

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
December 6, 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, Schwingbeck and Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Scaletta

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ronald Hudson, Tracy Lipari, Melissa Cayer

A. Interview of Ronald Hudson for appointment to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC)

The Mayor introduced Ronald Hudson and discussed the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. Mayor Hayes stated that the current ONCC representative, Kevin Spitz is stepping down due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Spitz recommended Mr. Hudson.

Mr. Hudson discussed his extensive background and qualifications. He is a resident and would like to be of service to the Village. Mr. Hudson talked about how changes have come about between communities and airports. Mr. Hudson stated that airports are an important economic tool but, they must also be a good neighbor. Trustees thanked him for his willingness to serve. Discussion ensued about possible things that may assist with noise issues down the road.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Ronald Hudson for appointment to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, motion was seconded by Trustee Grasse.

The Mayor asked for questions from the audience and Melissa Cayer stated that she felt the Village should drop ONCC membership because they are inefficient and she mentioned other noise issues for which she has concerns. Mayor Hayes thanked Ms. Cayer for her comments.

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class BB, Class E and Class T liquor license to Down the Street Hospitality, LLC dba Tuscan Market and Wine Shop located at 141W. Wing Street, upon surrender of current license issued to that address.

The Mayor swore in Tracy Lipari and asked her to introduce herself

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. She stated that this is a new owner of a current business, keeping the same liquor license classifications. The police finished a background check in November and there were no issues noted. There had been violations at the address in 2013 and 2005.

Ms. Mikula did a walk through on November 24, 2021 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class BB, Class E and Class T liquor license to Down the Street Hospitality, LLC dba Tuscan Market and Wine shop located at 141 W. Wing Street, upon surrender of the current license issued this address. They will also need to submit the executed lease and current dram shop insurance.

The Mayor and Trustees asked Ms. Lipari about her experience in the liquor business. Ms. Lipari said she is Bassett certified and has had liquor experience through volunteer experiences with Pepsi and with Brewery Special events. Ms. Lipari stated that other than volunteering, she does not have restaurant and liquor experience. Trustees inquired as to the transition between the owners, and Ms. Lipari talked about the plan. Trustees thanked Ms. Lipari for wanting to open a business in the Village. The Village liquor laws were stressed that Ms. Lipari has to follow.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions from the audience. Ms. Cayer asked if Ladies Nights at bars are illegal? The Mayor stated they would not be illegal but they have been frowned upon. Ms. Mikula stated that Happy Hours are allowed but, the State law must be followed

Colin Gilbert and his staff were thanked by the Mayor for the many years of service to the Village as the former owner of Tuscan Market and Wine Shop.

Trustee Canty moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class BB, Class E and Class T liquor license to Down the Street Hospitality, LLC dba Tuscan Market and Wine Shop located at 141 West Wing Street, upon surrender of license issued to this address.

The following voice vote was recorded:

8 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS – None

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Scaletta to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.