



## 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  
October 4, 2016  
7:30 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, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Yon Choe & Owner Mr. Chi Bong Yu of Sea & Wave Corporation, dba Seoul Kkakdugi

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "A" Liquor License to Sea & Wave Corporation, dba Seoul Kkakdugi, located at 234 E. Golf Road (International Plaza)

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. Chi Bong Yu.

Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager, reported to the Board that Mr. Yu is seeking a Class "A" liquor license which allows for full-service liquor sales for his establishment located at 234 E. Golf Road.

On September 7, 2016 the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Chi Bong Yu. Mr. Yu is president of the corporation,

owning 100% of the shares of the corporation. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments or liens were outstanding. Ms. Mikula completed a walk-thru of the restaurant on September 28, 2016. No issues were noted and the layout is consistent with the submitted floor plan.

Also reported was that Mr. Yu did have ownership interest in a restaurant on the Village's south side at one time and there was a liquor violation in 2011 at that address. His employee was cited for the violation.

Mayor Hayes asked for some history on the location of the restaurant. Ms. Mikula reported that in the past it was Maru Restaurant, and a couple of restaurants before that. She further reported that Mr. Yu owned another restaurant in Arlington Heights for a while - Woory House on South Arlington Heights Road and Fish One on Rand Road in Prospect Heights. Both restaurants have closed.

Mayor Hayes asked how many employees would be working at the restaurant. Mr. Yu reported that 3 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees would be there. Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Yu when he had taken the Basset class. Mr. Yu stated that he took the class in September 2001. Mr. Yu stated that one waitress is already Basset trained and two others will be taking the class as well. Hours of operation for liquor sales will start at 11 AM and close at 10 PM.

Trustee Sidor asked if they were currently opened for business. Mr. Yu said he open about a month ago. Trustee Sidor was concerned about only two people being Basset trained and the restaurant being open 11 hours daily, six days per week. He would like to see everyone who is serving liquor be Basset trained.

Trustee Glasgow wanted clarification on the liquor violation. Mr. Yu stated he only had one violation and that violation was made by a server who served to an underage individual. This took place at Woory House on S. Arlington Heights Road. Trustee Glasgow asked Mr. Yu what he has done to rectify that this won't happen again. Mr. Yu responded that he spoke with the server about checking IDs carefully in the future. The restaurant eventually closed.

Trustee Scaletta has the same concerns as Trustee Sidor in regard to limited staff. He asked if anyone hired would be able to speak English. Mr. Yu said that all waitresses will speak English and would be able to tell a customer why they were not going to be served liquor.

Trustee Scaletta asked how long the lease was for. Ms. Mikula stated that it extended to at least 2020.

Trustee Tinaglia stated that this is the first time he's been presented with a

petitioner coming before the Board with a liquor violation already against him. This petitioner seems to understand how seriously we take all this and how it's a privileged to have a liquor license. What will be the repercussions if something happens within 12 months of receiving his liquor license. What will be the consequences? Mayor Hayes asked if Trustee Tinaglia was asking if the Village would have any liability? Trustee Tinaglia responded that no, not the Village, would the applicant have any liability. He wants the applicant to know what the consequences might be.

Mayor Hayes stated that as the Liquor Commissioner he could not consider this a second violation for this establishment. But if Mr. Yu is the owner and manager and had something to do with the violation then he could consider that as circumstances that could go into his ruling on the existing violation. It would be factored in depending on the circumstances.

Trustee Tinaglia said he was bringing this up more for Mr. Yu's benefit than his. Mr. Yu has should understand how serious we take our Liquor Laws. Ramifications can include suspension, fines and revocation.

Trustee Tinaglia asked if Mayor Hayes has ever revoked a liquor license. Mayor Hayes responded that he has never revoked a liquor license but he has suspended a liquor license. He takes into consideration how many violations they have had and the circumstances of the violations. Ms. Mikula added that Mayor Hayes also fined the violator.

**TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE SCALETTA TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO SEA & WAVE CORPORATION, DBA SEOUL KKAUGI, LOCATED AT 234 E. GOLF ROAD.** Motion passed unanimously.

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## **V. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**TRUSTEE FARWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GLASGOW TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Motion passed unanimously.

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Administrative Asst. II