

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
July 5, 2022**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Baldino and Scaletta

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Vartkes Panossian and Akashchandra Patel

A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and Class T liquor license to Serko Mart, LLC dba Serko Mart located at 922 W. Algonquin.

The Mayor swore in owner Vartkes Panossian.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula pointed out that this is a new business, currently operating as a grocery store and hoping to add liquor sales to the business model. A background check was completed in June 2022 on the owner and no issues were noted.

A walk through was completed on June 27, 2022 and the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. The owner does not have any liquor violations and there have been no violations at the address itself. Assistant Village Manager Mikula indicated that upon a satisfactory interview, staff recommends the issuance of a Class B and T liquor license to Serko Mart, LLC dba Serko Mart located at 922 W. Algonquin.

The Mayor asked Mr. Panossian if he is Basset certified and has any experience selling liquor. Mr. Panossian said he is Basset certified and had experience in Lebanon but, not in the United States. Currently Mr. Panossian is the only employee with his wife helping on the weekends. He hopes to add employees when business picks up. Mr. Panossian explained he is going to have a small selection of liquor featuring wines from Armenia.

Discussion ensued regarding the restaurant and location. The Mayor and Trustees wished Mr. Panossian well and thanked him for choosing Arlington Heights for his business. Trustees stressed that the Village of Arlington Heights is very careful regarding the sale of liquor and will come in and make sure rules are being followed.

Trustee Grasse moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B and T liquor license to Serko Mart, LLC dba Serko Mart located at 922 W. Algonquin.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 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 Shirdi Sai, Inc. dba Hintz Liquor and Smoke located at 1406-10 E. Hintz Road.

Akashchandra Patel, owner of Hintz Liquor and Smoke was sworn in by the Mayor.

The staff report was presented by Assistant Village Manager, Diana Mikula. Ms. Mikula conducted a walk through on June 27, 2022. The store is not yet fully built out so prior to opening an additional walk through will be conducted to ensure the layout is consistent with the submitted plan. This is a new store at the Brook Run Plaza, there has not been a liquor license at this exact location.

Mr. Patel has been working for a liquor store for about 1 ½ years, and his father has owned various liquor stores for more than 18 years so operating liquor stores is in his family. His uncle will be the General Manager and will provide guidance. His uncle is currently running a liquor store in Elgin. Mr. Patel and his uncle are both Basset certified.

The Mayor and Trustees thanked Mr. Patel for starting his business in Arlington Heights. Discussion ensued regarding the business license. Mr. Patel does not yet have the business license but, it has been applied for. Once all equipment is in, Mr. Patel can then request final inspections which will then allow issuance of the business license. Mr. Patel stated that he understands that having a liquor license is a privilege. The Mayor did ask about the smoke aspect of the business. Mr. Patel stated there will be no smoking inside and the current plan is to just sell tobacco products.

Trustee LaBedz 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 T liquor license to Shirdi Sai, Inc. dba Hintz Liquor and Smoke located at 1406-10 E. Hintz Road.

The following voice vote was recorded:

7 Ayes

0 Nays

C. Other Business – None

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.