

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
November 1, 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, LaBedz, Grasse, Scaletta, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Anna Fortsas and Tonia Etoh

A. Interview of Matthew Allaire for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) – term ending 4/30/2022

The Mayor stated that Matthew Allaire was out of town and his flight was canceled so he will not be able to attend the meeting. He will hopefully be interviewed at the Committee of the Whole on November 15, 2021.

There was a change in interview order as Tonia Etoh was not yet available.

B. Interview of Anna Fortsas for appointment to Youth Commission (youth member) – term ending 4/30/22

The Mayor introduced Anna Fortsas. He stated that Anna is very active at her school and in the community as well. The Mayor asked Anna to introduce herself and asked why she would like to serve. Anna stated that she feels that being involved is so important and would like to serve to help give the youth of Arlington Heights a voice.

The Trustees thanked Anna for her willingness to serve the community. Discussion ensued on what Ms. Fortsas would like to see with the local government. Ms. Fortsas said that with the pandemic, she feels that mental health is something she would like to see addressed as well as ways for youth to gather and discuss mental health and receive services. Further discussion involved making decisions as a group. Anna stated that she feels that as part of a group, sometimes the needs of the group have to be put to the fore front over the individual's needs.

Trustee Tinaglia moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Anna Fortsas for appointment to the Youth Commission (youth member) – term ending April 30, 2022. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes
The motion passed.

0 Nays

C. Interview of Tonia Etoh for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance, Top 20 Employer– term ending 4/30/24.

The Mayor introduced Tonia Etoh. The Mayor stated that Ms. Etoh and her business recently moved to Arlington Heights from another community. The Mayor asked Ms. Etoh to introduce herself and business.

Ms. Etoh stated she is the Chief Operating Officer at ISI on Wilke. Before moving to Arlington Heights, the company had been in Buffalo Grove for 30 years. Ms. Etoh said they feel that Arlington Heights is where they want to be and are looking forward to growing with Arlington Heights (they have over 900 employees all over the U.S. and more than 300 employees in Arlington Heights as well as some remote).

Discussion ensued on how to utilize the Arlington Economic Alliance more. Ms. Etoh stated as a new business to the area, she feels she has a lot of insight on the process and would be able to offer some background to help other new businesses as well as ways to streamline things.

Trustees welcomed and thanked Ms. Etoh for stepping up to serve the community. Ms. Etoh was asked why Arlington Heights was chosen as the new location for their business. She stated that it was due to the location and the building.

Trustee LaBedz moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Toni Etoh for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance, Top 20 Employer – term ending April 30, 2024. Trustee Canty seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes
The motion passed.

0 Nays

D. OTHER BUSINESS – None

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