

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Barash, Jennifer Borrell and Keith Moen

**A. Interview of Kelly Barash for appointment to the Special Events Commission- term ending 4-30-2025**

Mayor Hayes introduced Kelly Barash and stated she is new to the community and has good event planning experience. Ms. Barash stated that she wants to be involved in her new community and has a passion for event planning.

Trustees welcomed Ms. Barash and thanked her for her willingness to serve. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Barash's background and resume. Ms. Barash highlighted her experience with small high touch events such as private dinners to much longer entertainment events lasting for 5 days. She explained that she has been involved in a Board and putting events together and working with partners.

**Trustee La Bedz moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Kelly Barash for appointment to the Special Events Commission – term ending 4-30-2025.**

**The following voice vote was recorded:**

**9 Ayes**

**0 Nays**

The motion passed.

**B. Interview of Jennifer Borrell for appointment to the Youth Commission (Adult Member) – term ending 4-30-2024.**

Jennifer Borrell was introduced by Mayor Hayes. He stated that she comes highly recommended by many in the community. Mayor Hayes asked Ms. Borrell to introduce

herself. She stated that she looked through the different commissions and as a mom, the Youth Commission is something that appealed to her.

Trustee Grasse thanked Ms. Borrell for her willingness to serve and asked what she was hoping to bring and excited about. Ms. Borrell stated that she was interested in hearing from the youth and what ideas they have, especially after this past year. Mayor Hayes stated that the Youth Commission did not meet much this past year so, he is eager for it to get going again and that more youth are needed for the Commission. Mayor Hayes pointed out that recommendations of youth for the commission would be appreciated.

**Trustee Schwingbeck moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Jennifer Borrell for appointment to the Youth Commission (Adult Member) – term ending 4-3-2024.**

**The following voice vote was recorded:**

**9 Ayes**

**0 Nays**

The motion passed.

**C. OTHER BUSINESS** – Keith Moens asked that it be acknowledged that whoever ran the online meetings throughout the past year and a half that they did a spectacular job, there were almost zero problems across the Board meetings and Commission meetings. The Mayor thanked Mr. Moens and stated it was a team effort and that his comments will be shared.

Mr. Moens also asked if a hybrid option could be considered and if the email questions prior to the meeting could still be part of the process. Village Manager Recklaus pointed out that hybrid meetings are more challenging with more potential for error. Mr. Recklaus stated that there are some upgrades being done to the AV system and at that time, there may be something done, however the Village is fully compliant with current set up. The meeting can be watched live or streaming or watched recorded. Mr. Recklaus also stated that people can send information in writing and have it read into the record at anytime. Mr. Moens also recommended that Public Comment be included on the Commission agendas. Mr. Recklaus stated that there are a number of new Commissioners and that is being discussed.

Trustee Scaletta expressed concern on hybrid meetings and that free speech reaches beyond just the Village. He stated he is concerned with allowing enough time for Village residents to comment while allowing comments from others, even all over the world. This could create meeting in excess of 5 or 6 hours. Mr. Recklaus stated that has been seen and it is a factor of concern.

**D. ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Scaletta moved, and Trustee LaBedz seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.