



MINUTES

President and Board of Trustees
Village of Arlington Heights
Committee-of-the-Whole
Community Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
March 16, 2015
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Scaletta, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Colin H. Gilbert, Lisa C. Goranson for Tuscan Market and Wine Shop; George Vassos & Rick Cavanaugh for Aurelio's Pizza

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "BB", Class "T" and Class "E" Liquor License to Tuscan Cafe, Inc., dba Tuscan Market and Wine Shop, located at 141 W. Wing Street

Mayor Hayes swore in Colin Gilbert and Lisa Goranson.

Ms. Mikula reported to the Board that the Arlington Heights Police Department completed background checks on Colin and Lisa, each of whom have a 50%

ownership interest in the business entity. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. The applicants have entered into a stock purchase agreement and intend to purchase 100% of the shares of the company. The sale will take place after the applicants receive approval for a liquor license. The applicants intend to have the current owner stay on as manager of Tuscan Market for a term of six months to help transition them into the business operations.

A walk-through of Tuscan Market and Wine Shop was conducted on March 9, 2015. No issues were noted and the layout is consistent with the submitted floor plan. A liquor license will not be issued until proof of the change in ownership is provided to the Manager's Office.

Mayor Hayes said he was happy that the ownership of Tuscan Market is staying with a resident of Arlington Heights. Mayor Hayes noted that the applicants have no previous experience in the liquor business. He asked what their plans are for the business. Mr. Gilbert responded all staff will remain and there will be no changes. Mayor Hayes asked if either applicant had plans on working in the establishment. Mr. Gilbert said that he will be working on the premise and he will be the lead person.

Amy Philpott will be staying on for a while but once she decides to leave, a new manager will be transitioned into the position. Lisa will eventually be joining the staff when the time is right. There will be no changes in the hours of operation.

Trustee Scaletta asked if the shop will ever be opened on Mondays. Mr. Gilbert responded no. They do special events on Mondays but the shop is not opened to the public.

Trustee Glasgow voiced his concerns over neither applicant having experience in the business. If Ms. Philpott decides to depart from the business early, what would Mr. Gilbert's plan be? Mr. Gilbert responded that he would step into her shoes if that happens. He also stated the great thing they have going for them as new owners is that all 14 staff members that were trained by Amy are being retained. This will allow for a smooth transition.

Various Trustees welcomed Colin and Lisa to the business and stated their own fondness for Tuscan Market.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "BB", CLASS "T" & CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO TUSCAN CAFÉ, INC., DBA TUSCAN MARKET AND WINE SHOP, LOCATED AT 141 W. WING STREET. LIQUOR LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED UPON PROOF OF SALE OF STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT. Vote was unanimous.

- B. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "AA" Liquor License to North Side Pizza Guys LLC, dba Aurelio's Pizza, located at 2944 West Euclid

Mayor Hayes sworn in George Vassos and Rick Cavanaugh.

Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula reported to the Board that Aurelio's Pizza is a new restaurant currently under construction that received Village Board Special Use approval on December 14, 2014. The Arlington Heights Police Department completed background checks on the following individuals who have ownership interest in the business entity:

- George Vassos, President, 50%
- David Trandel, VP, 16.67%
- Richard Cavanaugh, Secretary, 16.67%
- Charles Hall, 16.66%.

No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. The submitted floor plan is consistent with the approved Special Use. A walk-thru will be completed when the project is closed to completion.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Vassos if he will be the on-site manager and will any other managers be present. Mr. Vassos responded that he would be the on-site manager. There will also be a kitchen manager and assistant manager. Mr. Vassos reported that he currently owns the restaurant Sam's of Arlington and prior to that he was in a family owned restaurant business for 20 years. He has never been cited for a liquor violation. The restaurant will be eventually opened for lunch but in the beginning, it will be opened for dinner. Mr. Vassos has completed Basset and all of his staff will be Basset trained through classroom instruction.

Trustee Farwell stated that he was pleased with Mr. Vassos' restaurant experience. Trustee Farwell questioned if highboy tables will be in the restaurant. Mr. Vassos replied that there are only four highboy tables in the bar area. Trustee Rosenberg asked if the menu would be the same as all Aurelio's restaurants. Mr. Vassos responded that they will be allowed to offer specials such as a fish fry on Fridays or lunch specials. Trustee Rosenberg asked when they were hoping to open and Mr. Vassos responded that they are hoping for May 1 when the racetrack opens. There will a couple of soft openings a couple of weeks before opening.

Trustee Glasgow asked if Mr. Vassos will still be working at Sam's. He responded yes. When asked how he would balance work between both restaurants, Mr. Vassos responded that his cousin is now working at Sam's and he will promote his head server to assist the cousin with running Sam's of Arlington. Once he has hired a manager for Aurelio's he will be going back and forth between both restaurants. He has a great staff at Sam's.

Trustee Blackwood asked why Mr. Vassos believes he decided to go with the Aurelio's Pizza franchise. Mr. Vassos responded that originally, they were considering Giordano's Pizza franchise but after meeting with Aurelio's team, they decided to go with them.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "AA" LIQUOR LICENSE TO NORTH SIDE PIZZA GUYS LLC, DBA AURELIO'S PIZZA, LOCATED AT 2944 WEST EUCLID. LIQUOR LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED UPON A FINAL WALK-THRU INSPECTION. Vote was unanimous.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LABEDZ TO ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II