

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
November 6, 2023**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Novak, Psy.D.

A. Interview of Joseph Novak, Psy.D. for appointment to the Board of Health, term ending April 30, 2026

The Mayor introduced Dr. Joseph Novak and stated that as a mental health professional he is very qualified to fill the position on the Board of Health. With his appointment, the Board of Health will have all seven members.

Dr. Novak stated he has been practicing for 37 years. He currently has a private practice in Arlington Heights. Dr. Novak has served as Director of Mental Health with Northwest Community Hospital and continues to be on staff there. Although he does not live in Arlington Heights, Dr. Novak stated he feels like he is a part of the fabric of the community.

Trustees thanked Dr. Novak for his willingness to serve. Trustee LaBedz mentioned that she did not remember someone not from the community being appointed. Mayor Hayes stated that Board of Health members must live or work in Arlington Heights.

Discussion ensued regarding the needs of the community. Dr. Novak talked about the youth of the community and how the pandemic affected so many. The pandemic worsened the mental health situation all the way around. The elderly population is also underserved in regards to mental health. Dr. Novak states it is an issue across the country and we need to find how we can address it in our community.

Trustee Grasse moved to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Joseph Novak, Psy.D. for appointment to the Board of Health term ending April 30, 2026. Trustee Schwingbeck seconded the motion.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

B. The motion passed.

C. OTHER BUSINESS - None

D. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Baldino moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.