



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
September 21, 2015
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustee John Scaletta

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Giovanni DeNegris and Salvatore Perricone for Osteria Trulli; Charmaine Lowe, Dave Parulo and Jon Ridler for Arlington Economic Alliance

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "A" Liquor License to Osteria Trulli, LLC, dba Osteria Trulli, located at 1510 E. Hintz Road

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. DeNegris and Mr. Perricone.

Ms. Mikula reported to the Board that the applicants at tonight's meeting are seeking a Class "A" liquor license which allows full liquor sales for the restaurant.

On August 18, 2015, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a

background check on Mr. Giovanni DeNegrìs and Mr. Salvatore Perricone whom each have 50% ownership interest in the LLC. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. The applicants have agreed to comply with the Special Use conditions attached to this property.

A walk-thru of the business will be conducted once construction is completed, and equipment and furniture is installed. The liquor license will be released to the applicants upon liquor license approval and confirmation that the layout is in substantial compliance with the submitted floor plan.

The applicants explained to the Board that they were leasing the restaurant space directly from the landlord. The space has been vacant for about a year and a half. They are doing a whole new concept and starting from scratch.

Mayor Hayes asked if there had ever been a liquor violation at this location. Ms. Mikula informed that there had been one but it was many years ago.

Ms. DeNegrìs will be working at the restaurant while Mr. Perricone will not be present on a regular basis.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. DeNegrìs what his experience is in operating a restaurant. Mr. DeNegrìs explained that he is an executive chef and has many years of restaurant experience. Mr. DeNegrìs retired in March but decided he was not yet ready for this so he started looking for a new space to open a restaurant.

Mayor Hayes asked if any of Mr. DeNegrìs' other restaurant had ever had a liquor violation. Mr. DeNegrìs stated that none had.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Perricone what his experience was in the restaurant business. Mr. Perricone stated that he has no experience.

Mr. DeNegrìs is Basset trained and his employees will be Basset trained also. He is hoping to be open by the end of October. His hours of operation will be 11 AM – 11 PM.

Mayor Hayes asked why one of Mr. DeNegrìs' restaurant had been condemned. Mr. DeNegrìs said it was an old movie theater and had been closed for several years. It developed a mold problem and the City of Evanston condemned the building.

Trustee Glasgow asked what type of cuisine would be served. Mr. DeNegrìs responded that southern Italian cuisine would be served. Trustee Glasgow stated that he had dined at Mr. DeNegrìs' Evanston location and it was very good.

Trustee LaBedz asked about the financing of the business. Mr. DeNegrìs stated that just he and Mr. Perricone would be financing the business.

Trustee Rosenberg suggested that Mr. Perricone should get Basset trained.

Trustee Tinaglia welcomed the applicants to Arlington Heights.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE LABEDZ TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO OSTERIA TRULLI, LLC, DBA OSTERIA TRULLI, LOCATED AT 1510 E. HINTZ ROAD.

The motion passed 8-0

- B. Interview of Charmaine Lowe for Appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Restaurateur) - Term Ending: 4/30/17

Mayor Hayes introduced Ms. Lowe to the Board.

Trustee LaBedz thanked Ms. Lowe for all of her community involvement.

Trustee Farwell asked Ms. Lowe how she transitioned from being a real estate attorney to Tropical Smoothies. Ms. Lowe explained how she and her husband had been affected by the real estate market downturn. She did franchise work for a while as a lawyer and he had a restaurant background. Her husband wanted to get his own place so with her franchise knowledge they began researching restaurants and decided on Tropical Smoothies.

TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHARMAINE LOWE TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE WITH A TERM ENDING 4/30/17. TRUSTEE FARWELL SECONDED THE MOTION.

The motion passed 8-0.

- C. Interview of Dave Parulo for Appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Convention & Visitors Bureau) - Term Ending: 4/30/18

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Parulo to the Board.

Trustees Rosenberg, Blackwell & Glasgow thanked Mr. Parulo for his willingness to serve and all his work over the years.

TRUSTEE ROSENBERG MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAVE PARULO TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE WITH A TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION.

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Motion passed: 8-0

- D. Interview of Jon Ridler for Appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance (Chamber of Commerce) - Term Ending: 4/30/18

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Ridler to the Board.

Mr. Ridler explained to the Board that the Chamber Board of Directors voted to have him serve in the newly created Chamber of Commerce position for the Arlington Economic Alliance.

Trustee Glasgow thanked Mr. Ridler for everything he has done.

Trustee Sidor asked Mr. Ridler his thoughts now that he would have more of a hands-on position rather than that of an advisory position. Mr. Ridler said that he wanted to bring some common threads from the SBEA and bring them to the Economic Alliance and have further discussion on what those common threads might look like by all those industries represented at the table.

TRUSTEE SIDOR MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JON RIDLER TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE GLASGOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Motion passed: 8-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

TRUSTEE FARWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SIDOR TO ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Admin. Asst. II