

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
March 21, 2022**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Caroline Brannan

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Honey Jam Café LLC dba Honey-Jam Café located at 2944 W. Euclid Avenue upon the surrender of the existing license issued to that address.

The Mayor swore in Caroline Brannan, one of the owners of Honey Jam Cafe.

Ms. Mikula gave the staff report. She stated that this is a new owner of a current business keeping the same liquor license classification, Class AA. There are two owners, Caroline Brannan and Josh Brannan. The police finished a background check on the owners as well as manager Kristina Kummerow and there were no issues noted. The owners and manager do not have any liquor violations however, there were two address violations, one in 2015 and one in 2021. Ms. Mikula did a walk through on March 15, 2022 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted.

Ms. Mikula stated that upon a satisfactory liquor interview, it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a Class AA liquor license to Hone Jam Café LLC dba Honey-Jam Café located at 2944 W. Euclid Avenue, upon the surrender of the existing license issued to that address.

The Mayor asked about changes to the current business. Ms. Brannan stated that there were no anticipated changes at this time. Alcohol is a very small percentage of business, about 3%. Discussion ensued regarding the liquor license violation from November 2021. Ms. Brannan did state that one corporate change that will be made is that no vertical licenses will be accepted, hopefully helping to reduce likelihood of service to a minor. The Mayor encouraged in person Bassett training and stressed the importance of understanding the liquor license rules within the Village. Ms. Brannan mentioned that the current owner, George Vassos, will be staying on during the transition and Trustee Scaletta stated he was glad to hear that as Mr. Vassos has always been a good member of the community and has an extensive restaurant background.

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 AA liquor license to Honey Jam Café LLC dba Honey-Jam Café located at 2944 W. Euclid Avenue upon the surrender of the existing license issued to that address.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. OTHER BUSINESS - None

C. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Baldino to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.