



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 17, 2016
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, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

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

OTHERS PRESENT: George Souleles for Harvest Fresh Market

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of recommending to the Liquor Commissioner the issuance of a Class "B" & Class "T" Liquor License to Arlington Produce, Inc., dba Harvest Fresh Market, located at 100 E. Rand Road (Arlington Plaza Shopping Center)

Mayor Hayes swore in Mr. George Souleles, Vice-President of Harvest Fresh Market.

Diana Mikula, Assistant Village Manager, reported to the Board that she had the opportunity to meet Mr. Souleles last week when she conducted a walk-thru of the store. She stated that Harvest Fresh previously held a liquor license at this location but surrendered it. Mr. Souleles added that because their customers were asking for specialty liquor the owners decided to again apply for a new license so that they could offer this amenity.

On September 22, 2016, the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Tony Vorrias, President owning 60% of the corporation, Nicholas Souleles, Manager owning 20% and George Souleles, Vice-President, owning 20%. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found on any applicant. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. During the walk-thru on October 12, no issues were noted and the layout is consistent with the submitted floor plan. Also, their intended sales for liquor would be Monday – Saturday 8 AM – 9 PM and on Sundays 8 AM – 8 PM.

Mayor Hayes asked if Mr. Souleles was Basset trained. Mr. Souleles reported that his Basset card had expired.

Mayor Hayes asked where the liquor department was located within the store. Mr. Souleles indicated that it was located in the back of the store and they intend to keep it in that location. Mayor Hayes asked if there were locks on the coolers. Mr. Souleles indicated that there were no locks but security cameras were in place. Mayor Hayes asked what types of alcohol were going to be sold. Mr. Souleles stated beer and wine only would be sold.

Mayor Hayes asked how the cash registers were set up for liquor sales. Mr. Souleles stated that the liquor would be scanned at the register. A manager would be called over to the register if the cashier was not Basset trained. Currently no one is Basset trained at the store. Mayor Hayes asked how they were going to remedy this. Mr. Souleles responded that online training would take place for the cashiers and classroom training for the managers.

Ms. Mikula informed Mr. Souleles that the State of IL website has a listing of locations where classroom instruction is given.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Souleles if he had ever been cited for any violation of the liquor laws. Mr. Souleles reported that he had not. Mayor Hayes reported that Harvest Fresh previously had a liquor violation in 2005. Mr. Souleles said that his father was manager at that time. Mayor Hayes asked if anything had changed in the operation of the store to prevent such an occurrence from happening again. Mr. Souleles responded that everyone who is ringing up alcohol sales will be Basset trained.

Mayor Hayes asked why the original liquor license was surrendered. Mr. Souleles responded that the company decided they did not want to compete with Binny's when it opened its doors five years ago.

Trustee Glasgow asked if question 17 on the liquor license application should be amended reflecting that Mr. Souleles had been issued a liquor license in the past. Ms. Mikula questioned Mr. Souleles if he was just a manager at the time of the previous license or did he, in fact, have ownership within the company. Mr. Souleles responded that he did have ownership in the company. Ms. Mikula indicated she would have Mr. Souleles reflect this

properly on the application.

Trustee Scaletta asked if they rent or own the property. Mr. Souleles responded that they rent. Ms. Mikula stated that the lease expires in 2024 with options to extend.

**TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD
T O RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A
CLASS "B" AND CLASS "T" LIQUOR LICENSE TO ARLINGTON
PRODUCE, INC., DBA HARVEST FRESH MARKET, LOCATED AT 100
EAST RAND ROAD. (ARLINGTON PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER)** Motion
passed unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

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Recorded By: Diane Staggs, Administrative Asst. II