

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - COMMUNITY ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 – 7:30 PM**

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Farwell, Glasgow, Sidor, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Interim Village Manager Diana Mikula; Assistant Village Attorney Robin Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Amitkumar Patel & Mrs. Manisha Patel for Meg's Liquor & Wine; Lisa Henderson for Arlington Economic Alliance; Jonathan Barry for Environmental Commission

1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "B" & CLASS "T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO AVU CORPORATION, DBA MEG'S LIQUOR & WINE, LOCATED AT 1041 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD UPON SURRENDER OF EXISTING LICENSE.

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. & Mrs. Patel.

Ms. Mikula presented the staff report on Amit and Manisha Patel. Each person has 50% ownership interest in the Corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. The applicants also work at a convenience store in Hoffman Estates and no liquor violations were found there.

The applicants intend to purchase the existing business and all of its assets from the current owner and continue with the dba name of Meg's Liquor & Wine.

Mayor Hayes inquired how long the Patels have work for the convenience store. They reported they have worked there for eight years. Mayor Hayes asked if the couple would both be working at the Arlington Heights locations. Mr. Patel will be full time at that store but Mrs. Patel will remain in the Hoffman Estates store and will only be a back up for the Arlington Heights location.

Mayor Hayes asked if any additional hires would be made at this location. Mr. Patel responded he would need to see how busy the store is. The hours of operations will be 10 AM until 10 PM Monday through Thursday, 10 AM through midnight Friday and Saturday and 11 AM until 9 PM Sundays. Mayor Hayes said

this is a lot of hours and he hopes they explore the thought of hiring more employees. He also stated that working alone this many hours could cause more potential shoplifting and other problems. Mr. Patel stated that there are security cameras in place to assist with this type of problem.

Mayor Hayes asked if both applicants had completed Basset training and they responded that they had.

Mayor Hayes wants the record to show that this location was just fined for a liquor violation under the previous ownership. Ms. Mikula stated this location has had multiple liquor violations during sting operations. There has been at three violations all with different ownership. This location has a history of selling to minors and we have our eye on this location because of this.

Trustee Scaletta questioned the applicants about the digital sign that the old owners were using in their window. He stated that these are not allowed within the Village. Mr. Patel said it would be removed. Trustee Scaletta also voiced concerns about the hours Mr. Patel would be putting into the store by himself.

Trustee Blackwood asked why the Patels want to continue using the Meg's Liquor sign. Mr. Patel responded that people were familiar with that name.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if the store would be locked or closed when he went to the restroom. Mr. Patel said he would close the store and put up a sign.

TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROSENBERG 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 AVU CORPORATION, DBA MEG'S LIQUOR & WINE, LOCATED AT 1041 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD

5 AYES

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Motion passed.

2. INTERVIEW OF LISA HENDERSON FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE – TERM ENDING 4/30/17.

Ms. Henderson is a resident of Mount Prospect and has a background in marketing. She originally thought she could be productive on the Senior Commission but because of a residency requirement, she could not serve on this Commission Mayor Hayes felt that the Arlington Economic Alliance would be a good fit.

Trustee Scaletta asked if Ms. Henderson had attended any Alliance meeting in which she responded no. Trustee Scaletta asked what she thought she could

bring to the Alliance. Lisa responded she is trying to achieve her Master's in Business. She feels she could attract businesses to Arlington Heights because she has a fresh perspective. She works with the Lutheran Home as a Marketing Specialist and is out in the Community as a business liaison between healthcare professionals.

Trustee Rosenberg wants the record to show that his firm represents Lutheran Home. Mayor Hayes did not feel this would pose a problem.

Trustee LaBedz asked if Ms. Henderson had explored any opportunities in Mt. Prospect and she responded she had not. She works in Arlington Heights and hopes to someday move here.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING MS. HENDERSON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE – TERM ENDING 4/30/17.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. INTERVIEW OF JONATHAN BARRY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – TERM ENDING 4/30/16.

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Barry to the Board.

Mr. Barry gave the Board some information on his background. He said he wants to give back and get involved with his hometown of Arlington Heights.

Trustee Blackwood asked Mr. Barry about his involvement in the Environment. He said as the Student Body President at Northern Illinois University, he looked into getting a grant for a green bus and using solar energy for the bus for transporting students to and from the City of DeKalb library.

Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Barry if he worked in advertising. He said he worked for a sales firm called Breadcrumb.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Barry if his job required him to travel. Mr. Barry said he is strictly inside sales.

TRUSTEE ROSENBERG MOVED, TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED A MOTION RECOMMENDING MR. BARRY'S APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – TERM ENDING 04/30/16.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Assistant II