

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
Virtual Meeting
February 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Hayes; Trustees Baldino, Canty, LaBedz, Padovani, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Efstathios Stellatos and Anargyros Karafotias

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order and explained that due to COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines, the meeting is being held virtually.

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to AVX Restaurant, Inc. dba Golden Brunch located at 31 E. Golf Road

Mayor Hayes administered the oath to the applicants. The applicants were asked by the Mayor to state their names and relationship to the business. Efstathios Stellatos and Anargyros (Argie) Karafotias stated that they have 50% ownership in the business.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. She stated that there were no issues on the background checks conducted on both Mr. Stellatos and Mr. Karafotias. She also stated that there had not been a liquor license at this location (former IHOP restaurant) and that she had done a walk-through of the location a week ago. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class A liquor license.

The Mayor asked Mr. Stellatos and Mr. Karafotias to describe their background in regards to serving liquor. Mr. Karafotias stated he had been a server for many years and Mr. Stellatos stated he had been a bartender and manager at Gatsby's and co-owner of a restaurant in Glenview. The Mayor asked Mr. Stellatos if he had ever had a liquor violation. Mr. Stellatos stated that he had a violation serving a minor around 2012-2013. Assistant Village Manager Mikula stated this information had not been listed on the liquor application. The violation was not noted by the Police department and Ms. Mikula stated that the background check looks at records of incidents with the past 5 years. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Stellatos why it was not disclosed on the application. Mr. Stellatos said he thought the application meant violations for DUI. The Mayor stressed that it is a concern of the Mayor and Board that it was not mentioned. The Mayor asked if there were any additional violations. Both Mr. Stellatos and Mr. Karafotias said there were no additional violations.

Mayor Hayes inquired to the Bassett training process for the restaurant. Mr. Karafotias stated that all of the staff will be trained. The Mayor recommended an in-person certification class for the staff.

Discussion ensued on the correction of the application. It was determined the application must be modified by the applicant. It will be amended and Ms. Mikula stated that she will follow up with the Mayor. The record is corrected based on the sworn testimony tonight.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to AVX Restaurant, Inc. dba Golden Brunch located at 31 E. Golf Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. OTHER BUSINESS – There was no further business.

C. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Rosenberg moved, and Trustee Padovani seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.