



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 5, 2016
7:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Tinaglia

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gurhy, Troy Malik

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "E" Liquor License to Scruffy's Kitchen, Inc., dba Scruffy's Kitchen located at 2200 W. Euclid Avenue (Backstretch Kitchen)

Mayor Hayes swore in John Gurhy.

Ms. Mikula presented the staff report on John Gurhy. Mr. Gurhy is the vendor providing food and beverage service for the Backstretch Kitchen through October 15. There is a lease agreement with the vendor that starts May 1 and ends around Oct. 15. Mr. Gurhy has 100% interest in the Corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy about his experience in the restaurant and liquor business. Mr. Gurhy replied he had a bar from 1987 to 1990. Since then, he has not had a liquor license but worked at a few bars and has been an assistant manager. He also had a café with just food only from 2004 to 2007.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy if any of the establishments that he owned, operated or served at had been cited for any local liquor violations. Mr. Gurhy replied no. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy if he personally had a license, revoked, or suspended at any location. Mr. Gurhy replied no. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy if he was Bassett trained and Mr. Gurhy said yes. Mayor Hayes asked when he had obtained his Bassett card. Mr. Gurhy said in early June. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy how many total employees he had. Mr. Gurhy said two employees for serving beer besides himself who are also Bassett trained. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy how the alcohol would be served at the counter as people go through to pick up their food. Mr. Gurhy said the beer is served in cans only and wine is only available for private parties. He said he is not allowed to serve wine to the general population there. Ms. Mikula said that Mr. Gurhy sought a "beer only" classification but the closest classification is the "beer and wine" only liquor license.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Gurhy about his menu and his hours. Mr. Gurhy said most of the food is Mexican food. Mr. Gurhy said he is open Monday through Thursday until 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 10:00 p.m., and Sunday until 9:00 p.m. Mayor Hayes asked if the kitchen was open until those hours. Mr. Gurhy said the kitchen would close 7:00-7:30 pm. Mayor Hayes asked what food was still available between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 pm. Mr. Gurhy said it would be a reduced menu.

Trustee Glasgow asked Mr. Gurhy if he planned on operating 6-8 months out of the year. Mr. Gurhy said he will operate just the remainder of the season until Sept. 28. There will be reduced clientele until Oct. 15.

Trustee Glasgow asked Mr. Gurhy what he would be doing after the horsemen leave until racing starts again. Mr. Gurhy said he also works in the mortgage business.

Trustee Glasgow asked about staff. Mr. Gurhy said he has two workers up front and three in the kitchen. Trustee Glasgow asked if the two workers would be seasonal employees. Mr. Gurhy said yes. Trustee Glasgow asked if they were employed elsewhere with Mr. Gurhy. Mr. Gurhy said one of them would be employed by the main kitchen at Arlington Park and the other employee works at another establishment.

Trustee Glasgow said he counted 27 tables with 4 at each table and said it was a large number of patrons for two employees to take care of for beer sales. Mr. Gurhy said he has reduced staff because the population of horses, and thus the workers there, has gone down.

Trustee Glasgow said he had questions regarding the menu and pricing and if it was his total menu. Mr. Gurhy said he has added lunch and dinner specials with something different every day. Trustee Glasgow asked about his price for drinks. Mr. Gurhy said he would charge \$2.75 for Mexican beer and \$2.00 for American beer.

Trustee Glasgow asked Mr. Recklaus about the number of police calls to the area. Mr. Recklaus said that from the beginning of the 2015 racing season to the present day there were ninety-one 911 calls for service in the general vicinity of the Backstretch. There were domestic issues, one death investigation, and a handful of other issues for approximately 1500 residents living there. Trustee Glasgow asked how many issues were alcohol-related. Mr. Recklaus said he did not have that information.

Trustee Sidor asked Mr. Recklaus if the 911 calls were over a 4-5 month period of time. Mr. Recklaus said yes, since there is no activity the rest of the year.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Gurhy about his employment at Irish Times in Brookfield, IL. Mr. Gurhy said he was the Assistant Manager. Trustee Rosenberg asked if there were any liquor violations while Mr. Gurhy was at Irish Times. Mr. Gurhy replied no.

Mayor Hayes asked how long Mr. Gurhy would be at Scruffy's during the day. Mr. Gurhy said at the moment he is there 16 hours a day.

Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Mikula if the liquor license was prorated when a business is only open part of the year. Ms. Mikula replied that yes, the liquor license period is May 1 to April 30 so new licenses that come in and approved by the Board are prorated.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Gurhy if he understood that there is concern that he makes sure his business is operated professionally, that minors are not served, and that those that appear to be over-served are cut off from further alcohol. Mr. Gurhy agreed.

Trustee Blackwood asked Mr. Gurhy about his menu and how often he would be at the kitchen until 10:00 p.m. since the bulk of his menu is breakfast and lunch. Mr. Gurhy said alcohol would be cut off at about 9:00 p.m. and the kitchen closed at 10:00 p.m.

TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE FARWELL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "E" LIQUOR LICENSE TO SCRUFFY'S KITCHEN INC., DBA SCRUFFY'S KITCHEN, LOCATED AT 2200 W. EUCLID AVENUE.

The motion passed.

8 AYES 0 NAYES

B. Interview of Troy Malik for Appointment to the Environmental Commission - Term Ending: 4/30/17

The Board reviewed Mr. Malik's resume and discussed his interest in serving on the Environmental Commission. Trustee Scaletta thanked Mr. Malik for his willingness to serve. He asked Mr. Malik how his business background would benefit the Environmental Commission. Mr. Malik said his greatest strength is the opportunity to use his time for issues the Village is interested in and providing a different perspective and coming up with new recommendations that not only support Village residents and businesses but also the Board. Mr. Malik said there is an opportunity to educate residents on the environment and he sees himself in that role. He feels it's important to inform people on what they can do differently with small changes to make a big impact.

TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TROY MALIK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/17. TRUSTEE SCALETTA SECONDED THE MOTION. 8 AYES 0 NAYES

The motion passed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Scaletta moved, and Trustee Sidor seconded the motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.