

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
November 7, 2022**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Erika Cutlip, John Toliopoulos and Melissa Cayer

**A. Interview of Erika Cutlip for appointment to the Arts Commission – term ending April 30, 2025.**

The Mayor introduced Erika Cutlip and stated that he thought most Trustees probably already knew her from her work at the Metropolis and involvement in the community. Erika gave an overview of her background including experience as a singer/songwriter in New York City and digital media experience locally. Erika stated that she feels that the arts bring a community together. Trustees thanked Erika for her willingness to serve and many feel that her performing background as well as business background will be very valuable to the Arts Commission. Trustee Schwingbeck asked Erika if she thought about what she would like to do with the Arts Commission. Erika stated that projection mapping, similar to what Chicago has, is something that she would like to see for the community.

**Trustee Schwingbeck moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Erika Cutlip for appointment to the Arts Commission – term ending April 30, 2025, motion was seconded by Trustee Grasse.**

**9 Ayes**

**0 Nays**

**The motion passed.**

**B. Interview of John Toliopoulos for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Commercial Real Estate) – term ending April 30, 2025.**

John Toliopoulos was introduced by the Mayor. The Mayor stated that John has been interested for some time in serving on the Arlington Economic Alliance however his appointment had to be put on hold while aspects of the Alliance were being reviewed. The Mayor asked John to introduce himself and explain why he would like to serve. John stated he learned about commercial real estate in the Village in 2005 when his family acquired a shopping center at Golf and Arlington Heights Road. John had to take over everything and worked with the Village during that time and learned a lot. John stated he always

appreciated the help and trust that the Village gave him and he has always wanted to give back.

Trustees thanked John for his willingness to serve. Trustee Canty asked what John hopes to bring to the Alliance. The Trustee's appreciated John's philosophy of transparency and working to breakdown stereo types. John stated that he hopes to make the world a better place and thinks giving back is one way to do this. Trustee Scaletta stated that John will be a good voice for the Arlington Economic Alliance as with his vast experience, he sees things from all angles.

**Trustee Baldino moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of John Toliopoulos for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Commercial Real Estate) - term ending April 30, 2025, motion was seconded by Trustee Scaletta.**

**9 Ayes**

**0 Nays**

**The motion passed.**

**C. OTHER BUSINESS** – Mayor Hayes asked if there was any other business. Resident Melissa Cayer questioned what the litigation was about that was listed under Closed Session on the Village Board Meeting agenda for that evening. Mayor Hayes stated it was a Closed Session so he could not discuss that information.

**D. ADJOURNMENT** – Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.