



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
July 6, 2015
7:45 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, Farwell, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Sidor, Scaletta, Tinaglia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Kusum Patel, Mr. Dhruv Patel, Ms. Reshma Patel and Ms. Binita Patel representing R-K Group Enterprises, Inc., dba Foremost Liquors

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "B" & "T" Liquor License to R-K Group Enterprises, Inc., dba Foremost Liquors, located at 1776 W. Algonquin Road

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. Dhruv Patel.

Ms. Mikula reported to the Board that on June 25 the Arlington Heights Police Department completed background checks on Ms. Kusum Patel who has 35% ownership in the corporation; Mr. Dhruv Patel, who has 25% ownership in the corporation; Ms. Reshma Patel who has 20% ownership in

the corporation; and Ms. Binita Patel, who has 20% ownership in the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding.

Because there is an existing liquor license issued for this address, applicants understand that a new liquor license will not be issued until the existing license is surrendered.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Patel about his experience in the liquor business. Mr. Patel explained that he worked part-time in his uncle's liquor store, Amador Liquors, and is currently going to the Foremost location for training. He has worked for his uncle for a couple of years managing and operating the cash register. He has been Basset trained since May 2015.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Patel if Amador Liquors had ever had a liquor violation. Mr. Patel responded he was not aware of any. Mr. Patel also said he has never had a liquor violation.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Patel if his partners in the business were related to him. Mr. Patel responded that they were just friends.

Mayor Hayes asked how many people will be working at this location. Mr. Patel responded that 2 to 3 employees will be working at the store and they will be Basset trained. Mayor Hayes reported that Arlington Heights prefers everyone to attend a Basset class and not take the course on-line because the classroom setting is more effective.

Trustee Sidor questioned Mr. Patel about operating a cash register at a liquor store without being Basset trained. Mr. Patel explained that Chicago does not require a part-time employee to be Basset trained. Ms. Mikula stated that as of July 1, 2015 the State of Illinois is requiring Cook County alcohol servers and "bouncers" to be BASSET trained. Each municipality may have slightly different regulations but in Arlington Heights we require anyone selling or serving alcoholic beverages (including packaged stores) to be Basset trained.

Trustee Glasgow questioned Mr. Patel about his answer to question #14 on the Additional Liquor Applicant Information form. The question reads, "Do you have a financial interest in any other business?" Mr. Patel responded "No". Trustee Glasgow was not comfortable with this answer because question #17 on the Liquor Application asks "Do you currently hold a liquor license in another jurisdiction or has a liquor license been previously issued?" The applicants responded "Yes" and listed Amador Liquors in Chicago as the establishment that has a current liquor license. Trustee Sidor stated that he reads the Additional Applicant Information form as personal answers from each individual and the Liquor License Application is where the applicants respond as a group. Ms. Mikula confirmed this is the process. Trustee Glasgow indicated he was still uncomfortable with the explanation from the applicant.

Ms. Mikula referenced the Police Department background check report for Ms. Kusum Patel who indicated she has ownership interest in Amador Liquors, Chicago. The AHPD report states the Chicago Police Department reported no contacts/violations at this place of business.

When questioned about liquor licenses that any of the applicants hold at an establishment that they have ownership interest in, Mr. Patel stated he knows for a fact Alfredo's Pizza in Hoffman does not have a liquor license and he does not think there is a liquor license at the Lake in the Hills Alfredo's Pizza.

Trustee Scaletta stated that per the website for Alfredo's Pizza, the Lake in the Hills location appears to sell liquor.

Trustee Scaletta wants to make sure info did not fall through the cracks and would like Police to recheck the establishments listed on the application for violations.

Trustee Glasgow would like this group to reappear before the Board at the next Committee of the Whole meeting so that Staff can look into questions raised at the meeting.

Following additional comments from Trustees, Mayor Hayes gave direction that the R-K Group Enterprises liquor license interview be continued to July 20th.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCALETTA TO ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II