

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
September 6, 2022 at 6:45 PM**

President Pro-Tem LaBedz called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pro-Tem LaBedz; Trustees Bertucci, Canty, Grasse
Schwingbeck, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Hayes, Trustee Baldino and Scaletta

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Owen Smith, Chirahkumar Patel, Sotero Flores

A. Interview of Owen Smith for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2023.

President Pro-Tem Robin LaBedz introduced Owen Smith. President Pro-Tem LaBedz said that Owen was highly recommended by Mayor Hayes following an interview with him.

Owen stated that he would like to serve on the Youth Commission as he would like to help make a difference in the community. The Board thanked Owen for his willingness to serve and stated that he had a very impressive resume.

Owen was asked what was one issue he saw in the community that he would like to address. Finding a better way to let youth know about volunteer opportunities (a clearing house) was the one item that Owen felt needs to be reviewed. President Pro-Tem LaBedz encouraged Owen to bring that suggestion to the Youth Commission.

When asked who he would like to thank, Owen stated his parents and brother. Trustees thanked them for encouraging Owen get involved.

Trustee Schwingbeck moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Owen Smith for appointment to the Youth Commission, term ending April 30, 2023. Trustee Canty seconded the motion.

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 Vijyu, Inc. dba Elm Liquor located at 906 W. Northwest Highway.

President Pro-Tem LaBedz swore in Chirahkumar Patel, owner of Elm Liquor.

Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager, gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a change in ownership. The police finished a background check in July and there were no issues noted for the applicant, Mr. Patel. There have not been any violations at the address.

A walk through was done on August 22 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 B & T liquor license to Elm Liquor located at 906 W. Northwest Highway upon surrender of current license issued to this address.

Mr. Patel stated he has worked at gas stations, some that sold liquor. Mr. Patel is Bassett certified and his father, who will be helping out at the store, is in the process of getting Bassett trained. President Pro-Tem LaBedz stated that liquor license violations are taken very seriously within the Village and that Mr. Patel needs to take selling liquor very seriously.

Trustees asked Mr. Patel about his means of checking for underage patrons. Mr. Patel said the current system is old but, he would like to upgrade to a system that when liquor is scanned, a message comes up on the screen that an id must be given to the employee. Prior to the new system, Mr. Patel will continue to ask everyone for identification.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Patel for choosing Arlington Heights and wished him well.

Trustee Bertucci moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class B & T liquor license to Vijyu, Inc. dba Elm Liquor located at 906 W. Northwest Highway.

The following voice vote was recorded:

6 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A Liquor License to SM AH Investments, Inc. dba Javier's Sabor Mexicano & Agave Bar located at 8 W. Miner.

Co-Owner Sotero Flores, was sworn in by President Pro-Tem LaBedz.

Assistant Village Manager Mikula, gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula stated that this is a change in ownership. The police completed a background check on the new owners, Sotero Flores and Luis Mario Reza in July and no issues were noted. There have been two address violations.

A walk through was conducted on August 23 and the restaurant floor plan was consistent with the submitted plan. Ms. Mikula stated that upon a satisfactory interview it would be appropriate to approve the issuance of a liquor license to Javier's Sabor Mexicano & Agave Bar upon surrender of the current license issued to this address.

The Board thanked Mr. Flores for continuing to have Javier's be a part of the Village and wished him the best of luck. Mr. Flores stated he has worked at Javier's for 35 years.

President Pro Tem LaBedz asked if there will be changes to the menu or establishment. Mr. Flores said he does not plan to make any changes. Some of the cooks have been with the restaurant for 40 years.

Trustees stressed to Mr. Flores to be sure to train new employees so that liquor violations are avoided. Mr. Flores stated he plans to do onsite Bassett training.

Trustee Canty moved, seconded by Trustee Tinaglia to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class A liquor license to SM AH Investments, Inc. dba Javier's Sabor Mexicano & Agave Bar located at 8 W. Miner.

6 Ayes

0 Nays

D. OTHER BUSINESS – None

E. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Tinaglia moved, seconded by Trustee Grasse to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.