

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
May 4, 2015
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Blackwood & Scaletta

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Recklaus, Village Manager; Assistant Village Manager, Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Hye Y Choi for Maru Restaurant; Alison McLaughlin for Arts Commission

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "E" Liquor License to Maru, Inc., dba Maru Restaurant, located at 234 E. Golf Road

Mayor Hayes swore in Mrs. Hye Y Choi.

Diana Mikula presented the staff report on Mrs. Choi. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. Mrs. Choi has 100% ownership interest in the Restaurant.

Mayor Hayes asked Mrs. Choi about her experience in the restaurant and liquor business. Mrs. Choi said Maru is her first business and wants it to be a family restaurant. She previously had been a server in a Korean and a Japanese restaurant for several years. She said she will only serve beer and wine at Maru.

Mayor Hayes asked Mrs. Choi if she had been personally cited for violation of any local liquor laws and if she had ever been cited for selling to minors. Mrs. Choi replied no to both questions.

Mayor Hayes asked Mrs. Choi if she currently had a Basset card. She replied yes. Mayor Hayes asked her where she had taken the Basset training. Mrs. Choi said she took Basset training online in February. Mayor Hayes asked her if she had a Basset card when she worked at the other restaurants. Mrs. Choi said no.

Mayor Hayes asked her how many employees Mrs. Choi would have working with her. Mrs. Choi said she would have four including herself. Mayor Hayes asked if she was going to be the Manager. Mrs. Choi said she was the Manager and would be at the restaurant from open to close. Mayor Hayes asked if she would also be waiting tables and Mrs. Choi responded yes.

Mayor Hayes asked Mrs. Choi what her plans were for getting her employees Basset trained. She said she hopes to hire employees that are already Basset trained.

Mayor Hayes inquired about the hours of operation for the restaurant. Mrs. Choi said they will be open from 11 AM to 10 PM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday; 11 AM to 11 PM Friday and Saturday, and closed on Tuesday.

Trustee Sidor stated his concern about staffing for the number of hours the restaurant would be open. Mrs. Choi said there is a break after lunch at around 2:30 until the dinner hour. She said her husband would also be there to help her.

Mayor Hayes asked about the number of seats in the restaurant. Mrs. Choi said there will be 64 seats.

Trustee Glasgow asked Diana Mikula if Mrs. Choi was made aware of the TIF District. Ms. Mikula said a letter was sent to Mrs. Choi and she acknowledged receiving it and that Mrs. Choi indicated she will comply with the special use conditions for the space.

Trustee Farwell asked if the other restaurants Mrs. Choi worked at were in Arlington Heights. Mrs. Choi replied no. Trustee Farwell also asked her if her husband understood that until he got a Basset card that he would not be able to serve liquor. Mrs. Choi said her husband would not be serving liquor but would be working in the kitchen.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TINAGLIA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO MARU INC., DBA MARU RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 234 E. GOLF ROAD

THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE WAS RECORDED:

7 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

- B. Interview of Alison McLaughlin for Appointment to the Arts Commission - Term Ending: 4/20/18

The Board reviewed Ms. McLaughlin's resume and discussed her interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

Mayor Hayes asked Alison to explain her interest in and what she feels she can bring to the Arts Commission. Ms. McLaughlin indicated she has a strong background in the arts. She wants to tap into the talent pool of artists, dancers, musicians, graphic artists, etc. within the Community and tie in the Arts Commission with things already going on.

She is the PTA President at South Middle School and is the Digital Services Advisor at the Library. She was also involved in the St. James Community Theater. She would like to use her connections to incorporate the Arts.

TRUSTEE FARWELL MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ALISON MCLAUGHLIN TO THE ARTS COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

7 AYES

0 NAYS

The motion passed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.