and reminded Sejal that the Village conducts compliance checks.

Trustee Schwingbeck and Ms. Mikula clarified that if the dba name changes, Sejal will have to complete formal paperwork with the State of Illinois. Once the Village of Arlington Heights receives that paperwork, a new license will need to be issued.

Trustees welcomed Sejal and thanked her for bringing her business to Arlington Heights.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Santa Maria to recommend that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class B and Class T Liquor License to Devasya Retailers, LLC dba Esplanade Wine & Spirits located at 2948 W. Euclid Avenue.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.