

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
October 6, 2025**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Colin Gilbert

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Colin Gilbert for appointment to the Village Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy of Scott Shirley with a term ending May 3, 2027.

Mayor Tinaglia explained that former Trustee Scott Shirley resigned for family reasons and he will be missed for many reasons.

Mayor Tinaglia said that Colin Gilbert just spent a campaign season working hard to let the people of Arlington Heights know that he is qualified and is in a position to help lead this community. Colin is a father, husband, business owner, volunteer and has lived in town for most of his life, graduating from Hersey. Therefore, Mayor Tinaglia recommends that Colin Gilbert fill the Trustee vacancy left by Scott Shirley.

Trustee Bertucci stated that he worked with Colin for decades on various Boards and Commissions including on the Board for the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce. He knows Colin as a business owner and as a community leader. He also knows Colin to be a good father. Trustee Bertucci feels that Colin is a wise choice for this seat on the Board.

Trustee Schwingbeck agreed that Colin is an excellent choice for the Board. Trustee Schwingbeck explained that the Board has a lot of different talents and the fact that Colin is an attorney will add even more versatility to the group. As for Colin's campaign, Trustee Schwingbeck feels that Colin ran an excellent and fair campaign, and knows the citizens of the Village feel the same way, given the vote totals.

Trustee Dunnington said that Colin will be a really good addition to the Board because he was a business owner of a restaurant in town and also because he is a parent of younger children, so he understands what is important to families. She asked him what the Village can do better to help businesses and what the Village can do better for families. Colin said that the permitting processes could be smoother to help businesses get up and running sooner. He said that the Village does a lot of good things for families already, but suggested that the Village could also partner with the Park District to build on that great foundation.

Trustee LaBedz commented that because Colin already campaigned for this role, his campaigning will go a long way to help make him an effective Trustee. She said he is thoughtful, engaged and has a lot of experience in the community.

Trustee Santa Maria explained that she and Colin both have younger children so they have a common bond. She recounted a memory of the night before the election when Colin offered to help her put out her campaign signs, even though they were technically running against each other. She said that gesture speaks volumes as to who Colin is as a person. Trustee Santa Maria asked Colin which of the Village's strategic priorities he is most passionate about. Colin acknowledged that the strategic priorities are already in place so those are his priorities as well, and he will help accomplish those goals and priorities.

Trustee Zyck echoed the sentiments of his fellow Board members regarding the good things that Colin brings to the table. Trustee Zyck summarized some meaningful comments that Colin made during a forum in the midst of the campaign that included: being nice, working together and that all of the candidates are trying to do the right thing for the Village. Trustee Zyck said that comments like those are good for the Village. He asked Colin how he will handle all of his current commitments and now the role of Trustee. Colin admitted that he will need to step back from a few of his current roles, but he already accounted for the time he would need as a Trustee when he ran for election.

Trustee Bill Manganaro supports Colin's appointment to the Board and feels that Colin ran a good campaign. Trustee Manganaro went on to talk about soliciting campaign donations, fundraising, a potential upcoming large project, a realtor group's support and campaign spending. He feels there needs to be a public conversation about whether the Village can regulate unlimited spending.

An audience member, Keith Moens, agreed that Colin is a qualified candidate and hopes that Colin reviews the Municipal Code and Robert's Rules of Order so all decisions are democratic and transparent. He recommended a book on Robert's Rules of Order.

An audience member, Amy Philpott, commented that Colin is familiar with Robert's Rules of Order because he sat on the Gerry's Café Board and the Chamber of Commerce Board. Colin was President-Elect when Amy was President of the Chamber in 2015. Amy is a member of a large realtor group. That group has an elected party that independently does what they feel is best for the community. They recently selected Gerry's Café to receive a \$3000 grant, unbeknownst to Gerry's Café. Amy and several of her peer realtors were happy to learn that their elected party chose to participate in local elections by using a mailer.

An audience member, Steve, said he is happy to balance out the "left". He noted that there were thousands of people who came out to the memorial for Charlie Kirk and that Scott Shirley was a voice of reason. He is hoping that Colin will also be a voice of reason.

Trustee Dunnington said that it would be a good idea to look at the election ordinance before the next election season.

Trustees thanked Colin Gilbert for his willingness to serve on the Village Board.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Colin Gilbert to the Village Board, term ending May 3, 2027.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

– Melissa Cayer asked the Board what they think about the apartment building on Kensington with the first floor still vacant.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.