

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
November 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gabe Cherwin, Matt Peota, Melissa Cayer and Keith Moens

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

The Mayor introduced Gabe Cherwin. The Mayor mentioned that he is still looking for another good candidate to fill an opening for the Youth Commission and asked if anyone has recommendations to please contact him. The Mayor stated that Gabe is looking to fulfill a family legacy as his father is a member of the Plan Commission. The Mayor pointed out that both Gabe's father and sister were present at the meeting.

Gabe stated that he would like to get more involved in the community and he knows a lot of kids from different schools and he feels like he could be a good voice for the kids from Arlington Heights. Gabe feels that drug issues are the main thing he sees impacting the youth of Arlington Heights. Trustee Grasse asked what Gabe sees as a strength of today's youth. Gabe stated that he sees the use of technology as a strength of today's youth and the creativity to use it.

The Board thanked Gabe for his willingness to serve and stated that he will be a good ambassador as he has a resume showing his involvement in many areas.

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

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class E liquor license to Chuck's Seafood AH, LLC dba Chuck's Pizzeria located at 6 South Dunton Avenue.

The Mayor swore in Matt Peota and Rikki Peota, co-owners of Chuck's Pizzeria.

Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager, gave the staff report. She stated that the Peota's are also owners of Passero in Arlington Heights. Chuck's Pizzeria is a new business just a few blocks over on Dunton. The police completed a background check in October of Matt Peota and there were no issues noted. There had been a violation at the address in 2013.

A walk through was done on November 15 and with minor adjustments, the floor plan was consistent with the one submitted. Upon a satisfactory interview, Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula indicated that staff recommends the issuance of a Class E liquor license to Chuck's Seafood AH, LLC dba Chuck's Pizzeria located at 6 S. Dunton.

The Mayor asked if the Peota's had experience with serving liquor beyond Passero. Matt stated that he has had previous restaurant management experience. Matt stated that both he and Rikki are Bassett certified. The new staff is also Bassett certified. The Mayor asked about having the Passero liquor license revoked over a missed tax payment which was reported on the application. Matt stated that it was an oversight error and since they are growing, they have now hired an administrative team which helps to oversee the paperwork.

Trustee Scaletta asked where the name Chuck came from. Matt stated that the mascot is his daughter Charlee and she was named after his grandfather, Chuck.

Discussion ensued regarding the décor at the new restaurant and the New York 90's feel of the restaurant. The Trustees thanked the Peota's for choosing to invest in the community and open a second restaurant in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee Canty to recommend that the Village Board of Trustees recommend to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class E liquor license to Chuck's Seafood AH, LLC dba Chuck's Pizzeria located at 6 South Dunton Avenue.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS – Resident Melissa Cayer asked if she paid the property tax bill tomorrow, when will the Village get the money? Village Manager Recklaus stated that the Village will get the money in 2023.

Resident Ketih Moens stated that he noticed the agenda for the COW meeting was not posted on the website until the morning of the meeting and wondered if that complied. Village Manager Recklaus stated there was a process error with that however, the hard copy of the meeting agenda was posted at Village Hall more than 48 hours in advance which meets compliance.

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Scaletta moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.