

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS  
33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD - COMMUNITY ROOM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AT 7:30 PM**

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee John Scaletta

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rikki & Scott Peota of Passero, LLC; John Schroeder for Arts Commission; Brandon Lawrence for Youth Commission

**1. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDING TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO PASSERO, LLC, DBA PASSERO, LOCATED AT 5 WEST CAMPBELL.**

Mayor Hayes swore in Rikki & Scott Peota.

Rikki Peota introduced herself to the Village Board by saying she is the wife of Matthew Peota who will be the Executive Chef of the Passero. Rikki will be the owner and operator of the restaurant.

Scott Peota introduced himself to the Village Board by saying he is the business manager and father of Matthew Peota.

Ms. Mikula reported to the Board that the Peota's are seeking a Class "A" liquor license for their establishment located at 5 West Campbell which is a full service liquor license.

On July 27, 2017 the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Rikki Peota who has 85% ownership of the restaurant. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. Ms. Peota will complete Basset training by the end of September.

On August 10, 2017 the Arlington Heights Police Department completed a background check on Scott Peota who has 15% ownership of the restaurant. No convictions were disclosed and no criminal derogatory information was found. In addition, no lawsuits, judgments, or liens were outstanding. Mr. Peota will complete Basset training by the end of September also.

The owners are still in the process of placing their tables and chairs so a walk-thru was not able to be done before this meeting was held. Once the tables and chairs have been installed and upon a favorable interview this evening, Ms. Mikula will conduct a walk-thru and after that we will issue them the liquor license.

Mayor Hayes asked the Peota's to tell the Board about their experience in the restaurant business. Rikki Peota reported that she was a server all through college and that her parents own three Culver's Restaurants and she has worked for them periodically for over 10 years. Ms. Peota stated she has experience with a liquor license as a server at Red Robin Restaurant. Scott Peota reported that he had no experience with a liquor license. Neither of the Peota's have ever had a violation of any liquor laws.

Scott Peota told the Board that he and Rikki are taking the classroom course on Basset at the restaurant with their main managers, the chef and the General Manager they will be hiring.

Mayor Hayes asked the Peota's to explain to the Board the restaurant concept and type of food that will be served. Mr. Peota replied that it will be an Italian/American restaurant. They are looking to attract young families with kids.

Trustee Blackwood asked why the restaurant would be open until 10 PM if the concept is to attract young families with children. Mr. Peota responded that they hope to attract other people as well. They will only be offering a few cocktails to compliment the meals. The majority will be beer and wine. Trustee Blackwood asked if there will be a children's menu and Ms. Peota said there will be. Trustee Blackwood complimented the Peota's on their menu and wished them well.

Trustee Tinaglia asked if the Peota's lived in town. Ms. Peota responded that they live in Rolling Meadows about two miles down the street. Trustee Tinaglia asked why they chose downtown Arlington Heights as the location for their restaurant. Ms. Peota responded that since high school she has always wanted to live in downtown Arlington Heights. They have always loved the community.

Trustee Sidor asked when the restaurant would be opening and Ms. Peota stated they were hoping for October 17. Trustee Sidor wished them good luck.

Trustee LaBedz questioned the Peota's about a menu item and then welcomed them to downtown Arlington Heights.

**TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROSENBERG TO RECOMMEND TO THE LIQUOR COMMISSIONER THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE TO PASSERO LLC, DBA PASSERO, LOCATED AT 5 WEST CAMPBELL.** Motion passed unanimously.

**2. INTERVIEW OF JOHN SCHROEDER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION – TERM ENDING 4/30/20**

Mayor Hayes introduced John Schroeder to the Village Board and asked him to explain his interest in serving generally and his particular interest in being appointed to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Schroeder stated he has lived in Arlington Heights for about 11 years. He has only served at the Arlington Heights Library teaching web development classes for four years. Because of his partial employment with the Library he was afraid that may interfere with being appointed to a Commission with the Village. Mayor Hayes reported he had sought council from Robin Ward, the Village's In-House Counsel, and was told there would be no problem with Mr. Schroeder serving on a Commission.

Mr. Schroeder stated that he had started photography as a hobby while in college. He has taken photos of the downtown area of Arlington Heights. He also has an interest in cityscapes and landscapes.

**TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SCHROEDER TO THE ARTS COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/20. TRUSTEE TINAGLIA SECONDED THE MOTION.** Motion passed unanimously.

**3. INTERVIEW OF BRANDON LAWRENCE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION – TERM ENDING 4/30/18.**

Trustee Sidor thanked Brandon for his willingness to serve on the Youth Commission. Trustee Sidor then asked Brandon to explain what his school's Model UN Club is all about.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the Model UN Club attends different conferences - most recently was Chicago International held at the Hilton near Grant Park. Committees are given different problems and each delegate is assigned a different country. Before going to the conference the delegates are supposed to tell what their country's position is. They have to try to come up with a solution on trying to advance their country's agenda.

Trustee Rosenberg asked Mr. Lawrence what his thoughts and ideas were in how to further the Youth Commission. Mr. Lawrence responded he would like to implement some municipal service hours to give to high school students seeking them in order to complete a college application requirement.

Trustee LaBedz asked if there was a UN security council. Mr. Lawrence said there is a security council but those positions were typically given out to seniors. Mr. Lawrence is hoping to serve on that council next year.

Trustee Tinaglia complimented Mr. Lawrence on his willingness to serve and asked how he was going to fit the Commission into his busy schedule. Mr. Lawrence stated that all of his activities are scattered throughout the year so there will be no problem.

**TRUSTEE TINAGLIA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON LAWRENCE TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE SIDOR SECONDED THE MOTION.** Motion passed unanimously.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**TRUSTEE BALDINO MOVED, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROSENBERG TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Reported By: Diane Staggs, Administrative Asst. II