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4	KEITH KANDEL
5	BARRY MULLER, VICE-CHAIRMAN
6	CHRISTINA SITACA
7	DANIEL VOLOSIN
8	JAMES WILLIAMS
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13	PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF PRESENT:
14 15	ALEXANDER G. FISHER, ESQUIRE, BOARD ATTORNEY Savo, Schalk, Gillespie, O'Grodnick & Fisher
16 17	MATHEW WILDER, P.E., BOARD ENGINEER Morgan Engineering
18	PETER VAN DEN KOOY, P.P., AICP, BOARD PLANNER Acuity Consulting Services, LLC
19	BETH MAGNANI, BOARD SECRETARY
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3	CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Good evening, call to
4	order the Borough of Sayreville Planning Board
5	meeting of August 6, 2025.
6	Beth, has this meeting been advertised
7	in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act?
8	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Yes, Chairman, it
9	has.
10	CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Can I have a roll
11	call, please?
12	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Kandel?
13	MR. KANDEL: Here.
14	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Muller?
15	MR. MULLER: Here.
16	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Ms. Sitaca?
17	MS. SITACA: Here.
18	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Volosin?
19	MR. VOLOSIN: Here.
20	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Williams?
21	MR. WILLIAMS: Here.
22	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Councilman
23	Zebrowski?
24	COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Here.
25	SECRETARY MAGNANI: Chairman Tighe.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Here. 1 SECRETARY MAGNANI: We have a quorum. 2 3 (Whereupon, the board continued with the agenda as posted.) 5 6 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Do we have any Site 7 Plans/Subdivisions? 8 SECRETARY MAGNANI: We have one. 9 Application Number PB25-01, Tenon Auto Services, 10 Inc., preliminary and final site plan, 2069 Highway 11 35, South Amboy, Block 428, Lots 1, 2, 2.01. 12 ATTORNEY PAPE: Good evening, 13 Mr. Chairman, board members, board professionals, 14 15 and public. Kenneth Pape, of the firm Heilbrunn Pape, on behalf of the applicant this evening. 16 17 Before we begin the substance of the 18 presentation, I ask if your counsel or secretary can confirm receipt of our notices, confirm that the 19 board has jurisdiction of the application, and that 20 we can proceed. 21 ATTORNEY FISHER: I can confirm all 22 23 three. ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you, sir, that's 24 25 very kind.

This is an application to repurpose the existing building, the existing site. I think that all of you have more complete understanding of some of the activities that took place on this property over the last decade.

Our clients purchased the property in November of 2024. They abandoned the prior use of the property and the repurposing that they're asking of this board is to use the buildings on the property for the maintenance of their bus fleet. It's not a bus depot. It's not a major repair facility. It's a building where they would maintain a fleet of buses that they would operate from another site.

The presentation will be made briefly by Mr. Wong, who is the tenant. He is Tenon Auto.

I'm going to ask that he, at the beginning of the presentation describe what his business is, the hours of operation that he proposes, the number of employees, and certain restrictions on his activities that were discussed during the last nine months with Mr. Mashanski.

Not that Mr. Mashanski gave anything that said you must do this, but there were restrictions that were suggested and we're going to

place that on the record.

And, then, Kiera Nissen is here. She is a professional engineer responsible for the presentation of the plans to you. And if we go through her credentials, I'll ask that she assist in the presentation of the site plan and go through your staff reports.

And I would be remiss if I didn't identify to you the property owner, 2069 Property, LLC, is represented by Ms. Ling Yang. She is here as the property owner to represent the representative. She is here out of respect for the board; she has no testimony, but I asked that she appear before you.

And Mr. Wong, who is here, is the gentleman whose business would be operated from the property which would be bus maintenance.

And with your permission, Mr. Chair, I would begin by calling Mr. Wong and we have a series of short questions to go through to make sure his business becomes part of the record.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: That's acceptable.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wong, if you can come forward, and you're going to be asked to be sworn in. They will ask that you raise your right hand and you're going to confirm to tell the truth.

1	Z H E N G R O N G W O N G, having first been duly
2	sworn, testified under his oath as follows:
3	ATTORNEY FISHER: You're under oath.
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5	EXAMINATION
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7	ATTORNEY PAPE: I'm going to ask, if
8	you could, you are the owner of Tenon Auto Service?
9	MR. WONG: Yes.
LO	ATTORNEY FISHER: Can we get the name
L1	for the record?
L2	ATTORNEY PAPE: Yes, they would like
L3	your full name on the record.
L 4	MR. WONG: My name is Zhengrong Wong.
L5	ATTORNEY FISHER: How do you spell
L6	that?
L7	MR. WONG: First name Zhengrong,
L8	Z-H-E-N-G-R-O-N-G, last name Wong, W-O-N-G.
L9	ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wong, Tenon Auto
20	Services, Inc. is the name of your business,
21	correct?
22	MR. WONG: Yes.
23	ATTORNEY PAPE: And what is that
24	business operation; what will it do at this
25	property?

MR. WONG: We're doing the maintenance 1 2 of bus fleet. ATTORNEY PAPE: Do you provide any 3 4 maintenance services for anyone other than your own 5 buses? MR. WONG: 6 No. ATTORNEY PAPE: So, this would not be 7 a business that is open to the general public? 8 MR. WONG: No. 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: What type of 10 maintenance do you do on the buses; do you do major 11 12 repairs? MR. WONG: We have doing the 13 maintenance, no major repair. 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: Light bulbs, tires, 15 windshield wipers, that type of general maintenance? 16 MR. WONG: Yes. 17 ATTORNEY PAPE: Would you agree, and 18 if you agree, this would become part of the record, 19 would you agree that all of the services that you 20 perform on the buses would be inside the building, 21 no services outside of the building? 22 23 MR. WONG: Yes. ATTORNEY PAPE: That is an important 24 representation, I know that neighbors are going to 25

be very concerned that you do not do any outdoor 1 activities. 2 Do you have established hours of 3 business, business hours that you would like to run 4 your business? 5 MR. WONG: Yes, we are running right 6 now Monday through Friday, eight a.m. to five p.m. 7 We would like to obtain the permission to have the 8 hour on Saturday, if necessary, from eight a.m. to 2 9 p.m., not every Saturday, but just if necessary. 10 ATTORNEY PAPE: Eight a.m. to five 11 p.m. are hours of operation, you're comfortable with 12 those being restrictions on your business? 13 MR. WONG: Yes. But employee may 14 arrive earlier than eight a.m., sometimes seven 15 a.m., but we will not start working before eight 16 17 a.m. ATTORNEY PAPE: How many workers will 18 19 you intend to have at the site? MR. WONG: Right now, we have five. 20 ATTORNEY PAPE: Five. That will 21 include the administrative people, the people in the 22 business office, as well as the mechanics? 23 MR. WONG: Yes. 24 ATTORNEY PAPE: And you're comfortable

that's the number that you need to operate your 1 business? 2 MR. WONG: For now, yes. 3 ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wong told me that 4 five is the number. I said five is a very small 5 number. I'm going to ask the board for a little bit 6 of opportunity for growth of two additional 7 employees. 8 They don't exist at this time, but 9 we're asking that you could consider a maximum 10 11 number of employees of seven. No work on Sundays? 12 MR. WONG: No. 13 ATTORNEY PAPE: Closed on Sundays? 14 15 MR. WONG: Yes. 16 ATTORNEY PAPE: There is a 17 single-family home on the property. It is in the front of the property. Are you prepared to abandon 18 19 the use of that as a single-family home? MR. WONG: Yes. 20 ATTORNEY PAPE: And I believe that 21 representations have been made in the application is 22 23 that that will be storage of parts for your maintenance and on the second floor you would like 24 to have an office? 25

1 MR. WONG: Yes. ATTORNEY PAPE: The office and the 2 storage would not be separate businesses, it would 3 be part of your business? 4 MR. WONG: Yes. 5 ATTORNEY PAPE: And I think the last 6 question is, will there be any other businesses on 7 8 the property? MR. WONG: No. 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: Just the business that 10 you described to the board? 11 12 MR. WONG: Yes. ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. 13 Mr. Chair, those were the questions 14 that I asked Mr. Wong to be prepared to begin the 15 hearing. He is available to you and the board 16 members now and/or at any time during the meeting. 17 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anyone have any 18 questions of Mr. Wong? 19 MR. MULLER: Just one. 20 Mr. Wong, what size is your bus fleet? 21 MR. WONG: It's a coach bus. 22 23 MR. MULLER: I mean in terms of how many buses? 24 MR. WONG: 25 15.

MR. MULLER: 15 buses. Thank you. 1 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: How big are they? 2 MR. WONG: 45 feet. 3 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: So, does that 4 mean that there will be a maximum at any one time of 5 15 buses, no more, no less? 6 MR. WONG: Ten, yeah. No more than 7 8 10. ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wong, where is 9 your bus depot? 10 MR. WONG: The bus depot is in Queens 11 and Brooklyn. MS. SITACA: Excuse me, when you say 13 repairs, can you elaborate more? 14 What about oil changes, where to the 15 environment that it drips; were you doing oil 16 changes and spark plugs and stuff like that? 17 18 MR. WONG: Yes. 19 ATTORNEY PAPE: Inside the building? MR. WONG: Yes. 20 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anyone else have any 21 questions? 22 23 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. 24 Mr. Wong, thank you. 25 MR. WONG: Thank you, very much.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wong, you will 1 need to stay through the whole hearing. 2 The professional witness is Kiera 3 If we could have Ms. Nissen sworn, we'll 4 Nissen. share with you her credentials and make a 5 substantive presentation of the proposed revisions 6 7 to the site. 8 KIERA N I S S E N, having first been duly 9 sworn, testified under her oath as follows: 10 ATTORNEY FISHER: You're under oath. 11 12 EXAMINATION 13 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: Ms. Nissen, take a few 15 moments to share with all, your education, and your 16 professional licensure. 17 18 ATTORNEY FISHER: Can we get your name 19 spelled for the record? MS. NISSEN: Yes, K-I-E-R-A, 20 N-as-in-Nancy-I-S-S-E-N. 21 22 ATTORNEY FISHER: Thank you. MS. NISSEN: I received a Bachelors of 23 24 Science in Civil Engineering from NJIT in 2018, I received a Masters of Engineering in Civil 25

Engineering from Steven's Institute of Technology in 1 2020, and I received my PhD in Civil Engineering 2 from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2023. 3 ATTORNEY PAPE: And, Ms. Nissen, what 4 licenses do you hold? 5 MS. NISSEN: I have a professional 6 engineer's license in the State of New Jersey. 7 ATTORNEY PAPE: Is your license in 8 good standing tonight? 9 MS. NISSEN: Yes. 10 ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chair and board 11 members, I ask that you accept Ms. Nissen as an 12 expert. 13 14 MR. MULLER: Motion to accept. 15 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKY: Second. 16 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Go ahead. 17 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. I ask that 18 the first thing that you do is identify the exhibits 19 that you intend to rely upon for your presentation 20 and then we'll go through some of your outline. MS. NISSEN: I have two exhibits 21 I have our landscape plan that is Sheet 4 22 tonight. 23 of our submitted site plan set. And I just have an aerial exhibit of the site. The picture was taken 24

or the aerial was taken on March 6, 2025, so this is

a recent picture just showing the surrounding area. 1 ATTORNEY PAPE: Counselor, the first 2 exhibit is part of the set, it's been colorized as 3 part of the set. Can we mark it? 4 ATTORNEY FISHER: Yes, if it was 5 colorized, I would mark it. 6 ATTORNEY PAPE: A-1, is that 7 8 acceptable? So, A-1 is the colorized landscape 9 sheet. What sheet is it? 10 MS. NISSEN: Sheet 4. 11 ATTORNEY PAPE: And if you could read 12 off the last revision date? 13 MS. NISSEN: July 22, 2025. 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. 15 16 (Exhibit A-1, Colorized Landscape 17 Sheet 4, last revised July 22, 2025, was 18 19 marked. 20 ATTORNEY PAPE: And the second one is 21 22 not part of the set, it was an exhibit that was 23 prepared for the presentation. What is the date of that aerial 24 25 photograph?

MS. NISSEN: August 6, 2025. 1 ATTORNEY PAPE: Those yellow lines 2 that have been added, those yellow lines were added 3 by your office to identify the perimeter of the 4 claimant's property? 5 MS. NISSEN: Yes. 6 ATTORNEY PAPE: Counselor, A-2. 7 8 (Exhibit A-2, Aerial photograph, dated 9 August 6, 2025, was marked.) 10 11 ATTORNEY PAPE: To use the exhibits, if 12 you could begin describe the property generally, 13 describe its location, and the 14 background information before we get to the 15 substance of the site. 16 17 MS. NISSEN: The property is located on the outbound side of New Jersey Route 35, it is 18 19 bounded by commercial properties to the north and residential properties to the south. It is block 20 21 428, Lots 1, 2, and 2.01. It is approximately 1.98 22 acres. 23 ATTORNEY PAPE: And what physical 24 improvements are on the property today? There is a two-and-a-half 25 MS. NISSEN:

story residential building fronting the site. There is a shed. And there is a one-story shop building.

ATTORNEY PAPE: I think this is some improvements that are called vestigial remnants of the landscape business including some bins and other improvements on the site, all of which are proposed to be removed.

MS. NISSEN: Yes, there are a few existing bins to the rear of the property, some existing pavement, some existing gravel, all of which, except some of the gravel is proposed to be removed.

ATTORNEY PAPE: And very simply, I described my client's purposes, but lawyers can't testify. So if you were to describe what our client's purposes are for this property?

MS. NISSEN: The clients are asking to repurpose the existing site. They are asking, they are planning to remove the existing bins as they are no longer needed, and to repurpose the site as this bus maintenance business.

They are also proposing to revegetate the front yard buffers and increase the buffer to the residential properties to the south and reduce the overall impervious area by almost 7,000 square

feet.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Before we came before this board and over the last year we have been working with other governmental agencies,

Ms. Nissen's firm secured a letter of no interest from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and that is part of what we submitted.

We also received a letter from the county stating that this is exempt; they have no requirements.

It is our understanding that those are the outside agency requirements.

If you could, I think there were certain variances that were previously granted for the site. I think we have seven square feet of asphalt for which we would be asking for the variance.

Before the hearing, Ms. Nissen and I looked at it, this seven square feet of asphalt is just, we're going to remove that. We just simply don't need it.

So no new variances, but if you could just give, what variances were previously granted for the buildings that are on the site, and if you could confirm no exacerbation of any of those.

MS. NISSEN: There is an existing 1 variance from the front yard setback requirement as 2 it relates to this existing garage, that 25 feet is 3 required; 21.6 feet was provided. That was from a 4 zoning board approval from March 25, 2001. 5 There is also a variance from 6 providing a 50 foot buffer to residential zones, 7 which was granted from a zoning board approval on 8 March 25, 2001. It was to the rear of the property 9 to this farmland. 10 ATTORNEY PAPE: We have no new or 11 exacerbated variances as part of what we're asking 12 this board to consider? 13 MS. NISSEN: No. 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: I'm going to ask if 15 you could, let's go through elements of the site 16 plan systematically. Grading, what grading, if any, 17 of the site is required to accommodate what our 18

client is asking of the board?

MS. NISSEN: We are not proposing any changes to the existing grade.

ATTORNEY PAPE: The grading, as is, is functional and stable.

MS. NISSEN: Correct.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Stormwater management,

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it's my understanding that there is a stormwater system in place that was built as part of the prior approval.

If you could briefly describe that stormwater system, and advise if it continues to be adequate for the proposed use of the site.

MS. NISSEN: There is an existing subsurface infiltration basin, approximately here it is shown on the site plan on our existing conditions plan. And it's shown here as where we are not vegetating. It is operating as expected that we have looked at it after rain storms and it seemed there is no accumulation of water.

The site is grading towards that area so it is our conclusion that it is operating as designed.

ATTORNEY PAPE: You did make a comment that no grading is required, but I know that during our review of the site, we acknowledged that there was some water leaving our site that was entering our neighbor's properties.

I think we figured out that there was some blockage of the drainage. On this plan that is being presented to the board, can you state that all of the stormwater that is generated by our site is

now directed to the catch basins into that draining system?

MS. NISSEN: Yes.

ATTORNEY PAPE: There is a landscaping element that is on the plan that you're presenting.

I would like to go right to the landscaping. This is a little out of sequence. The landscaping that, there was a landscape contractor here, as you're aware, that landscape contractor may not have run the facility in a way that anyone would be proud, there were materials that were planted that shouldn't have been planted, there were materials that were planted that died, there were materials that were removed from the site.

We have a landscaping plan that we would like to offer to both you as a board and the borough, and also to our neighbors. There is an emphasis of the landscaping along a common boundary where we have residential neighbors. There is an increase from 50 feet to 100 feet. Your ordinance has 50. Ms. Nissen and her team found a way to get it up to 100 feet.

If you could just take us through the landscaping, begin with the southern border and take us all the way around up to Route 35.

MS. NISSEN: We are proposing a significant amount of plantings along the southern border all, as much as we can fit in this strip of our property line without going into the DOT right of way.

These are mostly evergreen trees. We are proposing 6 new ornamental trees, 147 evergreen trees, and 30 shrubs. The shrubs are to help create the understory so you could see a wall of green.

Like Ken said, the buffer to the residential property, we increased from 50 feet to 100 feet, and vegetating as much as we can while avoiding planting on the existing sanitary sewer easement that goes to the property as well as the subsurface infiltration basin.

The plants that we are proposing include Green Giant Arborvitae, Colorado Spruce, American Holly, and the Eastern Red Cedar, as well as a couple of others.

In addition, we are proposing plants along the frontage of the property to soften the view from the highway.

ATTORNEY PAPE: There is on our client's property, a fence that appears to be associated with one of our neighbors.

We have no objection to that fence being on our property, and it's my understanding from talking to that gentleman, that in the past a prior property owner may have given him the authority to put the fence on our client's property.

And the fence is there for security purposes to keep people who might have been doing untoward things in the neighborhood, out of the neighborhood.

We have no objection to the fence continuing, but I wanted to make a point because the fence is on our property, and because the other side of the fence, although it's on our client's property, is used as part of our neighbors, we did landscape it.

We could take the fence down. We could replace the fence. We could landscape on the other side of the fence. Whatever our neighbor prefers, we can do. But we did leave the fence that's there in place and we landscaped around it on our side only.

With permission, we would never ask to go on someone's property, but with permission, we could go on theirs to do landscaping there if it was requested.

Across the rear of the property, what 1 2 is behind the property, what is back there? That is farmland. MS. NISSEN: 3 ATTORNEY PAPE: And if you could, 4 describe the topography from our side to what's 5 6 behind us. Right now everything 7 MS. NISSEN: onsite grades towards this system, so there is no 8 water that would be leaving our property towards 9 10 that rear. ATTORNEY PAPE: And the landscaping 11 that you have is intended to be a buffer, but we 12 have no one living back there? 13 MS. NISSEN: Correct. 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: And it's my 15 understanding that there is some substantial 16 wetlands back there. 17 We can talk about the lighting, the 18 existing lighting and what our client is proposing 19 20 for lighting. This is one of the MS. NISSEN: 21 waivers we are requesting from the requirements of 22 the borough for lighting. 23 We are proposed to illuminate the shop 24 building where we have one building on, one light on 25

the building, and one pole near the entrance. 1 The pole near the entrance is for 2 anyone turning into the property, and the light 3 on the building is to help illuminate the work area 4 that we are sensitive to any concerns from the 5 neighbors, so we do not want to illuminate this 6 whole area when all of the work is going to be done 7 in this building and the real concern is for the 8 employees coming in and out. 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: And we would be most 10 willing to turn lights off after the employees leave 11 the site unless they were asked to leave them on for 12 security purposes. I think we chose a 3,000 Kelvin, 13 a soft light. 14 15 MS. NISSEN: Correct. ATTORNEY PAPE: 2,000 Kelvin, that 16 could be adjusted. 1.7 18 MS. NISSEN: Correct. 19 ATTORNEY PAPE: And that is part of your design? 20 MS. NISSEN: 21 Correct. 22 ATTORNEY PAPE: Trash and recyclable collections and storage, where would that be? 23

MS. NISSEN: There is an existing concrete pad in the northwest corner of the site

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where refuse is stored. It is currently picked up by private hauler and that will be continued.

any new signage that our client has asked for?

MS. NISSEN: There is no proposed new signage, we have proposed two numbers on the

7 two-story building to ensure emergency vehicles can 8 find the property.

ATTORNEY PAPE: So, the installation of numerals on the building but there is no, our client has no requirement of assignment, so we're not asking for signage.

If you could, a summary of what we just went through. What are the, from your perspective, from a design perspective, what do you see the improvements to the site and to the community from what is being offered?

MS. NISSEN: There will be improvements to the traveling public, the site will appear cleaned up, and there will be improved visuals from Route 35. And this jughandle with the increase in plantings, as well as improvements to the residential properties.

The additional landscaping will improve and enhance the existing vegetation, and

provide more than the required buffering.

And as this is a low-intensity use.

There will be a reduction in traffic to the prior

use, as well as the decrease in impervious surface,

so there will be less stormwater runoff off this

site.

ATTORNEY PAPE: From working with the borough professionals, and talking with some of the neighbors, we learned that the prior occupant, owner/occupant, created a driveway illegally, without any approvals. That driveway came out.

If you could just show where that driveway came out, came out on that thin stem of land. There was no DOT permit. There was no permission from the borough. and that activity, amongst other things, damaged landscaping that was in that area. As Ms. Nissen has shown, that area is proposed to be relandscaped, sought edge to edge.

We were also asked, and I don't recall who gave the question but we memorialized it, that we put a restrictive covenant on our property, that we record with the county clerk that we have no right of access through that portion of the property so that in perpetuity, that activity that happened improperly, cannot happen again.

We would have no objection to working with your counsel to prepare an appropriate restrictive covenant so that does not happen again.

We were also, it was also brought to our attention that prior property owners introduced materials on the site and we were told that they believe that materials that were introduced included millings.

Our engineers went out to the site, they didn't drill, they went out and they cored 12 to 18 inches, and did not find millings. But if there are millings where there is landscaping, it would not be appropriate. So our commitment to the board is wherever landscaping is proposed, we will excavate any material that is not consistent with healthy plants and replace that materials in those areas.

We have, other than the information from the neighbors, we do not have first-hand knowledge of that, but the commitment is that when we are landscaping as we're showing, we will make certain that the soils that are not consistent with growth are removed.

And I look to you, Mr. Chair and the board, to say how that would be monitored. I would

suspect it would be with your engineer, planner, or one of the borough professionals, so that could be confirmed.

I think, that's basically we had gone through all the elements of the site plan, and as I promised before we move to the next phase.

Is there anything that I missed that you would like to add?

MS. NISSEN: Yes. I would just like to add that we have a few waivers, specifically from the, to keep the site in accordance with what was previously approved: A waiver from providing hairpin striping for all parking spaces; and for providing all parking lots and loading area with concrete or Belgium block curbing; and from providing sidewalk throughout the site and along the frontage. That this is largely existing, largely maintaining the existing use of the property, and just that we are restriping the parking spaces for a total of 12 parking spaces.

have no visitors. We have no customers. We have five employees, and I've asked you to allow that to grow to seven. So, the 12 parking stalls should be much more than we would need.

And as I indicated, the maximum number 1 of buses that would be stored on the site would be 2 3 10. And I don't think you pointed to where 4 the bus storage is proposed. Let's do that. 5 MS. NISSEN: That's back here. 6 ATTORNEY PAPE: So, on the other side 7 of the landscape area is where the bus storage is 8 proposed. 9 You've had the opportunity to review 10 the staff reports that were generated by the board's 11 12 professionals? I'm sorry, I missed the MS. NISSEN: 13 question. 14 15 Mr. Pape: Have you had the opportunity to review the professional staff reports 16 by the engineer and planner for the borough? 17 18 MS. NISSEN: Yes. 19 ATTORNEY PAPE: And are there any elements in those plans, anything that is requested 20 by the professionals that you cannot do, or can you 21 comfortably advise the board and the professionals 22 that you can and will address their technical 23 24 requirements?

MS. NISSEN:

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We can and will address

1 | the technical requirements.

ATTORNEY PAPE: You also had the benefit of convening with your engineer to go over his report to get a more complete understanding of that so that's not a hollow statement, that's a statement that's been made after reviewing the staff report together with Mr. Wilder.

Mr. Chairman, that is your applicant's direct presentation. We are available for examination and welcome where you take us next.

PLANNER VAN DEN KOOY: I think you touched on pretty much every question in my report and I thank you for that.

One quick question/clarification.

Since there's oil changes and other types of maintenance occurring in the building, could you please just briefly describe what type of flooring, is the flooring sealed?

ATTORNEY PAPE: It's the interior.

It's a concrete floor. We can confirm with

Mr. Mashanski to confirm that the floor is intact

and the sealing are required.

We can certainly add that, but it's a solid monolithic concrete floor.

PLANNER VAN DEN KOOY: Okay. Thank

1 | you.

ATTORNEY PAPE: And the oil changes are inside and the oil is removed by a licensed hauler.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else?

MS. SITACA: I'm just curious for the neighbors, buses let off exhaust fumes.

Do you have like a filtering system or something so that it doesn't travel out into the neighborhood?

ATTORNEY PAPE: We would agree that when vehicles are in the building being serviced, they are turned off, and we would agree that there is no idling of the buses in the storage area.

They're brought in, they're parked in part of the building, and they are turned off while they're in service.

MS. SITACA: But how would you measure it that we would know that it's not affecting our neighbors, the exhaust systems?

ATTORNEY PAPE: It would be no different than the traffic that's out on the highway; it would be no different than the vehicles that were previously on this site.

What we can do is we can say that there

will not be idling. They will come on the site, the 1 motors will be running to get to the site. They'll 2 be turned off. And when they're in the building, 3 4 they'll be turned off. That's the commitment we can give. 5 MS. SITACA: Because you're saying the 6 fumes from the buses are the same as fumes from a 7 car? 8 ATTORNEY PAPE: No, from the tractors 9 and trucks that were there previously, diesel fumes. 10 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else have any 11 12 questions of the engineer? ENGINEER WILDER: I appreciate you 13 sort of agreed to everything about it, some of the 14 items though, are sort of conditions of approval if 15 you would, so I just want to confirm, so I 16 recommended that trash pickup not occur before eight 17 a.m. or after 6 p.m. 18 19 That's an acceptable condition? ATTORNEY PAPE: Yes. 20 ENGINEER WILDER: Mr. Wong had 21 mentioned that employees might arrive onsite up to 22 23 an hour before the site opens. 24 I assume these vehicles when they're

backing up are going to have a beeping noise?

ATTORNEY PAPE: Employees will be coming in their own cars.

ENGINEER WILDER: Right, I just want to make sure no buses are being moved prior to eight a.m.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Agreed. No work on buses and no movement of buses prior to eight a.m., just employees coming to the site.

ENGINEER WILDER: Regarding the gravel that you intend to leave onsite, obviously these are large vehicles, the gravel is sufficient to support these vehicles?

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Wilder, we are comfortable that it is, but we are, as we indicated, and we had this conversation. If you felt that an asphalt overlay was required, we can do that.

Knowing the vehicles that have been on there and the fact that there were very heavy vehicles there for a long time and these buses are empty buses, we did have a comfort level, but we would defer to your guidance.

with the gravel, but I just want to make sure that the property is continually maintained, so if all of a sudden there is running, that it gets repaired quickly because once it starts, if it's not

1 | maintained, it will get worse.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Understood.

Understood.

ENGINEER WILDER: And then the last comment I have is relative to the thinning of the vegetation. Again, I appreciate you reading my comments in my letter, that obviously any healthy vegetation that is damaged or removed during the thinning process, that will be replaced in accordance with the borough requirements.

and one thing we would like to discuss with the board, we're offering various evergreens as the primary planting material, but we have some existing trees, we'd like to save what we can.

We would like to be able to work with the borough to create a more complete understory. I think that in addition to all that is shown, I think that an understory of where those existing trees that are going to be thinned and saved, the understory would be beneficial.

And we hope there would be no issue with that and we can do it under your supervision.

ENGINEER WILDER: That's all I have,

Mr. Chair.

COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: The stormwater 1 system, you indicated that there was a blockage and 2 it has been cleared. 3 Can you explain what that blockage 4 was, and how it impacted the stormwater system at 5 that time, and also the follow up, has there been 6 testing to ensure that in fact it is now operating 7 efficiently? 8 I know some of what ATTORNEY PAPE: 9 was causing the problem and I know that the last 10 property owner actually brought in berms and planted 11 materials over portions of the draining system, 12 that's been removed. I don't know as to the actual 13 inlets and what activity, that's you. 14 15 MS. NISSEN: Yeah, so the blockage can 16 discuss and the, so your question was about 17 testing of the system? 18 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: It was 19 two-fold. Number one, what was the type of blockage and how was it cleared? 20 And secondarily, has it been tested 21 afterwards to show that the system is running 22 23 efficiently? So, the water primarily 24 MS. NISSEN:

gets to the system through inlets, I looked at the

inlets myself, they are clear that there was blockage over the top of the system and there was some.

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I believe some grading like things in this portion of the site were not necessarily directed towards the system. Now all the grades flow this way and there is no more berm on top of the system and the inlets are clear.

My colleague went to the site after a lot of heavy rain and visually inspected the system to ensure that the system is draining in the time you would expect and that it is functioning as we would expect.

COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Now, when that water goes into the drainage system, it must be, it's a system, there's a system under there, how does that system operate because that system had to be impacted by all that blockage.

MS. NISSEN: So, the system is a, this was from the approved 2001 plan, we did not design this system, so what was designed was a system with perforated pipe and stone.

So the idea is the water will go in the HDP pipe and stone can hold the structural loads but water will go in and slowly infiltrate. From

what we have observed, it is still operating as it is draining in the appropriate time.

If material got in there, I can't necessarily say.

ATTORNEY FISHER: Is there an operations and maintenance manual currently for the system?

ATTORNEY PAPE: Counsel, and engineer, it occurred to me as your line of questioning, the O & M manuals, the operations and maintenance manuals that are now mandatory by state law weren't mandatory when that system was created in 2001.

We're here before you in 2025. We have no issue with creating an O & M manual. The O & M manual imposes the responsibility of the maintenance on the property owner in perpetuity and the annual reporting to the borough. And if I didn't offer it, I would be sharking you.

COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: A different question related to circulation. The coach bus, a coach bus is a full-size bus, correct?

In order to be able to access getting into and out of the site, can you explain to me how that process will, and will it impact traffic on Route 35, which is a rather heavily traveled road?

So, on the last sheet of MS. NISSEN: 1 our site plan, I do show the circulation for a 45, a 2 slightly more than 45 foot long bus, but they have 3 no problems operating this turn, there is no backing 4 up back and forth over there, there is some maneuvering that's why we have this area of gravel 6 that buses will be able to pull in and use this area 7 as kind of a turn around to maneuver on the site, 8 but there should be no issue for them turning into 9 the road off Route 35. 10 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: How would they 11 get onto Route 35? 12 Would that be the same case? 13 ATTORNEY PAPE: Sir. 14 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: I'm sorry, I'm 15 not talking into the mic. I said is it similar for 16 entrance, entries onto Route 35 because I don't know 17 exactly, again I prefer they not be going into two 18 lanes of traffic. 19 MS. NISSEN: I don't remember if that 20 is on our plan but I have run it and it is fine. 21 ATTORNEY PAPE: And we did take the 22 plan to the Department of Transportation, the plan 23

that you're looking at we took to the Department of

Transportation in March, they issued a letter of no

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interest stating they have no physical requirements. 1 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: And my final 2 question, counsel, diesel engines require warming, 3 so you indicated that they would not be idling, but 4 I think it probably would be necessary for a bus to 5 idle in order not to damage the vehicle. 6 Is that not the case? 7 So would you be correct when you said 8 there would be no idling in the storage area? 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: You need to help me. 10 So the question of the councilman is do you need to 11 operate, does the bus need to warm up before you 12 move it into the garage? 13 MR. WONG: Usually when you start a 14 bus, it takes one to two minutes to build up the 15 air. 16 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Is that the 17 same case in the cold weather? 18 MR. WONG: Yeah, that's only not 19 warming up the engines just to build up the air 20 because of the brake system, the air system, we need 21 to take one to two minutes to build up the air? 22 Thank you. 23 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: MR. MULLER: Just want to be clear, 24

there is not going to be any fueling pumps on the

1 site at all? ATTORNEY PAPE: No. 2 MR. MULLER: Did you monitor the 3 drainage and stormwater situation during the past 4 flooding that we had over the past two weeks? 5 I know we got quite a bit of rain. 6 MS. NISSEN: I did not see, I was not 7 onsite during the last two weeks. I was able to 8 observe the system this week and there was no 9 accumulation of water in the system. 10 MR. MULLER: How many bus parking 1.1 spots do you have towards the southern portion of 12 the property? 13 ATTORNEY PAPE: Ten. 14 MR. MULLER: There is 10 bus parking 15 16 spots? ATTORNEY PAPE: Ten storage spots. 17 MR. MULLER: And those are the ones 18 that are, I'm looking at the site plan, they're 1.9 toward the south of the property towards Merritt 20 Avenue? 21 It might be easier if 22 MS. NISSEN: you're looking at the site plan on the circulation 23 24 plan which is the last sheet --

MR. MULLER: I'm there.

MS. NISSEN: I drew rectangles to see, kind of each one that was the rectangle represents the dimensions of the bus and how they would fit in there, it's very.

MR. MULLER: It looks tight and it looks like there is only eight on here; am I not seeing the right?

ENGINEER WILDER: The easternmost one, they're showing the vehicle going into, so there is one there and there.

MR. MULLER: Okay. Because I know one of the problems we had with this site that was impacting the residents, one certainly was the drainage, which we hope has been corrected, the blockage.

The second one was dust from material that the prior property owner had stored and that was pretty, I think that was almost creating a public nuisance. I just don't want to substitute dust for fumes from these buss and I'm just asking is there any other place to locate these buses that would have less of an impact to the neighbors from the south, particularly towards Merritt Avenue.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Is there sufficient

dimension here for bus storage?

MS. NISSEN: I'm not sure. I believe we were using that area to ensure the buses could pull in. I would have to double check if we could move some into that area.

MR. MULLER: Okay, because when you look at all the parking spots, it looks like it would be very difficult if you had to take a bus that is parked in one of the southernmost spots and move it into, it seems like it's a really tight area for 10 buses, and it seems like a lot of moving things around, it's going to create a lot fumes and whatnot.

I know we've had issues with fumes with our school buses, too because they park the buses near residential areas and people are really impacted by that. So that's my concern, that we're trading dust now for fumes and I want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to minimize that impact.

My last issue is I know that you mentioned the word that you would address all of the technical requirements in our professional's reports, so I want to make sure we clarify there will be compliance, it's not just addressing, you're

going to comply with the requirements that our 1 professionals put in our reports? 2 ATTORNEY PAPE: Again, resolution 3 compliance, yes, sir. 4 MR. MULLER: Okay, thank you. 5 MR. VOLOSIN: The existing buildings, 6 what condition are they in and are you planning any 7 improvements? 8 ATTORNEY PAPE: All of the buildings 9 are quite structurally sound, we didn't plan on 10 doing anything, there might be some paint that is 11 necessary, but they're not in poor shape at all and 12 they're all sound. The residence won't be a 13 residence, it would be --14 MR. VOLOSIN: Going back to the oil 15 change area, you're talking about the surface being 16 sealed, are there curbs around for containment for 17 18 any kind of spill? ATTORNEY PAPE: There is not 19 containment, there are curbs inside the 20 MR. VOLOSIN: If there were a spill, 21 they're usually around a little curb, a 6 inch curb 22 going around an area where is seeping oil, is that 23 part of the --24

25 ATTORNEY PAPE: It isn't currently,

it's something that we could add, particularly, we would have to, it would be a mountable soft curbs that we would travel over so when you're inside the building there would be a curb around where the doors are.

We could do that. Who would we work with on that, would that be construction or your office?

ENGINEER WILDER: You could work with my office, we'll figure it out for the best solution.

I don't know if there are portable mats that can be rolled out. I also don't want to create a tripping hazard or anything like that, but certainly we want to ensure that those spills do get outside of the building.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Understood.

ENGINEER WILDER: To address some of the board members concerns with this stormwater system and sort of how it has been taken care of or lack thereof in the past, my letter had asked that you guys do a video inspection of the sewer line to ensure that it's in sufficient condition.

Would you agree to do the same thing for the stormwater system to actually look to see if

there was anything accumulated in the bottom of the 1 2 drainage system? ATTORNEY PAPE: Sure, video of the --3 ENGINEER WILDER: Yeah, so just go 4 down the inlets, go through the pipe and then again 5 to the bottom of the system to make sure you don't 6 see standing water, you don't see a lot of sediment 7 that has been accumulated. If it has been, you 8 know, you can get a vac truck, distribute it. 9 I think that in connection with the 10 O & M manual would put a lot of the, would address a 11 12 lot of the concerns relative to stormwater. ATTORNEY PAPE: Yes. 13 ENGINEER WILDER: Okay. 14 Anybody else? CHAIRMAN TIGHE: 15 MR. WILLIAMS: I have one question. 16 The buses that are, the fleet, they're newer 17 versions, so they do have clean air technology, 18 right? 19 20 MR. WONG: Yes. MR. WILLIAMS: So, that means they're 21 a lot safer than buses 20 years ago, diesel buses 22 that you're thinking of, as a diesel technician I'm 23 pretty familiar with this, so I know it's a lot 24 25 different nowadays also.

That was it. 1 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else have 2 anything for the client or the engineer? 3 If you don't mind, I'll open it up to 4 5 the public. MS. SITACA: Motion to open up to the 6 7 public? COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Second. 8 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: We have a motion and 9 a second. All in favor? 10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye. 11 12 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Any opposed? The ayes have it. 13 If you want to speak, come up to the 14 microphone, present your name, your address, and any 15 other pertinent information you have with you. 16 Good evening. 17 18 MR. DUFFY: Robert Duffy, 111 Merritt 19 20 Avenue, Sayreville, New Jersey. I want to thank the council. I'm not 21 as professional as Mr. Pape is, but I'm going to try 22 my best. I'm going to try to paint a picture so 23 everybody can see what's going on like you were 24 living there. 25

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I have a few questions for the
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    property owner first before I get into everything.
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                  ATTORNEY FISHER: If you're going to
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    give testimony, it might be better to have you
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    sworn.
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                  So, you can raise your right hand?
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    ROBERT DUFFY, having first been duly
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    sworn, testified under his oath as follows:
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                  MR. DUFFY: My wife says yes.
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                  Mr. Wong, do you have a -- hold on one
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    minute. Do you have an EPA number? Environmental
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    Protection Agency number, registered number?
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                  MR. WONG: Not yet.
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                  MR. DUFFY: You don't have that.
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                  Do you have any kind of ventilation in
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    the building for exhaust? Ventilation fans?
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: If the building does
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    not have it and that's the commitment that there is
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    is no --
                  MR. DUFFY: I will read --
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: Let me finish the
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    answer.
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MR. DUFFY: I will read. Hazardous

waste management, which this town doesn't have, but

the state has, and he goes under the state. Bus

repair shops like any other vehicles repaired,

facilities generate hazardous waste through various

activities such as oil, solvents, and other waste

materials.

Requirements obtaining an EPA ID number, proper waste detention and recordkeeping, proper storage and hazardous material waste, providing proper training and employees handling hazardous waste, employees. Developing and maintaining congravity (sic) plan, I don't know what that is, but I'm just trying to show you, he is in business since November and nothing of this has been done, nothing, zero, okay.

I have -- he does a lot more than just change oil and stuff. He cleans engines, turns around and pressure washes buses. That's going on the regular ground.

I have pictures here. I don't have one for everybody like we did the last time, but I do have pictures you could circulate. Men cleaning the buses with air pressure.

He was granted --

ATTORNEY FISHER: Quick question, how 1 2 many different photos are in there? 3 4 MR. DUFFY: I got 13. ATTORNEY FISHER: 13 separate 5 different photos, okay. 6 So, let's mark that as O-1. And that 7 will be a package of 13 photos. 8 9 (Exhibit O-1, Packet of 13 photographs 10 presented by Robert Duffy, was marked.) 11 12 MR. DUFFY: The last time we were in 13 front of you, the other neighbor, Jeff, made a whole 14 booklet for everybody. 15 On the plans that they gave to you or 16 they showed us, was city buses, these are coaches, 17 not city buses. Coach -- city buses run from 12,000 18 19 to 18,000. These coaches run from 18,000 to 40. And they're much longer and taller, bigger engines. 20 Now, I also wanted to let you know 21 that I'm going to ask Mr. Pape a question. 22 Mr. Pape, were you at my house the 23 night before the original meeting which would be 24 25 June 17?

ATTORNEY PAPE: I was at your house on 1 June 17. 2 3 MR. DUFFY: Did you notice any smoke 4 coming from the building, their main building. 5 ATTORNEY PAPE: There was smoke coming 6 7 from the main building. 8 MR. DUFFY: Thank you. I appreciate 9 10 that. This is what I'm telling you, I'm 11 trying to draw a picture, a lot of this stuff that 12 they do is not enforceable. You can break the law 13 every day unless you're sitting there watching. 14 That's not our job. Our job is to live peacefully. 15 I understand they went from 50 to 100 feet, that's 16 17 great. Do you know that property has four 18 sides to it? Where did they put the buses? 19 residential side. They could put those buses up top 20 in front of their office building. No, they gotta 21 put it by our houses. 22 And Mr. Wong knows. His attorney was 23 in contact with Andy and Kirk Miick of the township 24

and Kirk Miick, this is before they bought the

property, Kirk Miick gave them, actually e-mailed it 1 to them, three pages from CME that that property had 2 to be cleaned up before they bought it. Mr. Burlew 3 4 was supposed to do this. 5 ATTORNEY FISHER: Let's enter that as Exhibit O-2. And you have the date of that memo? 6 The date of the memo, 7 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: 8 please? Do you have a date on that? 9 MR. DUFFY: This was March -- July 29, 10 2024. 11 12 (Exhibit O-2, Memo from CME, dated 13 July 29, 2024, was marked.) 14 15 MR. DUFFY: So, what I'm saying is, 16 they want to be great neighbors, they want to be the 17 best neighbors. Well, they didn't show it yet and 18 they're there 6 months. If they only put a shovel 19 in the ground, it would have been something, they 20 did nothing. 21 And then you talk about the runoff, 22 the runoff on that property is because of the road 23 they, Burlew put in is packed down, that's why the 24

trees are dying. It has to be taken out so that the

1 | trees -- it's in that report from CME.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Didn't they just say that they were going to do that?

MR. DUFFY: They said they were going to do it. They said they were going to fix that before they -- when they bought the property to Kirk Mick, Andrew also. They gave them the okay to operate with three buses.

ATTORNEY PAPE: No, they did not.

MR. DUFFY: That's what Kirk Miick is telling me.

ATTORNEY PAPE: We were told we were not allowed to operate at all.

MR. DUFFY: Well, then they've been operating wrong for 6 months, they shouldn't have been operating. Period.

So, what I'm trying to tell you is how do we trust these people? Once you give them the okay to do it, how do we keep them confined? You can't. You can't. It's not enforceable.

Best thing to do, knock it down. Let them go somewhere else. You're in litigation now with this town with buses. We don't need another one on our hands.

And I know this is a different

application, but we, as neighbors are not going to stand there and take pictures. We got lucky, all the things in those pictures are wrong, the bus, city buses, I got a picture of a city bus in there, and I got pictures of their buses. These are Coaches.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: You're welcome.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chair, just a couple of clarifications on some of the comments that remain.

In January there was a letter that was issued by Mr. Mashanski about very limited activities that could take place on the property. The activity that was identified in that letter was what was followed, I think in the spring, there were violations of that, it was brought to my attention, Mr. Mashanski's attention, and it was stopped immediately.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: It was enforceable.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Mashanski contacted me and said you can get him to stop or we're going to go out there and stop him and I notified them and they stopped immediately. It was, they had, I think three buses that were on the

property and the direction was you were allowed to 1 have one inoperable bus on the property at the time. 2 So, Mr. Duffy is questioning their 3 veracity and their trustworthiness. I'm not here to 4 testify to either one of those, but the borough has 5 the enforcement powers and you have bonding powers, 6 and you have the ability to withhold the certificate 7 of occupancy until your engineer, your planner, and 8 your zoning officer are satisfied. 9 That's not intended to be my 10 summation, just a response. 11 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anyone else would 1.2 like to speak from the public? 13 MR. MULLER: Mr. Chair, can I ask 14 Mr. Pape a question? 15 Mr. Pape, what was the smoke coming 16 from that night that you witnessed from the 17 18 building? 19 ATTORNEY PAPE: There was a bus that had come on the property and I believe we were 20 standing on the property line looking through the 21 trees, I think that's what we saw, I think we saw 22

MR. MULLER: Out of the building where the bus was?

exhaust coming out of a bus.

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ATTORNEY PAPE: I think it was out of 1 a bus that had just come on the site. 2 MR. MULLER: And what about the issue 3 with the ventilation in the building? Do you have a 4 5 response to that? ATTORNEY PAPE: The vehicles are 6 turned off when they're in the building. 7 MR. MULLER: So, you don't have to 8 turn the vehicle on at all in the building? 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: To get it out you open 10 the door. 11 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Mr. Pape, while 12 you're up, just one question. Your observation of 13 that bus, what time of day was that? 14 ATTORNEY PAPE: Late afternoon. 15 MR. DUFFY: The meeting was at 4 and 16 we were outside talking before we started. 17 I have a few other things to rebuttal, 18 and I thank you for the opportunity. 19 Mr. Wong, do you have restroom dumping 20 there? Your buses have restrooms? 21 MR. WONG: Yes. 22 MR. DUFFY: Do you dump them there. 23 MR. WONG: No. 24 MR. DUFFY: Fire safety regulations. 25

do you have a fire permit to operate? 1 Did the fireman come in and give you 2 an inspection? 3 MR. WONG: We do have the fire 4 extinguisher issue? 5 ATTORNEY PAPE: It would be part of 6 7 the certificate of occupancy program. 8 MR. DUFFY: But they're operating now, 9 they're operating now, how could they be trusted. 10 This is a very important question. 11 How long would a nonoperable bus be on your 12 property? Bus that don't run. 13 MR. WONG: I cannot give you the exact 14 number, it depends on the bus is about a couple of 15 16 days. 17 MR. DUFFY: Another part that you 18 can't enforce. They could always say they are 19 waiting for a part and the bus can be there for 20 months and years. 21 Do you have a permit for the trailer 22 that is on your property? 23 MR. WONG: Trailer? 24

MR. DUFFY: Yeah, a permit. 1 We don't have a trailer on MR. WONG: 2 3 the property. MR. DUFFY: You'll see it in the 4 5 pictures, there's a trailer. We have a letter from ATTORNEY PAPE: 6 Mr. Mashanski that says we're allowed to have one 7 trailer to be used for storage of --8 Okay --MR. DUFFY: 9 ATTORNEY PAPE: There is a letter from 10 Mr. Mashanski from January that says we're allowed 11 to have one trailer for storage of tools and it was 12 temporary until occupancy began. 13 MR. DUFFY: Just asking. So, I don't 14 understand our enforcement agency in town. 15 Mr. Pape says they had no authority to 16 operate, but yet they have authority to have a 17 storage trailer on the property. One goes with the 18 other. You know what I mean? 19 20 One more question. Mr. Pape covered this and I'm just going to reask again. 21 Can we have a deed restriction on the 22 deed, no driveway on the southern portion of that 23 24 property?

It was memorialized in 2001 and

Mr. Burlew just ignored it and that's when all the 1 problems started. 2 Thank you. 3 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anyone else from the 4 public would like to speak. 5 MR. MULLER: I was going to ask 6 7 Mr. Duffy a question. Mr. Duffy, how many buses have you 8 seen parked on the site at any given time? 9 MR. DUFFY: Five. 10 MR. MULLER: And what are the fumes? 11 MR. DUFFY: Ask Mr. Ken, he was at my 12 house and seen the fumes, I told him, we live with 13 that and he got upset because --14 MR. MULLER: Well, forget about the 15 fumes, the smell --16 MR. DUFFY: Yeah, the fumes are 17 terrible. I'm trying not to go over everything. 18 Other neighbors will take each part because it 19 affects them the most. And the fumes are -- and if 20 they park eight buses there and the workers come in 21 in the morning and eight buses start in the morning, 22 23 look what kind of fumes you're getting. MR. MULLER: The storms we had 24 recently, have you seen an improvement in the 25

1 drainage? MR. DUFFY: No. Jeff will tell you 2 3 that, go to his house. Thank you very much. I'm trying to be 4 calm. 5 ATTORNEY FISHER: Let me swear you in. 6 7 JEFFREY SHAUTE, having first been duly 8 sworn, testified under his oath as follows: 9 ATTORNEY FISHER: You're under oath. 10 MR. SHAUTE: Mr. Duffy said most of 11 everything, but there are questions that I have. 12 Let's start from the back first, I 13 have a really stupid question. If you're only going 14 15 to work until 5:00 at night, why would you need more lighting in the garage? 16 ATTORNEY PAPE: Only for security 17 And we indicated that we would turn it 18 purposes. off when the employees left unless asked to keep 19 them on. 20 MR. SHAUTE: They have not been 21 working from eight to five, they're there until 22 23 7/8:00 at night. On the weekends, I'm usually down the 24 shore, but when I come home on Sunday night at 5:00, 25

they're still working. That's on Sunday. Can't account for every Sunday, but there's been quite a few.

So, when they're telling you they're not, they are. Like Duffy says, we can't be the police for these people.

As far as the drainage, I don't know when you look at something, usually if you want to see if there's water, you go after it rains. You didn't look at my house and that's where the water is coming through the backyard.

I spent over \$6,000.000. First I had to build a berm in my yard to keep the water away from my house, now that the water ran close to my house, the sand along the side of the back of the house is settled so we had to put more dirt in because when the water that does rain seeps into the basement still.

The roadway is the problem. It's been graded improperly. Burlew threw a couple of bucket loads of dirt there, they keep some of the water out, but it still comes through the yard, especially with heavy rains.

As I told you last year, I've been there since 1998, never had water in my yard before

with that roadway, it's gotta be addressed, somebody 1 2 please address it. This thing with the power washing, can 3 I ask you, do you know where the sanitary sewer is 4 on the property? 5 Do you know where it is? 6 MS. NISSEN: 7 Yes. MR. SHAUTE: Why don't you show him 8 where it is? 9 The sanitary? ATTORNEY PAPE: 10 The sanitary. Show him MR. SHAUTE: 11 12 where it starts between the buildings. You see that spot in between the 13 buildings there, they're power washing the buses 14 there. I've got a picture on my phone. I couldn't 15 get it developed today quick enough. 16 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: That's not like you. 17 MR. SHAUTE: I can't act that quick 18 19 and I'm not going to keep watching them. They have a bunch there with all the doors open, the engine 20 compartment open, and he's power washing, and you 21 22 know where it's going, into the sanitary sewer 23 because the cover is off.

Don't tell me you're not dumping the
toilets there. I don't know if you can see in those

pictures, there's a 2 inch PVC pipe that comes out of the building and runs to the sanitary sewer.

I don't know what that's for, but I would have to suggest they're emptying their waste. I can't go onsite to prove it, but I'm going to guess that.

As far as the asphalt grindings, it's rained so hard in the front of the yard the asphalt grindings are showing up because the dirt washed away. They gotta get rid of the asphalt grindings to do any kind of vegetation.

You said you core board?

ATTORNEY PAPE: 12 to 18 inch examination.

MR. SHAUTE: You have the notes from our last meeting with Burlew? I showed you the pictures of the dozer pushing the grindings in there, you all saw it, it was over a foot deep, there was over 50 tandem loads. I showed you the pictures. I don't know where you're core boarding, but it's there and that's probably your drainage.

The water runs over the top of that, you can't get into the ground, any dirt that's at the bottom of the hill is over the drain, it's perked through, and it's probably clogged.

1 | Somebody's gotta put a camera in there.

I don't know how you are going to get in there because the unit's on one side, the outlet's on the other side. And the water coming out of the outlet is flooding Dieker's Farm.

So the drainage system isn't working properly because it's not coming out of the outflow, it's going over the outflow.

I don't know what else I can tell yous, but if you let this thing go through, we're going to be here, I'll be in court with this next time and I don't want to spend anymore money.

That's pretty much all I have to say.

And as far as fumes, when they work on the buses, they're not changing windshield wipers and cleaning windows, they're changing motors.

Okay, when you're changing a motor, what's the first thing you do? You start it up to make sure it runs right. And what do you do with that? You rev it up, and you rev it up for five minutes until it gets hot. So your diesel guy', am I wrong?

MR. WILLIAMS: You're not wrong.

MR. SHAUTE: Okay, enough said.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else from the

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public like to speak? The gentleman with the
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    fedora, the lady.
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                  ATTORNEY FISHER: Name and address.
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                  MS. DUFFY: Paula Duffy, 111 Merritt
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    Avenue.
                  ATTORNEY FISHER: Are you just asking
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    a question or are you giving an observation?
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                  MS. DUFFY: I'm going to ask a
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    question and then I'm going to read something.
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                  ATTORNEY FISHER: Okay, let me swear
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    PAULA DUFFY, having first been duly
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    sworn, testified under her oath as follows:
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                  ATTORNEY FISHER: Okay, you're sworn.
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                  MS. DUFFY: Thank you.
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                  What is the difference between
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    maintenance and repair?
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                  Are you only changing oil there?
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    You're changing tires, cleaning the inside of the
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    bathrooms are full, you just leave them like that?
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                  MR. WONG:
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                  MS. DUFFY: So, you just change the
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MR. WONG: Change oil and then do the 1 most maintenance, for major repair we're going to 2 3 the dealership. MS. DUFFY: Maintenance such as what? 5 MR. WONG: Oil change. So, that's all you do is 6 MS. DUFFY: 7 oil change? MR. WONG: Oil change, and then do the 8 small fix. 9 MS. DUFFY: Small fix like what? 10 MR. WONG: No engine part because our 11 engines and transmissions are going to the 12 dealership. 13 MS. DUFFY: Okay, I'm just going to 14 basically sum up what everyone else, my husband and 15 my neighbor Jeff said. 16 I'm curious as to why someone is 17 allowed to purchase a property, operate on it, and 18 then ask for changes and variances. 19 Shouldn't these variances and waivers 20 be obtained before they begin operating their 21 business? 22 The company in question here has not 23 fulfilled the issues of buffering the property from 24 the residential neighbors along the jughandle, or 25

removing the millings, which would prevent growth of any kind.

They only made a point, they came to our house to let us know they want to be good neighbors. Good neighbors without pressure would fulfil their obligations, which their attorney knew about before the purchase.

They currently own a bus company.

they should be aware of the environmental issues
which need to be addressed.

Who told them it was permissible to operate outside the parameters of regulations?

The property does not meet their needs without variance or waivers, which compromise the health and standard of living of Sayreville residents who have lived there for over 30 years.

It's like Déjà vu, once they're on that property, the owners merrily go on their way blissfully ignoring codes and regulations.

Why do we have to bring these items to their attention and yours? Who's going to ensure that they do not exceed the codes and regulations? Why do we, the residents of Sayreville, have to monitor this business as we had to do in the past for four years?

Nowhere in my tax bill is there a 1 discount for code enforcing. Quite simply, it's a 2 time to say no. We, the residents of your town do 3 not deserve to be bullied and ignored, and then dragged once again into litigation to secure the 5 health, wellbeing, and environmental safety of our 6 families and our neighbors. 7 Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: You're welcome. Sir. 9 10 Z B I G N I E W L E S N I A K, having first been 11 duly sworn, testified under his oath as follows: 12 ATTORNEY FISHER: You're under oath. 13 MR. LESNIAK: I live on 113 Merritt 14 Road, my name is Zbigniew Lesniak. 15 ATTORNEY FISHER: How do you spell 16 that. 17 MR. LESNIAK: Z-B-I-G-N-I-E-W, last 18 19 name is L-E-S-N-I-A-K. ATTORNEY FISHER: And your address, 20 21 again? 113 Merritt Avenue. 22 MR. LESNIAK: 23 ATTORNEY FISHER: Thank you. MR. LESNIAK: While the smoke is 24 undisputable, there is so much smoke coming in from 25

diesel engine and wintertime it's even worse because engine gotta be heated up and engine diesel engine, it pump, it is regulated perfectly, maybe going to be less smoke, but they never going to get it perfect.

That's why you see on the parkway, either blue smoke or black smoke coming from the diesel engine.

This is something going on with this operation. You could imagine, if I go with one bus on the front of they house and park and around the engine in the morning, like this morning today 7:45 exactly, I can start the engine and run Monday maybe 3:00, 2:00, I don't remember the time I forgot my telephone, I have my telephone.

He rev up the engine and beep, beep, beep this morning was beep, beep, beep, too because the state law. Before then, I don't know who stopped them, but they run the engine for 2, 3 hours. 2, 3 hours, not one, couple of engine 2, 3 hours and evidently somebody told them it's the state law 3 minutes, not longer, you supposed to run the engine. That is another thing.

And they told me they going to maintain the property over the fence, I got poison

ivy twice I cut the poison ivy, 3, 4 feet sticking out on their property. I can't go and cut it down because that's they property, and I wish they maintain the property.

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Another thing, you bring up the runoff, I live there and Dieker used to have it from east to west, pitch towards the property towards his, because it was to Diekers. The Dieker who owned the acre and point eight, he used to have a runoff from the building to the property and water was slowly dipping reversely to the property. look at what he did, he put the trees between the Diekers Farm and this to make a wall and plant the trees, which is okay, but he created bottleneck, bottleneck, all the water now comes down this way, doesn't go to the Dieker property because there is a wall and follow down and put pipe, drainage pipe maybe, I would say 3 feet high, five or 4 5s I got the picture. And he fill it up with blue stone, silicone stone, he did not fill it up with sand or anything like this, but blue stone, and I got the picture to prove it. And he created bottleneck and all the water from this property will be talking about, comes out to the Dieker and it's a river there, river like it's heavy rain, and it stayed

there for three, four days before it rains, that's 1 what I want to say. 2 Thank you. 3 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else? 4 MR. LESNIAK: And I hope somebody make 5 this poison ivy. 6 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Mr. Duffy, wait a 7 moment, let me see if anyone else wants to speak. 8 Does anyone else want to speak besides 9 Mr. Duffy? 10 All right, Mr. Duffy. 11 MR. DUFFY: I just want to try to draw 12 a picture for you. You know Raritan Valley Bus 13 Company, Helfrich Bus Company, beautiful buses, same 14 name, same color. The buses that we see going in 15 and out of there are all different colors, no names 16 on them, some have names which is telling me they're 17 18 used buses that they bought. 19 Now, Helfrich and Raritan Valley, if they say they got 10 buses, all of them look the 20 They have 10 buses, one day this one will 21 have purple, this one will have grey, this one is 22 23 white, coach on it. So if you grant them all the waivers, 24 how do I know what bus is their's and what bus is an

outsider? I have no idea. You'll have no idea.
Another part you can't enforce.

I'm just trying to show the picture.

These are used buses that probably have 6 to 700,00 miles on them. They're not, as you say have the new filters and stuff, okay. Because a brand new coach runs between 6 and 700,000 dollars, and if you want it wheelchair accessible, it's 9.

So I'm just, I don't want to put him out of business, I'm just trying to protect myself.

If that's what they can use used buses, that's great, but they're not with all the new filters and stuff.

MR. WILLIAMS: Clean air technology.

MR. DUFFY: Yeah, there's no technology in these buses, and I don't even know if it's theirs, or they're sneaking an outsider to do repair work.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Anybody else like to speak.

MR. SHAUTE: Yeah, I have one more thing about the site. If they only own 15 buses, that's what they said, right, why do we need 10 spots for broken down buses? They only run five buses a day?

So Duffy's got a good point, who are 1 all the other buses there? And don't have a picture 2 but you guys can drive by any time you want. There 3 is a bus over there right now with no tires, no wheels, no doors, no nothing on it. That's not 5 maintenance, that's a torn down bus. 6 So something else is going on there. 7 So I'm going to suggest they're maintaining other 8 people's buses also. I'll let you stay at that. 9 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Assuming no other 10 person, I'm going to make a motion to close the 11 12 public. MR. VOLOSIN: Motion to close. 13 MR. MULLER: Second. 14 15 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: All in favor? BOARD MEMBERS: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Any opposed? The 17 18 ayes have it. ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chair, members of 19 the board, may I ask for a five to 10 minute recess 20 21 to convene with my clients in the conference room? CHAIRMAN TIGHE: 22 Yes. 23 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. We'll be back on the record in less 24 25 than 10 minutes.

(Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Back on the record.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chair, a number of concerns raised by board members, concerns raised by our neighbors require that we ask for an ajournment to see if we can find a way to address if not all, most of those concerns.

I think with the concerted effort we can and we would respectfully ask if this board will allow us to be adjourned to a date in September. I think we are going to need about five or six weeks to meet with borough representatives and come up with revisions on our plan.

So, if there's a meeting towards the end of September, that would be ideal, if that meets with your approval.

SECRETARY MAGNANI: September 17th.

MR. DUFFY: It's delayed 60 days already. How many times are you going to give them a delay?

ATTORNEY PAPE: As many as we need to present the proper application to the board.

I'm hopeful.

MR. DUFFY: I think they should vote. 1 ATTORNEY PAPE: September 17th may be 2 a little bit snug, but I will ask you to place us 3 on. If we're not ready, I will notify you with 4 ample time to create a further date. 5 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Do we have a vote on 6 7 this? This is to be carried without further 8 notice. 9 SECRETARY MAGNANI: We need a motion 10 from somebody to accept to carry to September 17th 11 12 with no further notice. MR. WILLIAMS: Motion to carry to 13 September 17th with no further notice. 14 MR. VOLOSIN: Second. 15 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: All in favor? 16 SECRETARY MAGNANI: We'll do a roll 17 call. 18 Mr. Kandel? 19 MR. KANDEL: Yes. 20 SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Muller? 21 MR. MULLER: Yes. 22 SECRETARY MAGNANI: Ms. Sitaca? 23 MS. SITACA: Yes. 24 SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Volosin? 25

MR. VOLOSIN: Yes. 1 SECRETARY MAGNANI: Mr. Williams? 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. 3 SECRETARY MAGNANI: Councilman 4 Zebrowski? 5 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: I don't know if 6 I can comment, but I have a question and actually 7 fellow board member raised this and that is, we 8 actually -- some of us would like to have 9 permission, or an opportunity to inspect the 10 11 property. We don't, I wish we had never been on 12 there because I don't want to, it's private 13 property, but within that time period, I think some 14 15 of us would probably benefit from having that 16 inspection. 17 ATTORNEY PAPE: Open invitation. 18 If you would like someone from our team there when you're inspecting, just tell us. 19 open invitation, Councilman. 20 COUNCILMAN ZEBROWSKI: Yes. 21 SECRETARY MAGNANI: And Chairman Tighe? 22 23 CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Yes. 24 MR. WILLIAMS: Any day? ATTORNEY PAPE: Yes. 25

SECRETARY MAGNANI: They can go 1 through me and I can give Mr. Pape a call. 2 ATTORNEY FISHER: And just to be clear 3 from the public, you're not going to get another 4 certified mailing. This will be heard back here on September 17th, same place, same time. 6 MR. DUFFY: Put your mic on, we can't 7 8 hear. ATTORNEY FISHER: Just for the public, 9 you will not receive another certified mailing. 10 This will be heard on September 17th back here, same 11 place, same time. 12 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. 13 MR. DUFFY: Can I ask a question? 14 ATTORNEY FISHER: Is it regarding the 15 16 ajournment? MR. DUFFY: Are we going to have 17 meetings until he gets it right? 18 19 ATTORNEY PAPE: Hopefully. ATTORNEY FISHER: At this point it's 20 just adjourned to September 17th, and the board will 21 decide from there. 22 MS. DUFFY: Are they going to be 23 allowed to work until next month? They can just 24 keep having their business run? 25

ATTORNEY PAPE: No.

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ATTORNEY FISHER: Public portion is closed. I think that's something to be dealt with with the township code officer after this meeting.

about visiting the site, but as to the open public meetings, no more than three at a time.

You're all welcome, but no more than three on the property at a time.

MR. VOLOSIN: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Just trying to follow this, tonight was for an application for site plan approval, why are there buses on the site?

Was there some kind of pre-approval?
ATTORNEY PAPE: No.

MR. VOLOSIN: I thought this was the first application to get approval.

ATTORNEY PAPE: So, there is no pre-approval, this is the first application requesting this relief.

CHAIRMAN TIGHE: Why are there buses on the site?

ATTORNEY PAPE: That's something that I'm going to go over with our client. There was a letter that allowed one bus on the property, and I'm

going to go over with our clients as to what 1 activities are taking place. 2 I learned some things this evening. 3 We're going to spend some time addressing. 4 MR. VOLOSIN: And one other thing, if 5 part of the site plan is to have a washing station 6 for any type of, whatever you wash, there should be 7 some kind of a stall where you have a separate area 8 to wash the area and it's drained to the proper 9 facility. I question whether, in fact, it's going 10 into a sanitary sewer. 11 But I'm thinking that whatever is 12 being washed for any type of area for specific 13 washing, should be sent into a proper drainage area. 14 15 ATTORNEY PAPE: I thank you all. See you September 17th. 16 17 18 (Whereupon, the application was 19 adjourned.) 20 (Time noted, 9:08 p.m.) 21 22 23 24

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I, Deanna Wizbicki, a Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate verbatim transcript of the testimony provided under oath before any court, referee, board, commission or other body created by statute of the State of New Jersey, on the date and place hereinbefore set forth.

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