

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Baldino, Scaletta and Tinaglia

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Katz, Christos Tsekos and Anthony Belmonte

A. Interview of Brad Katz for appointment to the Special Events Commission – term ending April 30, 2025.

The Mayor introduced Brad Katz. He stated that Chris Fahnoe recommended Mr. Katz. The Mayor followed up with an interview and learned he had met Brad before as his parents are longtime community volunteers.

Brad stated that he always felt like volunteering was a great way to give back. Over the years, Brad has attended many of the great events in Arlington Heights and would like to be apart of that.

The Board thanked Brad, and his family, for their willingness to serve. Discussion ensued on Brad's experience with events. Brad stated that he had experience working within events when he worked in the public sector. Upcoming events were discussed and Brad stated he would like to see something in the spring as a get together as people are coming out of their houses following the long winter. Trustees encouraged Brad to keep thinking of new ideas and tapping into his young family for ideas.

Trustee Canty moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Brad Katz for appointment to the Special Events Commission – term ending April 30, 2025. Trustee Grasse seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Richriston, LLC dba Litty Liquors located at 1002 W. Dundee Road.

The Mayor swore in two of the owners Christos Tsekos and Anthony Belmonte.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a new liquor license at a location that has not had a liquor license. The applicants are applying for a Class B and Class T liquor license. A background check was completed in May 2022 on all three of the owners Christos Tsekos, Anthony Belmonte and Sergio Camilo. No issues were noted.

A walk through was completed in June 2022 and the building was not yet built out so prior to opening an additional walk through will be conducted to ensure the layout is consistent with the submitted floor plan. Ms. Mikula stated that there were no liquor violations at the location or by any of the applicants. Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that upon a satisfactory interview, staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Richriston, LLC dba Litty Liquors.

The Mayor asked Mr. Tsekos and Mr. Belmonte about the number of employees that will be at the store as well as their background in the liquor business. A total of 5 employees are expected once the business is underway with at least two employees always on the site. Both Mr. Tsekos and Mr. Belmonte stated they do not have a background in the running a liquor store although they have backgrounds in management, retail tobacco sales and in foodservice distribution and wholesale. All of the owners are Bassett certified and the Mayor recommended in person Bassett training for new employees. Security at the business was highlighted. Mr. Tsekos discussed the security system that they are using and the roll down window screens and steel backdoors.

Trustees thanked the owners for bringing their new business to Arlington Heights and wished them much success. They reminded the owners of the Village's liquor requirements and cautioned them to be vigilante at all times especially since there is a high school nearby.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Richriston, LLC dba Litty Liquors located at 1002 W. Dundee Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS – None

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.