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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Boisvert and the opening statement was read by the Board Secretary.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Showed the following members were present: Joseph Cristiano, Nicholas Huszar, Robert Seaman, Brian Tannenhaus, Matthew Kyle Christopher Mercer and Chairman Paul Boisvert. Brian Greenfield, John Leggio, Megan Talente and Councilman Fred Gasior were excused.

Also in attendance were Louis Karp, Board Attorney, Laura Neumann, Board Engineer, Jennifer Beahm, Board Planner, Shari Spero, Board Licensed Tree Expert, Kevin Chen, Traffic Engineer and Eileen Rubano, Board Secretary.

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Chairman made an announcement that since the federal emergency for Covid will end in May the Board will resume in person meetings beginning in June 2023.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Mr. Tannenhaus made a motion to approve the minutes form the November 29, 2022 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cristiano and carried with Mr. Cristiano and Mr. Tannenhaus voting for the motion.

Mr. Seaman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cristiano and carried with Mr. Cristiano, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Mercer and Chairman Boisvert voting to approve.

# **VOUCHERS:** None

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>: The Board Secretary said she had a letter from Robert Simon, Attorney for AAVRHW Property LLC – Victory Road, asking for the Board to carry to March 16, 2023 and she placed a statement on the agenda to that effect. She had another letter asking that it be carried to April 13, 2023 with no further notice so that will be placed on the next agenda. Board Attorney Karp made an announcement that the application would be carried to March 16, 2023 with no further notice.

**RESOLUTIONS:** There were no resolutions to memorialize.

### **SUBMISSION WAIVERS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

#### a. Case No. SD-3007 / Avet Brothers

Mr. Tannenhaus recused himself from this application and left the hearing.

Todd Cohen, Attorney for the Applicant, appeared and said he spoke to Board Engineer Neumann and they would be providing most of the items.

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Ms. Neumann, Board Engineer, testified that the submission waivers are listed in her review letter dated January 20, 2023 in item 3 and she did speak to Mr. Cohen. Everything with the exception of items 17 and 60 would be provided and if there are any easements required they would be provided post approval. Since this is a minor subdivision she took no exception to the granting of the waivers for the two remaining items for the purposes of deeming the application complete.

Mr. Huszar made a motion to approve the submission waivers for Avet Brothers. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cristiano and carried with Mr. Cristiano, Mr. Huszar, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Kyle, Mr. Mercer and Chairman Boisvert voting to approve.

## **APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

a. Case No. SP-1095 / AASTHW Property, LLC – Stavola

Mr. Tannenhaus recused himself from this application and left the hearing.

SEE TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED

b. Case No. SP-1078A / New Horizon Property, LLC

SEE TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED

c. Case No. SP-1098F / 90 Industrial Court, LLC

SEE TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED

MASTER PLAN STATUS REPORT: Ms. Beahm said they are working on the Farmland Preservation Element which is different from other elements since they have to wait for comments from the State and County. They just received comments from the State yesterday and they should be ready for a public hearing next month. She also said they are waiting on the budget to decide what other items they can work on.

Mr. Seaman made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer and carried with all Board members voting for the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thubano

Eileen Rubano Recording Secretary

NOTE: A CD or DVD of this meeting is available on request.

| 1  | TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL PLANNING BOARD   |
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| 3  | In the Matter of: : TRANSCRIPT :  |
| 4  | CASE NO. SP-1102/AASTHW : OF PROPERTY, LLC, - STAVOLA :                     |
| 5  | LEASING, : PROCEEDINGS Lots 18, 19.02, 19.04 & 19.08:                       |
| 6  | :<br>   |
| 7  | HOWELL TOWNSHIP   |
| 8  | March 2nd, 2023<br>Commencing at 7:13 p.m.                                  |
| 9  | BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:  |
| 10 | PAUL BOISVERT, Chairman<br>NICHOLAS HUSZAR                                  |
| 11 | JOSEPH CRISTIANO, Board Member<br>ROBERT SEAMAN, Board Member               |
| 12 | BRIAN TANNENHAUS, Board Member (Recused)<br>MATTHEW KYLE, Board Member      |
| 13 | CHRISTOPHER MERCER, Board Member  |
| 14 | EILEEN RUBANO, Board Secretary<br>LAURA NEWMANN, P.E., P.P., Board Engineer |
| 15 | JENNIFER BEAHM, P.P. A.I.C.P, Board Planner                                 |
| 16 | APPEARANCES:  |
| 17 | WEINER LAW GROUP, LLP   |
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| 20 | BY: CRAIG M. GIANETTI, ESQUIRE<br>Attorneys for the Applicant               |
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- 1 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Next up, case
- 2 number SP1102, AASTHW Property, LLC, Stavola.
- 3 Preliminary and final major site plan with ancillary
- 4 variance relief.
- 5 MS. NEWMANN: Kevin Chen is in the
- 6 audience as traffic.
- 7 MS. RUBANO: Yes, I'm bringing him
- 8 in.
- 9 Mr. Gianetti, who do you need?
- 10 MR. GIANETTI: Paul Latham, Sean
- 11 Naeger, Jeromie Lange, Dan Disario, Tung-To Lam, I
- 12 quess Christine Cofone. We'll have our whole team.
- 13 Not necessarily everyone is going to be testifying.
- MS. RUBANO: And you have a
- 15 stenographer, correct?
- 16 MR. GIANETTI: Yes.
- MS. RUBANO: I'll bring her in, too,
- 18 just in case.
- MR. GIANETTI: So, good evening,
- 20 Chairman, members of the Board. Craig Gianetti, Day
- 21 Pitney, on behalf of the Applicant, AASTHW Property,
- 22 LLC.
- 23 This is an application for
- 24 preliminary and final major site plan approval for
- 25 property located at 308 and 418 Fairfield Road,

- 1 block 168, lot 17, 18, 19.02, 19.04 and 19.08. The
- 2 property is located in the SED, special economic
- 3 development zone.
- The property is approximately 11.84
- 5 acres. It's mostly vacant. The Applicant proposes
- 6 to remove the existing two-story frame building and
- 7 sheds and pavement.
- 8 I'm sorry. I'm hearing a lot of
- 9 feedback.
- 10 MS. RUBANO: Yes. Somebody has
- 11 their --
- 12 MR. GIANETTI: I think it's Mr. Chen,
- if he can maybe mute himself.
- MR. GIANETTI: Not a problem. Thank
- 15 you.
- So we're removing the existing
- 17 building on the property and proposing an
- 18 approximately 202,000 square foot warehouse which
- 19 includes approximately 10,000 square feet of office
- 20 space.
- 21 The Applicant's also proposing to
- 22 consolidate all the lots to create a single tax lot
- 23 as part of any approval. Access being proposed to
- 24 the site with two full move-in driveways along
- 25 Fairfield Road.

1 As you'll hear tonight, the 2 application as being presented is conforming to the 3 town's zoning ordinance and there's a couple of 4 items identified in some of the Board professional 5 review letters we received, which we'll provide some 6 testimony on, one which we've dealt with before, a 7 provision of the ordinance section 188-106A which 8 provides for the Board being able to approve 9 driveway widths in excess of 24 feet, but then 10 there's a separate other provision of the ordinance 11 that specifically requires for an industrial use a 12 minimum driveway width of 30 feet, and we are 13 proposing a driveway width of this 30 feet and 35 14 feet. 15 In addition, you'll hear some of the 16 other, I guess, waivers being sought in connection 17 with the tree replacement and the payment thereof, 18 as well as a lighting plan that is in conformance 19 with your ordinance, as well as an alternative 20 lighting plan that we feel is more appropriate for 21 the site and conforms with the IES standards. 22 We have here with us this evening 23 Jeromie Lange from the Applicant, who will be 24 providing operational testimony and a general 25 overview of the site plan. We also have Tung-To Lam

- 1 of Bohler Engineering to testify as to civil
- 2 engineering; Dan Disario as to traffic engineering
- 3 as well. And to the extent necessary, our planner
- 4 is available also.
- 5 With that, unless there's any
- 6 questions for me, I'd like to start with our first
- 7 witness, Jeromie Lange.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Sure.
- 9 MR. GIANETTI: Jeromie?
- 10 THE WITNESS: Just waiting to get my
- 11 camera to go on.
- Good evening, Jeromie Lange.
- 13 MR. GIANETTI: You're on mute,
- 14 Mr. Karp. Were you trying to swear him in?
- 15 MR. KARP: Yes, please.
- 16 JEROMIE LANGE, having been sworn, testified as
- 17 follows:
- 18 MR. KARP: Thank you. Please state
- 19 your name, spell your last name, and provide your
- 20 address.
- 21 THE WITNESS: It's Jeromie Lange,
- 22 L-a-n-q-e, 5144 West Hurley Pond Road, Wall, New
- 23 Jersey.
- MR. KARP: Thank you.
- 25 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GIANETTI

- 1 Q Mr. Lange, though we're not offering
- 2 you as an expert, as part of the application, if you
- 3 can just please provide your position with the
- 4 Applicant, as well as your background in development
- 5 in general.
- 6 A Certainly. Good evening, again.
- 7 Jeromie Lange. I'm the director of development for
- 8 Active Acquisitions. The Applicant this evening is
- 9 an affiliated entity of Active Acquisitions.
- 10 My background is that of a professional civil
- 11 engineer and professional planner where I've been
- 12 working in that capacity for 28 years.
- The last two and a half years I've been at
- 14 Active Acquisitions as the director of development.
- 15 So it's in that capacity I'll be testifying this
- 16 evening.
- 17 You've already heard about the property
- 18 location; so I'm not going to repeat all that. The
- 19 property is essentially vacant but for the one
- 20 single-family home. The only reason that's
- 21 significant, from an environmental standpoint, as
- 22 summarized in exhibit A-34, there is no further
- 23 investigation on any of the environmental AOCs or
- 24 RECs, with the exception of a 275-gallon aboveground
- 25 storage tank that is currently serving that

- 1 development. So at the time of construction or
- 2 demolition, whatever the case will be, that will
- 3 certainly be addressed in accordance with all
- 4 applicable laws. But saying that, there are no
- 5 environmental issues on site as identified in
- 6 exhibit A-34.
- 7 You've heard that proposal this evening is
- 8 for a warehouse for just over 200,000 square feet.
- 9 A couple of important notes about that. We have 73
- 10 passenger vehicle parking stalls, which includes two
- 11 electrical vehicle stalls, and there are 25 loading
- 12 docks associated with that.
- In terms of the use, I want to be real clear.
- 14 This is not a major distribution center. It's not a
- 15 fulfillment center. It's not a last mile
- 16 distribution center.
- 17 What I do want to just spend a second
- 18 clarifying for you is the difference between
- 19 warehouse and distribution. A warehouse is when the
- 20 primary use is storage and distribution is a
- 21 secondary use, where a distribution warehouse is the
- 22 exact opposite. The primary is distribution and
- 23 storage is just kind of the ancillary or secondary
- 24 use.
- In this case, the reason that the site is

- 1 gonna be warehouse, not just because I'm telling
- 2 you, but because it's actually designed to be a
- 3 warehouse, there's several things. One, it's just,
- 4 first, the location. It's in an excellent location.
- 5 We're right off the interchange, literally next to
- 6 the interchange of Route 33. However, we are five
- 7 miles from the Turnpike, exit 16 in particular. And
- 8 being that distance from the Turnpike, that lends
- 9 itself more to a user that is storage-based as
- 10 opposed to distribution base. Those that have a
- 11 real distribution focus want to be a little closer
- 12 than that to the Turnpike and other interstate
- 13 highways like that.
- 14 Another big thing is the velocity which goods
- 15 move through the warehouse. A cross-dock facility
- 16 will move goods much faster. This is not a
- 17 cross-dock facility. This is what we call a
- 18 single-load facility. So, again, that's much more
- in line with the storage use because you have fewer
- 20 bays and are only on the one side. So much more
- 21 consistent with that.
- Next, it's a small building. It's only about
- 23 200,000 square feet. Typically a distribution-type
- 24 use is 500,000 plus to be in a distribution
- 25 category. So we're nowhere near that; well under

- 1 half.
- 2 Another thing is to move things fast to be
- 3 distribution, it takes a lot more people. We do not
- 4 have the requisite number of parking here for a high
- 5 manpower operation. So it's much more consistent
- 6 with a storage-type of use. We're anticipating our
- 7 maximum shift to be 60, 65 people. It's just not
- 8 sufficient parking under the ordinance standard to
- 9 support the distribution use.
- 10 So all that said, this site is inherently a
- 11 warehouse use. Our traffic engineer will talk a
- 12 little bit more about what that means in terms of
- 13 traffic; so I'm not going to go into that at all.
- 14 From an operational standpoint, the building
- is set up to be dividable. It's up to two different
- 16 tenants. Those tenants would be no less than 5,000
- 17 square feet. So it is fully conforming with your
- 18 ordinance.
- 19 The site is well buffered from both 33 and
- 20 from Fairfield Road. We are buffering the truck
- 21 port from our neighboring use to the south, although
- 22 that is another warehouse facility, as you can see
- 23 here on exhibit A-23.
- 24 Any incidental, flammable, or hazardous
- 25 materials, which would be paint supplies, things

- 1 like that, will be handled and stored in accordance
- 2 with all applicable, local and state requirements,
- 3 federal requirements as well.
- As I noted, the site is next to the Route 33
- 5 interchange. We do have full movement access both
- 6 from the north side from a car perspective and on
- 7 the south side from a truck perspective. The car
- 8 driveway here on the north side is 30 feet, and that
- 9 continues then. From there, it goes north all the
- 10 way around the building, through the truck court and
- 11 back out the driveway on the south. That is a
- 12 36-foot wide driveway leading from the truck area.
- An important thing to note, the rear driveway
- 14 here that's along the westerly property line, while
- 15 we have that at a full 30 feet and it's full two-way
- 16 traffic, that is not intended to be a circulation
- 17 route. That will have some kind of a chain across
- 18 it or gate, something like that, with a Knox box.
- 19 It's really meant for fire and emergency services.
- 20 So, you know, employees, guests would be all on the
- 21 left side or north side, and then the trucks would
- 22 all be on the opposite side, the left side or south
- 23 side where the truck court is.
- In terms of the driveway width, there's two
- 25 ordinance sections that are applicable, or could be

- 1 applicable. 106 A -- 188-106 A requires driveways
- 2 over 24 feet to be approved by the Board. So we're
- 3 here this evening for that. And then when it comes
- 4 to specifically commercial and/or industrial uses,
- 5 the main driveways have to be a minimum of 30 feet.
- 6 All the main driveways, as I've just described, we
- 7 are fully compliant with that. So we don't believe
- 8 there's any driveway relief required at all.
- 9 In terms of the trucks on the site, as I
- 10 mentioned, the trucks will come in that 36-foot wide
- 11 driveway. We have provided a turnaround at the
- 12 southwest corner. So the trucks would come in.
- 13 They would rotate around. That would get them in
- 14 the right orientation to pull into the truck dock.
- 15 They would back in, load, unload, whatever they're
- 16 doing, and then pull back out to Fairfield Road.
- 17 And you can see -- even in the picture frame here
- 18 you can see Route 33 where the trucks will be headed
- 19 to eventually get to the interstate system or
- 20 wherever they're headed to.
- In terms of refuse and recycling, that will
- 22 be handled in the truck court area. There would be
- 23 compactor fed units there that would be internally
- 24 fed. They're fully enclosed, and they will be in
- 25 the truck court area. So they are not visible

- 1 really from outside of the site.
- 2 So there are four issues I want to go over
- 3 with the Board this evening. So I'm just going to
- 4 jump right into those.
- 5 The first has to do with lighting. Our base
- 6 lighting plan is fully compliant with the ordinance.
- 7 However, we have provided an alternate lighting plan
- 8 that is fully compliant with the Illuminating
- 9 Engineering Society standards, and that alternate
- 10 plan is exhibit A-19. Our kind of base or ordinance
- 11 compliant plan is exhibit A-3.
- 12 It's up to the Board. We would slightly
- 13 prefer the IES standards but we really don't care.
- 14 We will build the lighting either way, fully
- 15 compliant with the ordinance or fully compliant with
- 16 the Illuminating Engineering Society standards.
- If we're going to go with the latter, the IES
- 18 standards, that would require a waiver from your
- 19 ordinance; so the Board would have to make a
- 20 decision which way we're going. We're gonna comply
- 21 unless the Board requests us to deviate to the IES
- 22 standards.
- 23 The next issue has to do with landscaping in
- 24 front of the loading docks. Now, this is the truck
- 25 docks, again, on the south side of the building. We

- 1 are proposing landscaping beds in that area to
- 2 comply with ordinance 188-106(G). I believe it's
- 3 highly unusual to do that. I would submit to you
- 4 that this is the back of the building, that it faces
- 5 the adjacent rock solid warehouse that really only
- 6 truck drivers backing into these stalls are going to
- 7 see it. It's not visible from Fairfield Road. And
- 8 I think it would be, one, impractical and I think it
- 9 would create a hardship from a maintenance
- 10 standpoint to do that. So I would recommend to the
- 11 Board that this should be a waiver, but, again, we
- 12 will put them in if the Board would prefer that. If
- 13 not, we're happy to seek the waiver.
- 14 Third issue has to do with trees. The site
- is primarily wooded, as you can see on aerial
- 16 exhibit A-24. So any, you know, larger scale
- 17 development that's consistent with the ordinance --
- and we are here, we're consistent fully with the
- 19 use, we're consistent fully with the bulk
- 20 standards -- is going to necessitate some kind of
- 21 tree waiver because you simply can't put this number
- 22 of trees back on the site. So we are proposing to
- 23 do a contribution to the Township's Tree Fund. Both
- 24 our engineer, as well as your engineer, have
- 25 calculated that amount to be \$97,650. And I will

- 1 stipulate on behalf of the Applicant that we are
- 2 prepared to make that contribution in lieu of fully
- 3 meeting the tree ordinance.
- 4 The final thing has to do with the building
- 5 facades. We have two separate building facades
- 6 here. One is literally conforming with the
- 7 ordinance. The other I think may be described as
- 8 complying with the ordinance intent. So we're
- 9 putting both of those up on the screen here right
- 10 now.
- 11 And, Paul, can we get a little more focus
- 12 away from the office? Yeah, there you go. Thank
- 13 you.
- 14 So the one on the left is exhibit A-12. That
- is the one that we would more typically go with. I
- 16 believe that fully complies with the intent of the
- 17 ordinance. The one on the right is exhibit A-33.
- 18 That complies with the ordinance more literally.
- 19 It's my opinion that, from a practical standpoint,
- 20 that the ordinance was probably intended for smaller
- 21 scale commercial buildings. It wasn't really -- it
- 22 probably wasn't envisioning warehousing when it was
- 23 written.
- So I think the one on the left is far more
- 25 conforming with the ordinance intent, but we are

- 1 happy to build either one. You know, we will take
- 2 the Board's guidance and either build the one on the
- 3 left, which is A-12, the one on the right, which is
- 4 A-33. Happy to do either one. We would prefer the
- 5 one on the left, A-12, but we're happy to do either.
- 6 It's completely the Board's decision.
- 7 So with that, Craig, that concludes my direct
- 8 testimony.
- 9 MR. GIANETTI: Great.
- 10 So our next witness is our civil
- 11 engineer, Tung-To Lam.
- MS. BEAHM: Craig, can I just
- 13 interject --
- 14 MR. GIANETTI: Sure.
- 15 MS. BEAHM: -- for a minute on those
- 16 waivers because I know that, you know, that's of
- 17 concern.
- 18 If I could just, Mr. Chair, at your
- 19 discretion, if I can just address that briefly.
- 20 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Please.
- MS. BEAHM: So the waiver that
- 22 they've requested to pay into the Tree Fund is a
- 23 waiver we see pretty regularly, and unless Laura has
- 24 any objection, I would take no exception. And I
- 25 feel like the testimony that was provided, you know,

- 1 meets the intent and the burden in terms of what
- 2 exactly is being proposed and it is a very typical
- 3 waiver that we grant in order for them to pay into
- 4 our Tree Fund.
- 5 Talking about the lighting, again, I
- 6 also would say that we have consistently required
- 7 applicants to comply with the IES standards, which
- 8 Mr. Lange testified to, as opposed to our ordinance
- 9 standard. I think we've granted waivers from our
- 10 ordinance standard in almost every application that
- 11 we've seen and that the IES is a standard that --
- 12 Brian's not here, but that's a standard that Brian
- 13 typically accepts and Shari also recommends.
- I will say that it is recommended
- 15 that the Township reviews its ordinance standards
- 16 and accepts those IES standards as being acceptable.
- 17 The Foundation Landscaping Waiver --
- 18 and I think, Mr. Lange, if I'm incorrect, you can
- 19 correct me -- is that you're asking for the waiver
- 20 along the facade that has the loading docks, to put
- 21 the foundation plantings underneath the loading
- 22 docks. If the Board is not interested in that, you
- 23 would be willing to put the plantings in, but you
- 24 feel it's a more practical alternative to ask for
- 25 the waiver, and I would agree.

- 1 The plantings underneath the loading
- 2 docks are not going to survive. They're going to
- 3 die. So I understand the intent of the ordinance is
- 4 to have something aesthetic around the perimeter of
- 5 the building, but those loading docks face the back
- of the other warehouse. They're not visible from
- 7 the street. I would take no exception to that
- 8 request.
- 9 And similarly on the architecture,
- 10 they have worked very closely with my office on this
- 11 architecture and I know they're looking to comply
- 12 and they have an architectural design, which is --
- 13 what is it? A-13, Jeromie, or A-3? A-3?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Let me get the right
- 15 numbers here. It is -- A-12 is the one that is the
- 16 intent.
- MS. BEAHM: That's the one, but the
- 18 compliant one is A-3?
- 19 THE WITNESS: A-33.
- MS. BEAHM: A-33. I'm sorry.
- 21 So I would submit to the Board that I
- 22 think what they're proposing in A-12 is a
- 23 preferrable design. I know it's not fully
- 24 conforming but I think it's a little bit more
- 25 aestheticly interesting. It's not as flat, and even

- 1 though it's not a hundred percent compliant, I think
- 2 it's a superior architectural design than the
- 3 compliant design.
- 4 All that being said, I think the
- 5 testimony that's been provided here to give you the
- 6 options, obviously, it's ultimately your decision,
- 7 but from my professional opinion, the testimony
- 8 that's been provided is more than adequate, in my
- 9 opinion, to meet the burden of a waiver.
- 10 Let's be clear, these are waivers.
- 11 They're not variances. These are waivers. And that
- 12 I would agree and take no exception to the waivers
- 13 that have been requested and feel that the
- 14 Applicant's met its burden. But, again, I put it
- 15 back to you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay.
- 17 MR. GIANETTI: And as I mentioned,
- 18 our next witness is our civil engineer, Tung-To Lam,
- 19 who will kind of continue on Jeromie's testimony
- 20 which provided a lot of the kind of site description
- 21 and Tung-To will get into some of the more finer
- 22 details, particularly storm water management and
- 23 things of that nature.
- So I can call Mr. Lam up.
- 25 TUNG-TO LAM, having been sworn, testified as

- 1 follows:
- 2 MR. KARP: Please state your name,
- 3 spell your name spell your last.
- 4 THE WITNESS: First name is Tung-To,
- 5 T-u-n-q, hyphen T-o. Last name Lam, L-a-m, with the
- 6 firm Bohler, B-o-h-l-e-r. Address is 30
- 7 Independence Boulevard, suite 200 in Warren, New
- 8 Jersey, 07059.
- 9 MR. KARP: Please proceed.
- 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GIANETTI
- 11 Q Mr. Lam, if you could provide for the
- 12 Board your experience, qualifications, and licenses
- in the field of civil engineering.
- 14 A Yes. I'm a 2004 graduate from
- 15 Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of
- 16 Science degree in civil engineering. I'm a Ph.D.
- 17 candidate at Rutgers for civil and environmental
- 18 engineering. I'm a professional engineer in the
- 19 State of New Jersey.
- 20 MR. KARP: Are your licenses current?
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- MR. KARP: Thank you.
- CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We accept his
- 24 credentials.
- MR. GIANETTI: Great. Thank you.

- 1 Q And, Mr. Lam, the plans and the
- 2 exhibits with "Bohler" on it were prepared by you or
- 3 someone under your direction in connection with this
- 4 application?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And as a whole, the site plan that's
- 7 being presented, other than what's been testified to
- 8 as to Mr. Lange, conform to the bulk and zone
- 9 standards of the SED zone?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q And maybe if you can start with storm
- 12 water management, if you can just provide some
- 13 testimony as to how the storm water is working here
- in compliance with the state and local regulation?
- 15 A Yes. Storm water for this project is
- 16 being captured with on-site inlets and trench drains
- 17 and is being piped to either the aboveground or
- 18 underground infiltration basins or bioretention
- 19 basins. They're located throughout the site and it
- 20 complies with their NJDEP requirements for small
- 21 scale.
- 22 Q I guess, again, they comply with the
- 23 DEP regulations and Township regulations concerning
- 24 storm water management?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q And there will be an operations and
- 2 maintenance manual that's recorded as part of this
- 3 project concerning the maintenance of the storm
- 4 water management?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And who will own that system?
- 7 A We privately own.
- 8 Q And can you discuss water and sewer,
- 9 how that's going to be serving the site?
- 10 A Public water and public sewer are
- 11 available within the Fairfield Road frontage.
- 12 Q And what about fire suppression?
- 13 A As far as fire suppression, there
- 14 will be a fire tank located on site, where the mouse
- 15 is right now. Exhibit A-23 is up on the screen
- 16 right now. That fire tank is 140,000 gallons fire
- 17 tank. The diameter is 36 feet. It has a height of
- 18 25 feet. And then right in front of it, a small
- 19 rectangle which is representing their pump house.
- 20 That is a 20 by 24 structure at a height of less
- 21 than 25 feet, and it's located to the north of the
- 22 proposed warehouse, is their fire tank and the pump
- 23 house.
- 24 Q And how about sanitary sewer?
- 25 A Sanitary sewer service is being

- 1 routed through the Fairfield Road frontage and
- 2 collected into a public sanitary sewer main.
- 3 Q And the signage for the site or, you
- 4 know, a free-standing signage?
- 5 A There's one free-standing sign shown
- 6 on A-23 right along the passenger vehicle entrance.
- 7 It's 40 compliance, nine feet wide, three feet in
- 8 height, for the sign area.
- 9 Q We'll save kind of the circulation
- 10 and traffic for our traffic engineer. But with
- 11 respect to, I guess, other outside agency approval,
- 12 if you can just provide a summary of that.
- 13 A We have County Planning Board
- 14 approval. We also have Freehold Soil Conservation
- 15 District certification; the water service being
- 16 under review by New Jersey American Water. The
- 17 sewer is being reviewed under by Howell Township,
- 18 and then DEP we received their general permit GP6 to
- 19 fill the on-site wetland.
- 20 Q And you've had an opportunity to
- 21 review the Board engineer's review letter dated
- 22 February 24th, 2023 from CME Associates?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And with respect to engineering items
- in there, are you able to comply with all of those

- 1 and address them as part of any plan revisions or
- 2 post approvals?
- 3 A Yes, we will.
- 4 Q And have you had an opportunity to
- 5 review the Board planner's review letter dated
- 6 February -- also February 24th, 2023?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And for the engineering items, we'll
- 9 be able to comply with all of those items as part of
- 10 any plan revisions and any conditions of approval?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 MR. GIANETTI: So that's all I have
- in the direct presentation of -- let me take a step
- 14 back.
- 15 Q There was also a Fire Bureau review
- 16 letter that had a couple of comments. We'll be able
- 17 to address those comments as well?
- 18 A Yes. We'll paint their fire hydrant
- 19 and we'll coordinate with their Fire Bureau for the
- 20 fire lane.
- 21 MR. GIANETTI: And, again, that's all
- 22 I have of direct testimony of Mr. Lam.
- We do have our traffic engineer that
- 24 will get into more of the circulation concerning the
- 25 site and his traffic study.

- 1 Mr. Disario.
- 2 DAN DISARIO, having been sworn, testified as
- 3 follows:
- 4 MR. KARP: State your name, spell
- 5 your last name, and provide your address.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Certainly. My name is
- 7 Dan. Last name is Disario, D-i-s-a-r-i-o. I work
- 8 for Langan Engineering & Environmental Services and
- 9 we are located in Princeton, New Jersey.
- 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GIANETTI
- 11 Q Mr. Disario, if you can just please
- 12 provide for the Board your experience,
- 13 qualifications, and licenses in the field of traffic
- 14 engineering?
- 15 A Certainly. Bachelor of science and
- 16 civil engineering from Temple University; Master's
- 17 of Science in transportation engineering from NJIT;
- 18 licensed professional engineer in the State of New
- 19 Jersey, as well as several other states, and I've
- 20 been accepted as an expert in the field of traffic
- 21 engineering before hundreds of boards throughout New
- 22 Jersey, including this one.
- MR. KARP: Is your license current?
- 24 THE WITNESS: It is.
- MR. KARP: Thank you.

- 1 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
- 2 Q Mr. Disario, did you or someone under
- 3 your direction prepare a traffic impact study as
- 4 part -- or traffic impact assessment as part of this
- 5 application?
- 6 A Yes, and that report's entitled
- 7 Traffic Impact Study dated November 30th, 2021.
- 8 Q And can you just kind of give a
- 9 summary of, you know, what you studied and your
- 10 conclusions as part of that traffic assessment?
- 11 A Certainly. If the Board at the
- 12 appropriate time has any questions regarding that
- 13 traffic study, I would be happy to answer them. But
- 14 I'm going to give the Board the benefit of the
- 15 overall highlights of that study.
- As you heard from Mr. Lange, the building
- 17 that's proposed before the Board this evening is
- 18 what I would characterize as a small warehouse
- 19 building. Based on my experience, generally
- 20 speaking, when you're less than 450,000 square feet,
- 21 you're certainly considered a small warehouse
- 22 building.
- 23 The Board can take comfort as well knowing
- 24 that there a limited parking supply in terms of only
- 25 73 parking spaces. So the types of tenants that are

- 1 likely going to occupy this building will have,
- 2 relatively speaking, low operations, particularly
- 3 with respect to the traffic that they would
- 4 generate.
- 5 To estimate the traffic for this proposed
- 6 building, we did rely on published rates. Those are
- 7 published by the Institute of Transportation
- 8 Engineers and the Trip Generation Manual, and we
- 9 specifically used the rates for Land Use Code 150
- 10 Warehousing.
- 11 For the building size that is proposed, we
- 12 would estimate based again based on those published
- 13 rates, during a morning peak hour, so one hour
- between seven to nine in the morning, 37 vehicles
- 15 would enter, 17 vehicles would exit, for a total of
- 16 two-way volume of 54 trips. Of those, two trucks
- 17 would come in and two trucks would go out for a
- 18 total truck two-way trips of four.
- 19 In the PM peak hour, similarly one hour
- 20 between four and six in the afternoon, in the
- 21 evening, 13 vehicles would come in, 43 would exit,
- 22 for a total two-way volume at 56. And of those,
- 23 three trucks would come in and three trucks would go
- 24 out during that week-day evening peak hour.
- I would respectfully submit to this Board

- 1 that many jurisdictions, including the New Jersey
- 2 Department of Transportation, consider any land uses
- 3 that generate less than a hundred peak hour trips
- 4 during any peak hour are not considered high traffic
- 5 generators and are not considered significant, or
- 6 they don't consider those types of low traffic
- 7 generators having significant impacts on area
- 8 traffic operations, and certainly that is the case
- 9 with this proposed warehouse before you this evening
- 10 as detailed in our traffic study.
- Moving to the driveways that are proposed as
- 12 part of this project, in terms of their locations,
- 13 the sight distance that is available for the
- 14 proposed locations, for all intents and purposes, is
- 15 unlimited. Fairfield Road is generally flat and
- 16 straight along the site frontage and beyond the site
- 17 frontage. So sight distance is essentially
- 18 unlimited and certainly adequate for the driveway
- 19 locations.
- 20 As you heard earlier, we are seeking driveway
- 21 widths that are a minimum of 30 feet, consistent
- 22 with your ordinance requirements for the type of use
- 23 that the warehouse is. In conjunction with those
- 24 widths, the driveway designs themselves are
- 25 appropriate and consistent with your ordinance

- 1 requirements and will allow vehicles to enter and
- 2 exit the site both safely and efficiently.
- 3 As the Board's aware, the way the site's been
- 4 laid out, cars and trucks are gonna be segregated.
- 5 Cars will use the northerly site driveway and will
- 6 be physically separated from the truck court which
- 7 is going to be on the south side of the site. So
- 8 cars will have their own driveway with which to
- 9 enter and exit the site, and trucks will have their
- 10 own driveway with which to enter and exit the site.
- 11 Those driveways, again, will operate safely
- 12 and efficiently and, certainly, that is borne out by
- 13 the analysis as detailed in our Traffic Impact
- 14 Study.
- Both the car parking areas as well as the
- 16 truck court dimensionally have been designed in
- 17 accordance with your ordinance requirements, as well
- 18 as common design standards, and will allow cars and
- 19 trucks to safely and efficiently circulate in their
- 20 respective areas within the site itself.
- 21 And, finally, I would conclude with what you
- 22 heard earlier from Jeromie. There is a turnaround
- 23 area in the truck court. I refer to that as a spin
- 24 circle, but it's intended to allow truck drivers as
- 25 they come in that southerly driveway -- they're

- 1 circulating as it relates to the docks in the least
- 2 preferred direction. So the spin circle will allow
- 3 them to go up to that corner of the site, spin
- 4 around, and then come back towards the loading docks
- 5 in the correct orientation for them to then back
- 6 into the loading docks. So I certainly think it's
- 7 an advantageous feature as part of the site design
- 8 and, certainly, I endorse it and think the truck
- 9 drivers will benefit from having that spin circle
- 10 available to them.
- 11 And with that I conclude my testimony.
- 12 Q And I quess along those lines, have
- 13 you seen those type of spin circles used on other
- 14 type of industrial applications?
- 15 A Yes. They are very common.
- 16 MR. GIANETTI: That's all I have on
- 17 direct presentation of Mr. Disario and we don't have
- 18 any further witnesses from a direct presentation. I
- 19 noted we had our planner available but, again, based
- 20 upon the testimony of Mr. Lange and the other
- 21 witnesses, there are no variances being proposed.
- 22 And the waivers we are seeking that we think are
- 23 better proposals, we have alternative plans that are
- 24 fully conforming and if the Board so desires could
- 25 go with that.

- 1 Any questions of the Board or
- 2 professionals?
- 3 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: I was going to
- 4 say anybody from the Board have any questions?
- 5 BY THE BOARD
- 6 MR. SEAMAN: Yeah, I do.
- 7 Mr. Lam mentioned something about,
- 8 you know, filling in wetlands and I would just like
- 9 a little more information about that. To what
- 10 extent? Where are they and why?
- 11 MR. GIANETTI: I quess either
- 12 Jeromie --
- MR. SEAMAN: Mr. Lam.
- MR. GIANETTI: Oh, I thought you said
- 15 Lange. Sorry.
- 16 MR. LAM: Those are leftover pockets
- of isolated wetlands just from poor drainage when
- 18 there was a former activity on the site. It's
- 19 deemed to be an isolated wetland. It qualified
- 20 under General Permit Climate and we have the proper
- 21 DEP approval for it.
- MR. SEAMAN: Thank you. I just
- 23 wanted a little clarification; so I appreciate that.
- MR. HUSZAR: Paul, I've got a
- 25 question.

| 1  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Shoot.                            |  |  |
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| 2  | MR. HUSZAR: I'm reviewing                            |  |  |
| 3  | Melick-Tully GZA, their September 2021 site          |  |  |
| 4  | investigation report and I just want some            |  |  |
| 5  | clarification on this, and I see Mr. Lev is in the   |  |  |
| 6  | audience here who is the LSRP who signed off on this |  |  |
| 7  | document.  |  |  |
| 8  | They took some soil samples. They                    |  |  |
| 9  | did a test pit and they had a hit of arsenic which   |  |  |
| 10 | is above the NJDEP's Residential and Nonresidential  |  |  |
| 11 | Soil Remediation standard. And in this report,       |  |  |
| 12 | there's really no explanation other than they        |  |  |
| 13 | retested the sample, it was below, so magically that |  |  |
| 14 | initial concentration goes away, which I don't       |  |  |
| 15 | believe is correct. There's no clarification as to   |  |  |
| 16 | what they plan on doing with that initial sample     |  |  |
| 17 | that did exceed a standard in the State of New       |  |  |
| 18 | Jersey.  |  |  |
| 19 | MR. GIANETTI: I guess that's a                       |  |  |
| 20 | question for GZA, I guess, who prepared is there     |  |  |
| 21 | a way to bring that person into the meeting?         |  |  |
| 22 | MS. RUBANO: Who is it?                               |  |  |
| 23 | MR. HUSZAR: Matt Lev.                                |  |  |
| 24 | MR. GIANETTI: Maybe have Mr. Lev                     |  |  |

sworn in.

- 1 MATTHEW LEV, having been sworn, testified as
- 2 follows:
- 3 MR. KARP: Please state your name,
- 4 spell your last name, and provide your address.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Matthew Lev. Last name
- 6 L-e-v, V like Victor. And the address is 117 Canal
- 7 Road in Southbound Brook, New Jersey, 08880.
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GIANETTI
- 9 Q I quess, Mr. Lev, before we address
- 10 the question, would you please provide your
- 11 experience, qualifications, any licenses in the
- 12 field I guess of environmental consulting and or
- 13 engineering.
- 14 A Sure. I have a Bachelor's of Science
- degree from Rutgers University and I'm a licensed
- 16 site remediation professional.
- 17 MR. KARP: Is your license current?
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 MR. KARP: Mr. Chairman --
- 20 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We'll accept his
- 21 credentials.
- MR. KARP: Thank you.
- 23 Q I guess, Mr. Lev, you've heard the
- 24 Board Member Huszar's question as to your EIS and
- 25 the tests that were performed. If you could just

- 1 address that.
- 2 A Sure. When we did our -- when we got
- 3 our laboratory results, we asked that the laboratory
- 4 confirm the concentration that they had reported on
- 5 the sample and they reran the sample and they could
- 6 not confirm a result above the remediation standard.
- 7 So in our professional opinion, it did not exceed
- 8 the standard.
- 9 MR. HUSZAR: You ran a sample, it
- 10 exceeded, and because it exceeded, you ran it again
- and it didn't exceed; so you've just taken that?
- 12 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- MR. HUSZAR: Okay.
- MR. CRISTIANO: Mr. Chair, I have a
- 15 question.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Go ahead.
- 17 MR. CRISTIANO: Jen said that there
- 18 was an area where the trees were definitely not
- 19 going to survive. Is there any way to bring up the
- 20 map? I want to see exactly where that area is,
- 21 possibly.
- MS. BEAHM: So Jeromie or someone,
- 23 Craig, on your team, can you bring up the site plan,
- 24 please?
- MR. GIANETTI: The colored rendering

- 1 site plan?
- 2 MS. BEAHM: Yes.
- 3 MR. GIANETTI: Paul, can you bring
- 4 that up.
- 5 MS. BEAHM: If you're looking at the
- 6 screen on the left side where you see all those
- 7 loading docks, can you put -- can you put the cursor
- 8 up and down where the loading docks are? Right
- 9 there.
- 10 So, basically, our ordinance requires
- 11 foundation plantings around the entire perimeter,
- 12 and they have some of it shown, right? But,
- 13 basically, to plant, like, vegetation underneath
- 14 where the trucks are going to be in and out, in and
- 15 out, it will not survive.
- So I understand the intent but I
- 17 don't think when this was drafted, we were
- 18 anticipating loading docks. They have indicated
- 19 they will put it in but I'm here to tell you it's
- 20 going to last, like, a couple of months, similar to,
- 21 like, those diamond islands you find in, like, a
- 22 shopping center where it looks all pretty for the
- 23 first 15 minutes, and then the landscaping dies and
- 24 it becomes an ashtray. That's what this is going to
- 25 become. It will not survive the trucks backing in,

- 1 backing in.
- So, I mean, if you want it, they're
- 3 willing to put it in. I take no exception to the
- 4 waiver because I really think it's impractical.
- 5 MR. GIANETTI: It's all those little
- 6 green dots along the building.
- 7 MS. BEAHM: The loading docks,
- 8 they're elevated, right? So this is going to be
- 9 underneath. So the trucks are going to back in,
- 10 like, on top of this.
- It's up to you guys; they'll do it --
- MR. CRISTIANO: No. Thank you. You
- 13 answered my question. I just wanted to know.
- 14 Thank you, Jen.
- MS. BEAHM: No problem.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anybody else from
- 17 the Board?
- 18 All right. I guess we can open it up
- 19 to the public, Eileen.
- 20 MS. RUBANO: At this time, the
- 21 Chairman has opened the hearing up to the members of
- 22 the public. Please use the raise your hand feature.
- 23 I'll bring you in one at a time. You will need
- 24 audio and video. You'll be sworn in and required to
- 25 give your name and address. Thank you. Anyone

- 1 calling in, press star 9 to raise or lower your
- 2 hand; star 6 to mute or unmute yourself.
- I have Mr. Parisi with his hand
- 4 raised. He's coming in now. Hello.
- 5 BY THE PUBLIC
- 6 MARC PARISI, having been sworn, testified as
- 7 follows:
- 8 MR. KARP: State your name, spell
- 9 your last name, provide your address.
- 10 MR. PARISI: Marc Parisi,
- 11 P-a-r-i-s-i, 2 Castle Court.
- 12 MR. KARP: Please proceed.
- 13 MR. PARISI: Okay. Could the
- 14 Applicant pull up the natural -- or actually, the
- 15 environmental impact report?
- MR. GIANETTI: The actual report
- 17 itself?
- 18 MR. PARISI: Yes, and go to page 38,
- 19 please.
- 20 MR. GIANETTI: Paul, are you able to
- 21 bring that up?
- MR. LANGE: Paul is getting it now.
- 23 Can you repeat what page?
- MR. PARISI: 38. So where it says
- 25 that, This document was created using the

- 1 environmental resource inventory from 2008, do you
- 2 see towards the bottom of the page it says, November
- 3 2008 Environmental Resource Inventory.
- 4 MR. GIANETTI: For the Township of
- 5 Howell?
- 6 MR. PARISI: Yes.
- 7 MR. GIANETTI: Yes, I see that.
- 8 MR. PARISI: The Planning Board had
- 9 an environmental research inventory done that was
- 10 completed, I believe, in February of 2021 and then
- 11 adopted by this Planning Board in September of 2021.
- 12 Why did this -- why is your natural
- 13 resource inventory relying on the old or -- why is
- 14 this document relying on the old environmental
- 15 resource inventory, not the new one? This document
- that you submitted was submitted in November 2021,
- 17 but the Planning Board had adopted an updated
- 18 environmental resource inventory in September, just
- 19 two months prior.
- 20 So, I mean, I would just respectfully
- 21 object that this application needs -- needs to go
- 22 back and rely upon the current environmental
- 23 resource inventory, not the old one.
- MS. BEAHM: Marc, is there something
- 25 specific to this site that's changed?

- 1 MR. PARISI: I don't know but I
- 2 haven't looked through both documents and done a
- 3 comparative analysis of the old ERI, the new ERI,
- 4 and their natural resource inventory. But I think
- 5 that as it relates to this application, I think
- 6 we -- this Board should ask that the Applicant rely
- 7 upon the current document and not the old document
- 8 and then allow the professionals, including
- 9 yourself, to review that.
- 10 MR. GIANETTI: Maybe we can also pull
- in -- if we're able to pull in Tom Auffenorde from
- 12 EAS as well who -- from EZA who also worked on this.
- MS. RUBANO: You need to stop sharing
- 14 for a minute.
- What was that name again?
- MR. GIANETTI: Tom Auffenorde.
- 17 MR. AUFFENORDE: Good evening,
- 18 everyone.
- 19 THOMAS AUFFENORDE, having been sworn, testified as
- 20 follows:
- 21 MR. KARP: Please proceed. Or please
- 22 state your name, spell your last name and provide
- 23 your address. I'm sorry.
- MR. AUFFENORDE: Thomas Auffenorde,
- 25 A-u-f-f, as in "Frank," e-n-o-r-d as in "David," E,

- 1 Ecol Sciences Incorporated, 75 Fleetwood Drive,
- 2 Suite 250, Rockaway, New Jersey, 07866.
- 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GIANETTI
- 4 Q Mr. Auffenorde, if you could just
- 5 provide for the Board your kind of experience and
- 6 qualifications in environmental consulting?
- 7 A Have a Bachelor's Degree and Master's
- 8 Degree in biology. I've been working as an
- 9 environmental consultant for the past 36 years at
- 10 Ecol Sciences. Currently a vice president. I have
- 11 experience with many, many -- hundreds of property
- 12 assessments for wetlands, for threatened endangered
- 13 species, for environmental impacts. I've been
- 14 qualified as an expert in many boards in New Jersey,
- including in Allentown, Bloomfield, Bernards
- 16 Township, Readington Township.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We'll accept your
- 18 credentials.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 20 MR. GIANETTI: Go ahead,
- 21 Mr. Auffenorde.
- MR. AUFFENORDE: I wanted to address
- 23 Mr. Parisi's question. I believe he's got an older
- 24 version of the EIR or the EIS. It was revised on
- 25 February 15th of 2022. That's -- I hope that's the

- 1 EIR that everybody has. And in that EIR, the 2021
- 2 environmental resource is referenced and was used to
- 3 prepare the document. So I think there's a little
- 4 mixup on maybe a previous version of the EIR.
- 5 MR. PARISI: Where is the reference
- 6 to the 2021 EIR in your natural resource inventory?
- 7 MR. AUFFENORDE: I'm looking at the
- 8 Environmental Impact Report.
- 9 MR. PARISI: Excuse me. The
- 10 Environmental Impact Report, did that rely upon --
- 11 MR. AUFFENORDE: It's also on page
- 12 38.
- MR. PARISI: So it relied upon --
- MR. GIANETTI: Go ahead.
- MR. PARISI: No, go ahead.
- MR. GIANETTI: I was going to say, I
- 17 think his testimony was the updated version did rely
- 18 upon the most current version of the Howell Township
- 19 environmental inventory element.
- 20 MR. PARISI: And that's listed as one
- of the documents on page 38?
- MR. AUFFENORDE: Yes, it is.
- MR. PARISI: Can you pull that up?
- MR. AUFFENORDE: I'll have to email
- 25 it.

- 1 MR. GIANETTI: I guess in the end,
- 2 Mr. Parisi, the testimony of the updated IES did
- 3 consider that it was identified in that.
- 4 Q And, I guess, Mr. Auffenorde, has
- 5 there been any change -- or based upon the updated
- 6 version, was there any change in the conclusion of
- 7 the Environmental Impact Statement based upon using
- 8 the 2021 Howell Township environmental inventory
- 9 element?
- 10 A No, there was no change in the
- 11 conclusions.
- 12 MR. PARISI: Okay. I'm just --
- MS. BEAHM: To Mr. Parisi's point,
- 14 was that submitted to the Board? Because in looking
- 15 at the documents that are available for review, I am
- 16 not finding it.
- MS. RUBANO: I don't have it on my
- 18 list.
- MS. BEAHM: That's why I'm asking.
- 20 That may have been done and that's great, but it's
- 21 not part of -- to Mr. Parisi's point, the only --
- there's only one IES in the documents information
- 23 that we have as part of the record. So when was it
- 24 done? What's the date of the revision?
- MR. AUFFENORDE: February 15th, 2022.

- 1 MS. BEAHM: Was it submitted to the
- 2 Board?
- 3 MR. AUFFENORDE: To my knowledge, it
- 4 was.
- 5 MS. BEAHM: I mean, I quess I would
- 6 defer to you, Counsel. I know you weren't the
- 7 counsel at the time; so in fairness, you may not
- 8 know, but -- so what I would suggest -- and I'm
- 9 gonna defer to Mr. Karp, but at the end of the day,
- 10 was there -- so can you then describe to us what
- 11 changes were done between the initial and the
- 12 supplemental? Because clearly we don't have it.
- 13 MR. PARISI: Yes. Jen, to your
- 14 point, I'm looking at the document distribution
- 15 sheet number four --
- MS. BEAHM: It's not on there.
- 17 MR. PARISI: -- yeah, dated February
- 18 17th, 2023, and I don't see any updated document.
- MS. BEAHM: He said 2022. So it
- 20 would have been prior to that. But I went through
- 21 all four of them and I only found the one that you
- 22 were looking at.
- 23 So can you walk us through what
- 24 changes were made from the initial submission to
- 25 what you submit -- what was done in 2022?

- 1 MR. AUFFENORDE: I don't think there
- 2 was any substantive change. I believe it was just a
- 3 matter of citing the wrong document in the
- 4 original -- in the November 22, 2021 document.
- 5 MS. BEAHM: So there were no other
- 6 changes made other than reviewing updated
- 7 information and verifying that the information
- 8 within the original document remained consistent?
- 9 THE WITNESS: That's correct.
- 10 MS. BEAHM: So, Mr. Chair, I would
- 11 leave that to you to decide how to handle it.
- 12 MR. GIANETTI: We're happy to provide
- 13 it, obviously, you know, tomorrow just so the
- 14 information is complete. But from a testimony
- 15 standard, unless Mr. Parisi has something from the
- 16 2021 inventory that changes or contradicts any of
- 17 the conclusions in the EIS, I think the testimony
- 18 here is it was reviewed and updated to reflect that
- 19 and there was no change in the analysis or
- 20 conclusions.
- 21 MR. PARISI: Just as a member of the
- 22 public, you know, that has a concern about the
- 23 environmental impact of these particular projects,
- 24 I -- I would like to know that when, you know, a
- 25 developer is submitting an Environmental Impact

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- 1 Statement, that they're relying upon the most
- 2 current information that the Planning Board itself
- 3 has adopted as the standard for which these projects
- 4 are to be, you know, assessed.
- 5 MS. BEAHM: And I think the testimony
- 6 has been -- Mr. Parisi, in all fairness, the
- 7 testimony has been that there was a review, there
- 8 was no substantive change to the documentation.
- 9 Unless you have something specific that you know,
- 10 the testimony is they've reviewed the most recent;
- 11 there's no substantive change to the documentation.
- 12 He stands behind the conclusions of his prior report
- 13 just updating the source material; is that correct?
- MR. GIANETTI: Yes, that's correct.
- MS. BEAHM: So, I mean, as far as
- 16 we're concerned -- I mean, at the end of the day,
- 17 this went through the Environmental Commission as
- 18 well.
- 19 So, Nick, I mean, do you have
- 20 concerns about this or what is happening?
- 21 MR. HUSZAR: We have the same comment
- 22 on our environmental sheet. So if the testimony is
- 23 nothing's changed other than a citation, it's on the
- 24 record.
- 25 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: And just make

- 1 sure that at some point tomorrow morning, that that
- 2 gets submitted to us.
- 3 MS. BEAHM: I would submit,
- 4 Mr. Chair, if -- and this is a big "if." I'm not
- 5 opining one way or the other.
- If the Board acts in the affirmative,
- 7 I would make a condition of any approval that my
- 8 office and Laura's office review the updated
- 9 documentation, and if there are any changes related
- 10 to this particular site, then the Applicant is going
- 11 to have to come back and address that issue on the
- 12 record.
- 13 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: That's fair.
- MR. PARISI: Will the public have an
- 15 opportunity to review that document prior to this
- 16 Board taking any action on this?
- MS. BEAHM: Once it becomes part of
- 18 the record, yes, it's a public document. Yes.
- 19 MR. KARP: If that report says
- 20 anything different than the report, the earlier
- 21 report, then the Applicant will have to come back
- 22 before the Board.
- MS. BEAHM: And then you'll have an
- 24 opportunity at that point too to have a comment
- 25 about it.

- 1 MR. PARISI: Okay. You can remove me
- 2 as a panelist and keep me as an attendee.
- 3 MS. RUBANO: Thank you.
- 4 MR. PARISI: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anybody else,
- 6 Eileen?
- 7 MS. RUBANO: Yes. I have Mr. Chopra.
- 8 MR. CRISTIANO: This is the kid
- 9 that's from Virginia. I don't know how he keeps
- 10 getting into the meetings.
- 11 MS. RUBANO: I don't know.
- 12 MR. CRISTIANO: He was talking about
- 13 tennis courts in Virginia.
- 14 THE COURT: Yeah.
- MS. RUBANO: We can't hear you. You
- 16 have no audio.
- 17 MR. GIANETTI: When you say --
- 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Should we move
- 19 on?
- 20 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You can remove
- 21 him. Last time he came on, he didn't have any
- 22 questions for any of the applicants and it was more
- 23 talking about playing tennis and stuff like Joe was
- 24 saying. So being that his audio isn't working, I
- 25 think it's safe to move on.

- 1 MS. RUBANO: Okay. I have Candace
- 2 Dovenero.
- 3 MS. DOVENERO: Hello.
- 4 CANDACE DOVENERO, having been sworn, testified as
- 5 follows:
- 6 MR. KARP: Please state your name,
- 7 spell your name, and provide us with your address.
- 8 MS. DOVENERO: Candace Dovenero, 58
- 9 Victory Road, Howell, New Jersey, 07731.
- 10 MR. KARP: Please proceed.
- 11 MS. DOVENERO: My question is: So we
- 12 have random people coming in on these meetings that
- are not in person and I think that if we were in
- 14 person, this would not happen.
- I do have a concern about the arsenic
- 16 study that miraculously disappeared. That does not
- 17 go away. That is a poison.
- But if we were in person, which I am
- 19 going to implore the Board to --
- 20 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So we already
- 21 addressed that part. So this is about asking
- 22 questions of the -- at the beginning of the meeting
- 23 we addressed it.
- MS. DOVENERO: I know, Paul. You
- 25 prefer to stay with the other --

- 1 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Actually, that's
- 2 not what we said. We addressed it. As of June 1st,
- 3 we are back in person.
- 4 MS. DOVENERO: Awesome. I can't
- 5 wait. But I would prefer that would be sooner
- 6 because we, obviously, are having problems.
- 7 The arsenic study is my main concern.
- 8 Thank you, sir, Chairman.
- 9 So the arsenic study, is that going
- 10 to be brushed under the carpet or is that going to
- 11 be revisited?
- MR. GIANETTI: We can agree as a
- 13 condition of approval to do an additional sample and
- 14 run an additional test. Based upon there was
- 15 something with it, they decided to run another test.
- 16 It came back below. We'll have them run another
- 17 sample, confirm the same, and submit the results to
- 18 the Board.
- MS. DOVENERO: Thank you. That's all
- 20 I needed. Thank you.
- MS. RUBANO: I have Janice
- 22 Romisoukas, and I don't know why she's not coming
- 23 into the meeting. There she goes now.
- MR. GIANETTI: Is there another
- 25 member of the public who has their hand up and maybe

- 1 we can come back to her?
- MS. RUBANO: I have no one with their
- 3 hand up right now. I don't seen see her on the
- 4 meeting now, no.
- 5 MR. GIANETTI: Okay.
- 6 MS. RUBANO: Now I have --
- 7 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Give her a
- 8 minute.
- 9 MS. RUBANO: Now I have someone else.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. That will
- 11 give her time to come back in.
- MR. KARP: Please unmute yourself.
- 13 MR. GIANETTI: It's still on mute.
- 14 MR. KARP: Please unmute yourself.
- 15 We can't proceed if you don't unmute yourself.
- MS. RUBANO: We can't hear you. You
- 17 need to unmute.
- 18 MR. GIANETTI: If you touch your
- 19 screen, there should then a microphone button.
- MS. RUBANO: We can't hear you. You
- 21 have to unmute yourself. There should be three dots
- in the right-hand corner of your screen that you
- 23 might be able to go to to unmute yourself.
- MS. BEAHM: And the microphone in the
- 25 bottom left-hand corner.

- 1 MR. GIANETTI: You're still muted.
- 2 We can see your lips moving. We just don't hear
- 3 anything.
- 4 MS. BEAHM: If you touch the screen
- of your phone, there's a microphone on the bottom.
- 6 It's red with a line through it right now. Click
- 7 it.
- 8 MR. GIANETTI: She looks frozen right
- 9 now.
- 10 MR. KARP: Yes.
- 11 MS. NEWMANN: It looks like she's
- 12 raising her hand again.
- MS. RUBANO: Yes, I put her back in.
- 14 MR. TROTTA: Hello.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: There we go.
- MR. TROTTA: I had to go to my
- 17 settings on my phone. I'm sorry.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: No, no, it's
- 19 okay.
- 20 MS. TROTTA: I'm not really
- 21 technically savvy.
- 22 My name is Patty Trotta.
- 23 MR. KARP: One second. We need to
- 24 swear you in.
- 25 PATTY TROTTA, having been sworn, testified as

- 1 follows:
- 2 MR. KARP: State your name, spell
- 3 your last name, and provide us with your address.
- 4 MS. TROTTA: Sure. Patty Trotta,
- 5 T-r-o-t-t-a. I live 190 Bennett Road, Freehold, New
- 6 Jersey, 07728.
- 7 MR. KARP: Please proceed.
- 8 MS. TROTTA: I just had a question
- 9 regarding traffic. So I live on Bennett Road
- 10 between Vanderveer and Fairfield. So I have the
- 11 warehouse that was just built on Fairfield, you
- 12 know, the building on Vanderveer.
- And I had a question regarding, my
- 14 street is not supposed to have tractor-trailers or
- 15 trucks of a certain size going up and down the road.
- 16 So just wondering if that's going to be, you know,
- 17 an issue with these buildings being put in.
- 18 MR. DISARIO: Again, for the record,
- 19 Dan Disario.
- 20 We anticipate all the trucks
- 21 associated with this proposed warehouse building to
- 22 be oriented to and from Route 33. So I would not
- 23 anticipate any trucks from any of the tenants that
- 24 would occupy this building to go down Bennett Road.
- MR. TROTTA: That was my only

- 1 concern. I've lived here for the past 15 years and
- 2 I will say that trucks do come down this road even
- 3 though they're not supposed to. So I just have a
- 4 concern that that is going to be upheld and, you
- 5 know, monitored to ensure that -- you know, because
- 6 it is a residential street.
- 7 MR. GIANETTI: It also may be more of
- 8 an enforcement issue.
- 9 MS. BEAHM: Craig, is there any way
- 10 you can communicate with the Township to increase
- 11 signage to that effect?
- MR. GIANETTI: On Bennett Road?
- MS. BEAHM: Yes.
- 14 MR. GIANETTI: Yes.
- MS. BEAHM: Perfect. Thank you.
- 16 MR. HUSZAR: On that point, I hear
- 17 the word "anticipate." Is there any restrictions of
- 18 trucks coming out of the property? Are they all
- 19 directed to Route 33 or do they have the option to
- 20 go away from Route 33?
- 21 MR. DISARIO: Paul, if you could call
- 22 up the truck circulation exhibit.
- I believe as part of that exhibit, we
- 24 are proposing "no right turn" signage at the truck
- 25 driveway so that trucks would not be allowed to make

- 1 a right onto Fairfield and would have to make a left
- 2 turn to head towards 33.
- 3 MR. HUSZAR: Thank you.
- 4 MR. DISARIO: You're welcome.
- 5 And, I'm sorry, just for the record,
- 6 I do not know what exhibit number was assigned to
- 7 that exhibit.
- 8 MR. GIANETTI: It's A-3.
- 9 MS. BEAHM: It's the Truck Turning
- 10 Plan.
- 11 MS. TROTTA: I know you mentioned
- 12 signage. There is signage currently here, but
- 13 again, I get it's more of an enforcement issue.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.
- 15 MS. TROTTA: If trucks do start -- if
- 16 we start having more trucks than we have in the
- 17 past, that's my concern.
- 18 MS. BEAHM: I still think they should
- 19 coordinate with the town to make sure the signs
- 20 are -- that there's enough signage and it's
- 21 adequate. And the worst thing that they can say is
- 22 we have the signs up, right?
- So let's just have them coordinate
- 24 and make sure, because I understand where you live
- 25 and I agree that it would be very difficult on your

- 1 street. So we have to make sure that they go the
- 2 direction -- I mean, I don't see the benefit of
- 3 going that way.
- 4 Right, Dan? That's your whole point,
- 5 right? There's no benefit for them going that way.
- 6 But I've seen everything, right? So let's just
- 7 doubly check and the Applicant has already agreed to
- 8 coordinate with Justin Yost in the Township to make
- 9 sure that we have all of our T's crossed and our I's
- 10 dotted in that regard, because I do totally
- 11 understand your concern.
- MS. TROTTA: Thank you. That was my
- 13 only question.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay.
- MS. TROTTA: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You're welcome.
- 17 You have a nice night.
- 18 MS. RUBANO: I'm going to try to
- 19 bring Janice back in.
- MS. ROMISOUKAS: Sorry. I'm in a
- 21 hotel in Florida and it doesn't have good internet.
- 22 JANICE ROMISOUKAS, having been sworn, testified as
- 23 follows:
- MR. KARP: Please spell your name and
- 25 provide us with your address.

- 1 MS. ROMISOUKAS: Janice, J-a-n-i-c-e,
- 2 Romisoukas, R-o-m-i-s-o-u-k--a-s. I live on 314
- 3 Baker Road, which is right off of Fairfield.
- I have the concerns as the one in
- 5 front -- the person in front of me about the
- 6 traffic. The traffic has already increased
- 7 dramatically on Fairfield Road that when you're down
- 8 at the light on 33, there's ten cars. I don't --
- 9 which is gonna block the driveway where this
- 10 warehouse is.
- And when we're talking about the
- 12 traffic, the traffic expert is talking about that
- 13 warehouse. Let's face it: There's four proposed --
- 14 besides the two, there's three more proposed
- 15 warehouses on that road. So if we're gonna
- 16 multiple -- and they're bigger. So we have to
- 17 multiple that by three or four to get the real
- 18 traffic volume and that's gonna be on that road.
- 19 The other concern I have is that our
- 20 neighbor just went past that new warehouse being
- 21 built on Fairfield and it has "for sale" signs on
- 22 the front of it already.
- 23 And so my concern is the traffic, I'm
- 24 really -- I really don't see that it's being looked
- 25 at in the true volume that's gonna be there and that

- 1 is a major concern for me.
- 2 MR. GIANETTI: Mr. Disario, if you
- 3 could elaborate in connection with your Traffic
- 4 Impact Study what was considered when you estimated
- 5 the traffic volumes?
- 6 MR. DISARIO: All the warehouses, not
- 7 only the one before you this evening, but the other
- 8 warehouses that are either under construction or in
- 9 review process along Fairfield.
- 10 MR. GIANETTI: So in performing your
- 11 analysis, these other warehouses were factored into
- 12 the trip generations?
- 13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.
- MS. ROMISOUKAS: Your trip generation
- 15 was two in the morning and three out at night.
- 16 That's just that building. So multiply -- you know,
- 17 it's not just going to be two in the morning. It's
- 18 going to be whatever was on the one that's already
- 19 partially built and then whatever was quoted on the
- 20 other ones, which was a lot more than two because
- 21 they're -- what -- at least twice the size, if not
- 22 bigger.
- 23 MR. DISARIO: With all due respect,
- 24 you are correct and we accounted for the traffic
- 25 associated with the one that's under construction,

- 1 as well as other ones that are planned.
- 2 MS. ROMISOUKAS: And what were your
- 3 totals?
- 4 MS. NEWMANN: Mr. Disario, maybe you
- 5 can explain that you're not assessing -- what you're
- 6 assessing totals of is the movement coming in and
- 7 out of your site. But what you assess in your
- 8 traffic report is level of service and maybe you can
- 9 just speak to the intersections that were studied,
- 10 those intersections were studied with existing
- 11 traffic as well as future growth, and what those
- 12 levels of service are.
- 13 MR. DISARIO: Certainly.
- 14 As the Board engineer has said, we
- 15 study traffic based on existing volumes, increased
- 16 background growth not associated with any specific
- 17 development but just overall regional growth, and
- 18 then all the warehouses. So the rock solid one
- 19 that's under construction; another one that's
- 20 planned along Fairfield Road; the PSE&G facility
- 21 that's now fully open and operational, as well as
- 22 the warehouse that's proposed before you this
- 23 evening.
- Our study area extended from the Park
- 25 Avenue intersection to the north all the way down to

- 1 the intersection with Fairfield and
- 2 Adelphia-Farmingdale Road and we looked at all the
- 3 intersections between those two points. And what we
- 4 concluded is that all of those intersections operate
- 5 efficiently, certainly within acceptable levels of
- 6 service and operations. And more specifically --
- 7 and really that's what is under the purview of this
- 8 Board -- is the proposed driveways for this facility
- 9 along Fairfield Road. Those driveways will operate
- 10 at levels of D or better, which is certainly in
- 11 keeping with what's expected for those types of
- 12 driveways and this proposed warehouse.
- MS. ROMISOUKAS: I just think it is a
- 14 major concern for my neighbors and myself that we're
- 15 just gonna have so much traffic on Fairfield Road
- 16 that it's just not something that we're gonna be
- 17 prepared for.
- Thank you.
- 19 MR. KARP: Thank you.
- MR. DISARIO: Thank you.
- 21 MS. RUBANO: Thank you. I have
- 22 Richard Schultz.
- 23 SHERI REAVIS, having been sworn, testified as
- 24 follows:
- MR. KARP: State and spell your name

- 1 and provide us with your address.
- 2 THE WITNESS: My name is Sheri
- 3 Reavis, S-h-e-r-i, R-e-a-v-i-s. My address is 3
- 4 Hearth Court, Howell, New Jersey.
- 5 MR. KARP: Please proceed.
- 6 MS. REAVIS: My comment for this
- 7 application is for the Board in regard to the
- 8 Applicant not providing updated document for the
- 9 public, Board and professionals to review prior to
- 10 voting. And I'm also concerned about the approval
- of this application and any other application this
- 12 evening at a meeting that I do not believe conforms
- 13 to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- I am requesting that I be allowed to
- 15 speak my full comment.
- 16 I'm making this comment with the
- 17 following people in mind: The person who
- 18 commented -- two or three people before me that was
- 19 very clear that it was hard for her to operate the
- 20 phone to get onto the Zoom meeting and almost missed
- 21 the opportunity to comment, as well as the 8,351
- 22 Howell residents who are over the age of 65, and the
- 23 2,623 residents of Howell that live in poverty.
- 24 This is over 20 percent of the adults who reside in
- 25 Howell.

- 1 And the reason why I reference this
- 2 20 percent is because I imagine that while most
- 3 people in Howell have computer access to the
- 4 internet and know how or can figure out how to use
- 5 Zoom, this is not a question -- this isn't true
- 6 about all people in Howell. And Planning Board
- 7 meetings are to be open to all members of the
- 8 public, regardless of their financial means, their
- 9 limited exposure of the computers, the internet,
- 10 virtual platforms, or any of their self-proclaimed
- inability to understand technology as we've seen in
- 12 other meetings where I can remember one senior
- 13 citizen saying if somebody could please give her a
- 14 lesson on Zoom.
- I commend the Planning Board for
- 16 moving back to in-person meeting, however, I'm not
- 17 clear why the date of June 1st was chosen and why
- 18 federal guidelines were referenced in this
- 19 explanation.
- From my understanding how townships
- 21 have been using -- utilizing information from the
- 22 State of New Jersey regarding COVID decision-making,
- 23 but it's interesting that for this one decision,
- 24 federal guidelines are being used. That's confusing
- 25 to me as a resident.

- 1 Howell council meetings returned in
- 2 person in May of '23, 2021. That was 22 months ago.
- For 22 months, there have been
- 4 residents of Howell who have been excluded from
- 5 Planning Board meetings and it's my understanding
- 6 that the Board is required to give ten days' notice
- 7 for a meeting change. If that's true, then the next
- 8 Planning Board meeting can be in person. The dates
- 9 and times of the meetings are not changing. The
- 10 Board and its professionals will have two weeks to
- 11 make arrangements to be able to drive from their
- 12 homes or their offices to the Howell municipal
- 13 building for the meeting.
- 14 Is the date of June 1st made for the
- 15 benefit of the Applicants? If so, I question who
- 16 the Board is working for.
- 17 In the August 16th, 2022 letter from
- 18 the Board's attorney to the planning members, it
- 19 references many things, but I'll just jump to the
- 20 conclusion: In conclusion, it's our opinion that
- 21 the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment may
- 22 continue to conduct its meetings remotely as long as
- 23 in doing so the Board adheres to the requirements
- 24 and purposes of the Municipal Land Use Law and Open
- 25 Public Meetings Act to ensure the right of the

- 1 public to be present at all meetings of public
- 2 bodies and to witness in full detail all phases of
- 3 the deliberation, policy formation and
- 4 decision-making of the public bodies, along with the
- 5 ability of the public to actively participate in the
- 6 hearing process are preserved and made available to
- 7 the public. The right of the public to be present
- 8 at all meetings, witness in full detail, and the
- 9 ability of the public to actively participate in the
- 10 hearing process.
- I am referencing this because during
- 12 this meeting, there's a conversation about a
- 13 document not being provided to the public or the
- 14 Board, and I am asking that the Board solution not
- 15 be that the application is voted on and afterwards
- 16 the document will be reviewed and if there's a
- 17 problem with the document, then we'll go back and
- 18 have the Applicant come back. All information is to
- 19 be provided to the Board and to the public. We
- 20 should be able to review that document and then be
- 21 able to actively participate in the process with
- 22 that updated document.
- 23 The -- the Planning Board -- any
- 24 member of the Planning Board who is aware that the
- 25 meeting is not conforming to the provisions of the

- 1 Open Public Meetings Act -- I'm just going to say
- 2 for those of you who are new, this is something I
- 3 just learned. Part of the Act says that -- includes
- 4 that if any person knowingly violates any section of
- 5 this act, they shall be fined.
- It requires that if any Board member
- 7 believes that a meeting is being held in violation
- 8 of the Act, they must immediately state that at this
- 9 meeting together with specific reasons for their
- 10 belief, and it shall be recorded in the minutes of
- 11 the meeting.
- So this Board has the opportunity to
- 13 complete the corrective action that I heard at the
- 14 beginning of the meeting that you were making, which
- is returning the meetings back to in person. I do
- 16 not understand why the next meeting of the Planning
- 17 Board cannot be in person --
- MS. NEWMANN: Mr. Chairman, if I
- 19 could, this is really limited to questions and
- 20 comments as it relates to the application. I think
- 21 her point is noted. We heard it.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes, I was just
- 23 trying to give her the opportunity. I -- I don't
- 24 disagree.
- MS. REAVIS: I appreciate that.

- 1 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So if you could,
- 2 I guess, maybe --
- 3 MS. REAVIS: Yes.
- 4 So regarding the current Applicant,
- 5 my request to the Board is that they provide the
- 6 documentation and allow the Board and the public to
- 7 review it and to hold off on voting on the
- 8 application until all documents are reviewed, and
- 9 that the next Planning Board meeting be in person
- 10 and that the Planning Board request from the Council
- 11 the equipment to do hybrid meetings, as I think
- 12 everyone would agree would be the best solution so
- 13 that more people can participate.
- MR. KARP: Thank you.
- MS. RUBANO: I have Steve Morlino.
- 16 STEVE MORLINO, having been sworn, testified as
- 17 follows:
- 18 MR. KARP: Please state and spell
- 19 your name and provide us with your address.
- 20 MR. MORLINO: My name is Steve
- 21 Morlino, S-t-e-v-e, M-o-r-l-i-n-o, Peachstone Road,
- 22 Howell, New Jersey, 38 years.
- 23 MR. KARP: Thank you. Please
- 24 proceed.
- MR. MORLINO: Okay. I have to agree

- 1 with Sheri that just spoke, completely with her
- 2 assessment of the fact that these meetings held
- 3 virtually are an inconvenience and an absolute
- 4 ability for the public not to be assembled properly.
- 5 Okay. People cannot be heard properly. People have
- 6 been logged off of this Zoom meeting. There's no
- 7 way for us to see who's on the meeting.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We understand.
- 9 We're not going to rehash this part.
- 10 If you have any questions for the
- 11 Applicant --
- 12 MR. MORLINO: I have questions, Paul.
- 13 Absolutely.
- 14 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Thank you. I
- 15 appreciate it.
- MR. MORLINO: One of my questions is
- 17 how many school buses show up in your study on
- 18 Fairfield Road traveling Fairfield Road across Route
- 19 33?
- MS. BEAHM: Dan, that's you.
- 21 MR. DISARIO: I know. Just give me a
- 22 moment, please.
- I don't have an exact number, but I
- 24 can tell you that our traffic counts were done six
- 25 to ten in the morning and two to six in the

- 1 afternoon and evening to capture school activity.
- 2 MR. MORLINO: What day of the week
- 3 was this done?
- 4 MR. DISARIO: Tuesday.
- 5 MR. MORLINO: What month, what date?
- 6 MR. DISARIO: October 5th, 2021.
- 7 MR. MORLINO: Okay. So you can't
- 8 tell me tonight how many buses actually go up and
- 9 down Fairfield Road on a daily basis?
- 10 MR. DISARIO: I cannot without
- 11 actually going into the counts and reviewing the
- 12 video.
- 13 MR. MORLINO: I have a concern about
- 14 how many buses go up and down Fairfield Road; how
- 15 many children are on these buses.
- I have to point out that we had a
- 17 death on Fairfield Road. A woman was T-boned coming
- 18 out of her driveway on Fairfield Road, okay, right
- 19 near this location. I travel on this road many
- 20 times. It's a very narrow road. I understand you
- 21 might be widening it over by the warehouse areas,
- 22 but it's a very narrow road to begin with. There's
- 23 a lot of traffic on the road already.
- Now, you're saying we're putting up
- 25 additional signage, that's great. Signage is great.

- 1 Does the Township have the ability to enforce the
- 2 signage? Because I see tractor-trailers all over
- 3 Howell on Aldrich Road, on Windeler Road, on Oak
- 4 Glen Road. All residential neighborhoods.
- 5 MS. BEAHM: But, Steve, respectfully,
- 6 there's no restriction on tractor-trailers on those
- 7 roads. So this was a direct comment and concern
- 8 about Bennett Road and so the comment, which has now
- 9 been kind of morphed into something different, was
- 10 coordinate with the Township regarding signage about
- 11 Bennett Road.
- We're not talking about putting --
- 13 tractor-trailers are allowed to drive on public
- 14 roads. So if there's -- like, Aldrich Road, there's
- 15 no restriction and, quite honestly, not even close
- 16 to here. So can we focus what we're talking about
- 17 to here, please?
- 18 MR. MORLINO: My point and focus is
- 19 about tractor-trailer traffic in general, okay, and
- 20 certainly on Fairfield Road. However, when Fast
- 21 Forward was built -- I don't know if you were
- 22 around.
- MS. BEAHM: I was.
- MR. MORLINO: That was 20 some odd
- 25 years ago, it was told to us, the residents in the

- 1 neighborhood around Fast Forward, that those
- 2 warehouse tractor-trailers would go up 524 --
- 3 MS. BEAHM: 547.
- 4 MR. MORLINO: 547, I'm sorry. They
- 5 continue to travel on local roads all the time,
- 6 every day, okay, and they were restricted from doing
- 7 that.
- 8 However, again in this case, the same
- 9 as in that case, the Township does not have the
- 10 ability to enforce these things. The gentleman said
- 11 the traffic will be going up 33. There's no
- 12 quarantee that that's gonna happen. That's one of
- 13 my concerns.
- 14 Let me ask another question. Has
- 15 there been any Environmental Impact Study in regard
- 16 to the number of diesel trucks in this township,
- 17 especially in this area where you're going to have
- 18 four warehouses? And you don't even know who the
- 19 tenants are. Do we know who the tenants are?
- 20 First answer my question: Is there
- 21 anything about the air quality that's been done
- 22 study-wise as far as all the diesel emissions in
- 23 that neighborhood?
- MR. GIANETTI: No, there's been no
- 25 study as to air quality in the area, nor is one

- 1 required.
- 2 Just to address some of the other
- 3 questions. With respect to enforcement, I'm not
- 4 aware of the other application you're referring to.
- 5 Ours specifically has a "no right turn" sign on our
- 6 property. And I'm sure as part of any condition of
- 7 approval, there will be Title 39 enforcement.
- 8 Therefore, if a truck makes an illegal right turn
- 9 out of our building, they can be pulled over. Same
- 10 thing if they drive on Bennett Road, if it's
- 11 labeled, there's a weight limit and we're on that.
- 12 As to the other roads you're
- 13 referring to and parts of other projects, I can't
- 14 speak as to what they're doing and what's permitted,
- 15 what's not permitted. But I can tell you with
- 16 respect to our project, not only, as our traffic
- 17 engineer testified to that fundamentally going to 33
- is the best route for the tractor-trailer, there's
- 19 going to be additional signage that says you can't
- 20 make a right turn. You have to go towards 33.
- MR. MORLINO: Understood. That's all
- 22 well and good, but, again, if it's not enforceable,
- 23 if there's nobody --
- MR. GIANETTI: It is enforceable.
- MR. MORLINO: It might be legally

- 1 enforceable. My point is we don't have the
- 2 resources in Howell Township for a police officer to
- 3 sit there and enforce this. Okay? That's my
- 4 concern. And we have a lot of school buses that go
- 5 up and down that road. And my concern is for the
- 6 safety of children and that some truck driver who
- 7 may not be able to understand the signage or may
- 8 disregard the signage may create traffic hazards on
- 9 that road. And that's the point I want to put on
- 10 the record. So I would appreciate knowing how many
- 11 school buses go up and down that road everyday. I
- 12 think that should be considered by the Board.
- 13 That's a major concern, safety of children. Safe
- 14 routes to school's a federal law. I'd like to hear
- 15 something about that.
- MS. NEWMANN: Mr. Chairman, if I
- 17 could -- and the Board has heard this many times. I
- 18 know Ron's not here. Ron would typically chime in
- 19 on this. This is a permitted use. The Applicant's
- 20 burden of proof or what the Board is evaluating is
- 21 safety of site ingress and egress, not off-site
- 22 impacts. This is limited to this site. It is a
- 23 permitted use and we are focused on the safety of
- 24 ingress and egress.
- MR. MORLINO: Maybe we should open

- 1 our horizons and look at the safety of everybody
- 2 concerned.
- 3 MS. BEAHM: Mr. Morlino,
- 4 respectfully, we're bound by the MLUL and so while
- 5 I'm happy to hear what you have to say, what Laura
- 6 is saying is what our charge is.
- 7 MR. MORLINO: I understand what the
- 8 charge is, but I want to go on the record and tell
- 9 you what my opinion is. And my question is how many
- 10 school buses go up and down the road that may be
- impacted by this additional traffic. And to remind
- 12 the Board that there's been a death on that road. A
- 13 woman that lived there was T-boned coming out of her
- 14 driveway on that road. So there were problems with
- 15 that road prior to warehouses being there.
- 16 That's all I have to say this
- 17 evening. I wish you all well and I hope your
- 18 conscious votes accordingly.
- 19 MR. GIANETTI: Just a reminder too
- 20 that there is road widening improvements happening
- 21 on Fairfield Road as well as part of these
- 22 applications.
- CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Do we have anyone
- 24 else?
- 25 MS. RUBANO: No one else with their

- 1 hand raised.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Would you like to
- 3 summarize?
- 4 MS. RUBANO: You want to close the
- 5 public first?
- 6 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes. Close the
- 7 public.
- 8 MR. GIANETTI: Is it an appropriate
- 9 time for my summation?
- 10 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes, if would you
- 11 like to summarize, please.
- MR. GIANETTI: Briefly, I thank the
- 13 Board for their time this evening and the witnesses
- 14 you heard this evening, and we also appreciate some
- of the feedback we heard from the Board members and
- 16 even of the public.
- 17 As we indicated, the application is a
- 18 fully conforming application. We did have those
- 19 three items with respect to the lighting plan, the
- 20 landscape docked area, and the alternative
- 21 architecture plan where we can conform but we have
- 22 alternative plans that we believe are better suited
- 23 for the property from a lighting perspective, from
- 24 the landscape docked area not having the landscaping
- 25 there, which Ms. Beahm indicated would probably just

- 1 die and be a maintenance issue.
- 2 And then from the architectural plan,
- 3 though the one was in strict conformity with it, the
- 4 alternative one meets the intent and purpose of it
- 5 and is a better looking plan. And I believe the
- 6 testimony, even from your own professionals, were
- 7 the alternative plans were better and we would ask
- 8 that the Board approve our alternative plans.
- 9 As to the EIS, we've agreed as to
- 10 Board Member Huszar's comment as to the arsenic,
- 11 that we'll do an additional sample, as to the
- 12 arsenic, and provide that information to the Board
- 13 confirming that it's below the appropriate levels.
- 14 As to the EIS document itself, we've
- 15 agreed as a condition of approval to provide the
- 16 2022 one that does reference the 2021 Howell
- 17 Township environmental inventory element. Again,
- 18 the testimony was there was no change. So the Board
- 19 has the document. The only change was updating the
- 20 citation of what they reviewed and considered in
- 21 their conclusions with the EIS.
- 22 So to say that the Board doesn't have
- 23 the information is not accurate. They have the
- 24 information. All the analysis and conclusions are
- 25 the same. All the change was is the reference to

- 1 make sure it's current as to that environmental
- 2 inventory element.
- 3 So with that, we feel we've met the
- 4 proofs. This is a fully conforming application and
- 5 we provided the appropriate testimony supporting the
- 6 waivers in connection with the alternative plans and
- 7 we ask that the Board vote in favor.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So before I take
- 9 a motion, Louis, I guess then what we're going to do
- 10 in the -- I guess we have to decide -- Jen, your
- 11 comments, you said no to the landscaping, right?
- 12 MS. BEAHM: I think that
- 13 professionally, my recommendation is this: That we
- 14 grant the waiver for the foundation planting only
- 15 along the facade under the loading docks because it
- 16 makes no sense. It will not survive.
- 17 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Right.
- 18 MS. BEAHM: I also recommend granting
- 19 the waiver for the lighting and having them comply
- 20 with the IES standard, which is what we've been
- 21 doing consistently.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.
- MS. BEAHM: And I would, obviously,
- 24 recommend granting the waiver allowing them to pay
- into the Tree Fund, because they're going to have to

- 1 do that.
- 2 And, lastly -- and you know how
- 3 critical I am of the architecture -- I recommend
- 4 that we grant the waiver from strict compliance with
- 5 the architecture, and that what was presented as
- 6 A-12, which is the alternative architecture, be
- 7 approved. I think it's a better design than strict
- 8 compliance.
- 9 So I do recommend those four waivers.
- 10 I think what they're proposing is consistent with
- 11 what we've done in the past and is a better
- 12 alternative than strict compliance.
- Not to say, Craig, you have
- 14 identified that you would comply with all of these
- 15 things --
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Right.
- 17 MS. BEAHM: -- if you guys didn't
- 18 like it. So it's not that they can't do it.
- 19 MR. GIANETTI: Correct.
- 20 MS. BEAHM: This is just a better
- 21 alternative. That's my professional opinion.
- 22 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Does anybody on
- 23 the Board have any objections to any of those
- 24 particular waivers that Jen just spoke up on?
- Okay. Then also too, Louis, we just

- 1 have to make sure that if they get preliminary and
- 2 final, that in there we have the additional sample.
- 3 MR. KARP: The additional --
- 4 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes, the
- 5 additional arsenic sample is in there.
- 6 MR. KARP: Correct.
- 7 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: And also the
- 8 document, they have to provide that.
- 9 MR. KARP: Correct.
- 10 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So we'll just
- 11 make sure, I guess, all that would be in the
- 12 resolution if it is approved.
- 13 MR. KARP: That's correct, that's
- 14 correct. And for the Environmental Impact Study, if
- 15 there's any variation between what the report that
- 16 you have says and what the updated report says, that
- 17 they would have to come back before the Board.
- 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Right.
- 19 MR. KARP: And we're also going to
- 20 put in Title 39 enforcement.
- 21 MR. HUSZAR: Quick question. What if
- 22 the environmental site investigation results are
- 23 above standards?
- MS. BEAHM: Then they would have to
- 25 come back and provide us with an explanation on how

- 1 they're going plan on remediating that issue.
- 2 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: And that would
- 3 also be open to the public.
- 4 MR. GIANETTI: That would also
- 5 trigger remediation requirements at the DEP level.
- 6 MR. KARP: Yes.
- 7 MR. HUSZAR: Okay.
- 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: All right. So
- 9 with that, then I will entertain --
- 10 MR. SEAMAN: Mr. Chair, if I may, I
- 11 am concerned about the environmental, specifically
- 12 being arsenic. I know there's correct verbiage. I
- 13 would defer to Louis to say, you know, how do we do
- 14 that correctly?
- 15 MR. KARP: They have to do all their
- 16 testing in accordance with the requirements of the
- 17 Department of Environmental Protection and they have
- 18 very, very strict and very, very detailed standards
- 19 on how it has to be done.
- 20 MR. SEAMAN: Especially with
- 21 something like arsenic, that needs to come back to
- 22 us. We need to understand that it's correct.
- MS. BEAHM: Craig, can you expedite
- 24 that? Should the Board act in the affirmative,
- 25 could you get that done tomorrow so we can -- as

- 1 soon as possible and get the results -- listen, I
- 2 know the lab can only work as fast as it can work,
- 3 but you can submit the sample quickly and then get
- 4 it back to us as soon as possible because, quite
- 5 honestly, you know, if you act -- if the Board acts
- 6 in affirmative, it's going to be reso compliance
- 7 issue; so you can't move forward without it anyway.
- 8 They can't do anything without it,
- 9 right? So they're gonna have to go through the
- 10 process, get the sampling done, get it tested,
- 11 submit it back to us.
- 12 I would also ask, Nick, do you feel
- 13 comfortable -- would you want it to be submitted
- 14 back to the Environmental Commission as well?
- MR. HUSZAR: No. I'd be fine here.
- MS. BEAHM: Okay. So then just
- 17 submit it back to us. We'll review it. Laura's
- 18 office has a gigantic environmental department to
- 19 look at that kind of stuff. And then if we have any
- 20 concerns or issues, they're going to have to come
- 21 back and deal with it.
- MR. GIANETTI: I know I'm not the one
- 23 digging the sample or doing the testing.
- MS. BEAHM: I get it.
- MR. GIANETTI: Definitely. We have

- 1 him -- we have him on the Zoom and they're aware
- 2 this needs to get done ASAP.
- 3 MR. KARP: And it's certainly got to
- 4 be in the area where the first sample was taken in
- 5 accordance with all DEP requirements and protocols.
- 6 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Right. Okay.
- 7 All right. Then I will entertain a
- 8 motion.
- 9 MR. CRISTIANO: I'll make a motion
- 10 for approval and I will go on the professional's
- 11 recommendations on the waivers and conditional
- 12 approval when those documents get received.
- 13 MR. KARP: Approval conditioned upon
- 14 receiving them.
- MR. CRISTIANO: Right, correct.
- 16 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Do I have a
- 17 second?
- 18 MR. MERCER: I'll second it.
- 19 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Thank you.
- MS. RUBANO: Mr. Cristiano?
- MR. CRISTIANO: Yes.
- MS. RUBANO: Mr. Huszar?
- MR. HUSZAR: Yes.
- MS. RUBANO: Mr. Seaman?
- MR. SEAMAN: Yes.

| 1  | MS. RUBANO: Mr. Kyle?              |
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| 2  | MR. KYLE: Yes.                     |
| 3  | MS. RUBANO: Mr. Mercer?            |
| 4  | MR. MERCER: Yes.                   |
| 5  | MS. RUBANO: Chairman Boisvert?     |
| 6  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.            |
| 7  | MS. RUBANO: Motion carries.        |
| 8  | MR. GIANETTI: Thank you very much. |
| 9  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You're welcome. |
| 10 | You have a good night.             |
| 11 | (Time noted: 8:54 p.m.)            |
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| 7  | [FORMERLY LOTS 77 AND 77.01] STATE ROUTE 33 AND COLTS NECK ROAD |  |
| 8  | STATE ROUTE 33 AND COLTS NECK ROAD                              |  |
| 9  | AMENDED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN WITH              |  |
| 10 | ANCILLARY VARIANCE RELIEF                                       |  |
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| 2                               | PAUL BOISVERT, Chairman                                      |   |  |  |  |
| 4                               | JOE CRISTIANO  |   |  |  |  |
| 5                               | NICHOLAS HUSZAR, Vice-Chairman                               |   |  |  |  |
| 6                               | MATTHEW KYLE   |   |  |  |  |
| 7                               | CHRISTOPHER MERCER   |   |  |  |  |
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| 9                               | BRIAN TANNENHAUS   |   |  |  |  |
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| 11                              | BOARD PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF PRESENT:                       |   |  |  |  |
| 12                              | LOUIS KARP, ESQUIRE, Acting Board Attorney                   |   |  |  |  |
| 13                              | Weiner Law Group   |   |  |  |  |
| 14<br>15                        | LAURA NEUMANN, P.E., Board Engineer<br>CME Associates        |   |  |  |  |
| 16                              | JENNIFER BEAHM, P.P., Board Planner<br>Leon S. Avakian, Inc. |   |  |  |  |
| 17                              | EILEEN RUBANO, Planning Board Secretary Howell Township      |   |  |  |  |
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meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2023. I hereby declare this meeting of the Howell Township Planning Board to be open, adequate notice having been given pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act in the following manner: First on January 6, 2023, a copy of said notice was mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger;

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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. Could we
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You're muted, Joe.
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                  MEMBER CRISTIANO: Yes.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you.
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    Mr. Greenfield has been excused.
                  Mr. Huszar?
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                   VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Here.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Leggio has been
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    excused.
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                  Mr. Seaman?
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                   MEMBER SEAMAN: Here.
                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Ms. Talente has
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    been excused.
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                   MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Here.
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9 1 Mr. Kyle? 2 MEMBER KYLE: Present. SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer? 3 MEMBER MERCER: Here. SECRETARY RUBANO: And Chairman 5 Boisvert? 6 7 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Here. SECRETARY RUBANO: You have a quorum. 8 9 All right, fantastic. 10 Can we stand for the pledge of the flag and then a moment for our folks serving home and 11 12 abroad. 13 (Salute to the flag.) CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: All right. 14 15 we get started I just want to address something 16 really quick. 17 So come May 11th, the federal 18 government intends to end the COVID-19 national and 19 public health emergency. So I spoke with the board 20 professionals and the administration, you know, 21 Mr. Clark, and as of June 1st the planning board 22 will be going back to in-person meetings. This will 23 give the board members, the professionals, the 24 administration ample time to prepare for the 25

in-person meetings.

1 Although the Zoom meetings have been 2 working better than anyone's anticipation it has always been our intention to go back in person once 3 the federal and state government deemed it safe. 4 I want to thank all the members, the 5 6 professionals, our administration, the applicants 7 and the public for doing everything humanly possible to keep us all safe. 8 9 So come June 1st every meeting will now 10 be in person. So get that out of the way. SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you. 11 12 13 (Whereupon, the board continues with 14 the posted agenda.) 15 16 (Application is called at 9:00 p.m.) 17 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: At this point the 19 planning board will reconvene. 20 Next up is Case Number SP-1078A, New 21 Horizon Properties, LLC. And that is the Amended 22 Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan with ancillary 23 variance... 24 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Pape, who do 25 you need besides Stu Challoner and Scott Kennel?

ATTORNEY PAPE: That's all. 1 2 SECRETARY RUBANO: Okay. ATTORNEY PAPE: May we proceed? 3 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes. 4 5 SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes. Somebody has got something going on in the background. 6 7 And I don't know where Scott went, I tried to bring him into the meeting. 8 9 Here he is. You can start. 10 ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. 11 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Hang on one sec. 12 Is Rob there? 13 SECRETARY RUBANO: Oh. No. 14 BOARD PLANNER: It shows him on the 15 list of panelists, but he's not on the -- oh, he's 16 not back. The screen is back, but he's not there. 17 SECRETARY RUBANO: Yeah. 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Just give him a 19 minute. 20 SECRETARY RUBANO: Now he's back. 21 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Gang's all here. 22 We can rock and roll now. 23 ATTORNEY PAPE: Good evening, 24 Mr. Chair, board members. My name is Jared Pape. 25 I'm an attorney with the law firm of Heilbrunn Pape, and our firm has the privilege of representing the applicant, New Horizon Properties, LLC.

Before we begin the presentation, I would like to ask either Ms. Rubano or Mr. Karp if they could confirm that the notices that we have provided for this application are adequate.

SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes, they were.

Thank you.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you.

In the fall of 2021 this board adopted a resolution granting Preliminary and Final Site

Plan with ancillary bulk variance relief for this property. If you have been by the site recently you will have seen that the project is under construction and progressing nicely.

When the Preliminary and Final Site

Plan approval was approved back in the fall of 2021,

our client had identified that one of the tenants

would be Dollar General, and that they were actively

marketing for the additional tenant spaces.

They currently have an offer to lease a portion of the property from CentraState Hospital for two separate -- there will be two separate components, a physical therapy office and a family practice.

So the applicant this evening is seeking an amended site plan approval to permit the proposed medical use on the property, and specifically for a design waiver as it relates to the parking requirement on the property.

The two witnesses this evening are Mr. Challoner, who is the applicant's design engineer. I intend to ask him one question, which is just to confirm that there are no physical changes to the site plan.

And the second witness would be Scott Kennel, to provide his parking analysis and to render his opinion as a traffic expert that the proposed parking is adequate to accommodate the medical use and other uses on the site.

So with that, if we could have Mr. Challoner first sworn in.

ATTORNEY KARP: Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give in this matter shall be the truth, under the penalties of perjury.

STUART CHALLONER: I do, yes.

ATTORNEY KARP: Please state your name, spell your last name, and provide your

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                  STUART CHALLONER: My name is Stuart
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    Challoner, last name is C-H-A-L-L-O-N-E-R. My
    address is 201 Main Street, Toms River, New Jersey.
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                  EXAMINATION
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    DIRECT BY ATTORNEY PAPE:
                 Mr. Challoner, could you please provide
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    your professional credentials for the board?
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                  I'm a licensed professional engineer
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    and planner in the State of New Jersey. I have a
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    bachelor's degree from Merrimack College in
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    Massachusetts. I have been practicing in my own
    business since 1995.
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                  And I have appeared in front of this
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    board several times. And I prepared the application
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    that was previously submitted.
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Is your license
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    current?
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Thank you.
                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We'll accept your
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    credentials.
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you.
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    BY ATTORNEY PAPE:
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           Q.
                  Mr. Challoner, as I mentioned I really
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    only have one question for you and it is, could you
    confirm that there are no physical changes to the
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    site plan or the structure that is proposed on the
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    property?
                  That is correct, all the exterior
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    features will remain exactly as approved.
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                  Thank you.
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                  That is all I have of Mr. Challoner,
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    unless there's any questions from the board.
                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anybody? Okay.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Are you going to --
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    wait, I do have a question. Are you going to
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    provide any testimony regarding operations of this
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    new tenant?
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                   THE WITNESS: It was our intention
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    that the operations was going to be handled through
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    the traffic engineer. Do you have something
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    specific?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: I'm not specifically
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    addressing that to you, Stu. I was just asking in
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    general. Like, so is it --
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
                  ATTORNEY PAPE: It will be covered in
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    Mr. Kennel's traffic testimony.
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BOARD PLANNER: And, like, the number 1 2 of employees and stuff like that? 3 ATTORNEY PAPE: Correct, we have that information. 4 5 BOARD PLANNER: Okay. ATTORNEY PAPE: If we could have 6 7 Mr. Kennel sworn. ATTORNEY KARP: Do you swear or affirm 8 that the testimony that you are about to give in 9 10 this matter shall be the truth, under the penalties 11 of perjury? 12 SCOTT KENNEL: I do. 13 ATTORNEY KARP: Please state your 14 name, spell your last name, and provide your 15 address. 16 SCOTT KENNEL: Yes. It's Scott Kennel, 17 K-E-N-N-E-L, with McDonough & Rea Associates, 18 located at 1431 Lakewood Road, Manasquan. 19 And I have appeared before this board 20 many times. I'm a principal with McDonough & Rea 21 Associates, with over 35 years of traffic 22 transportation planning experience. 23 I have prepared over 2,000 Traffic 24 Impact Studies. I have testified in over 2,000 site

plan applications for both the public sector and the

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1 private sector.

And as I mentioned, I have appeared before this board as well as the Howell Zoning Board on many occasions.

## EXAMINATION

## DIRECT BY ATTORNEY PAPE:

Q. Thank you. Mr. Kennel, I'm going to ask if you could go through your parking analysis and ultimately the basis for your opinion that the proposed parking is adequate to accommodate the medical components.

I know part of your analysis included some of the operations of the proposed medical uses. So just to be responsive to Ms. Beahm perhaps you could begin with some of the overall operations for the medical uses.

A. Right. And if we could, I think it would be helpful if we could have the site plan, Stu, that we submitted that identifies where the medical space is proposed.

Okay. Thank you, Stu.

Yes, my office prepared a parking analysis, dated November 22nd, 2022, that was

submitted as part of this application. And for the board member's benefit, this was approved previously. The size of the site is approximately 25,850 square feet. And we're providing 141 parking spaces at a parking rate of 5.45 spaces per 1,000 square feet.

CentraState intends to occupy the western portion of the L-shaped building. And they're looking to lease approximately 6,449 square feet.

There are two practices that are proposed as part of them occupying that space; a third of the space would be occupied by a physical therapy operation that would have two employees, and the remainder of the space would be for a family practice that would have approximately 14 employees.

CentraState has indicated that this space would operate Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and everything would be by appointments. At this time they do not intend to be operational on Saturday but that could change as time goes on.

BOARD PLANNER: Scott, I mean if that's going to change as time goes on, you realize that you're going to have to come back if that

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    happens, right?
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                   THE WITNESS: Well.
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                   BOARD PLANNER: I mean, you're
    testifying that it's Monday through Friday, 8 to 6.
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    If it's Monday through Saturday, 8 to 6, then say
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    that.
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                   THE WITNESS: Well what they've
    conveyed to us is that right now they're looking to
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    do Monday through Friday.
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                  I mean, I guess they would like that
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    option, and my assessment is based that they're open
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    on Saturday, but again, I'm just conveying what the --
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Mr. Kennel, does
    opening up on Saturday have any issues with any of
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    your traffic testimony that you are going to
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    provide?
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                   THE WITNESS: It does not.
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                   MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Okay.
                   BOARD PLANNER: Okay. So then I would
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    just say Monday through Saturday, then.
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                   THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: If they're open less,
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    that's great. But if you are going to commit to it
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    and then you're going to expand that, that's
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problematic.

So take the most conservative situation, say Monday through Saturday. If your traffic assessment evaluated that, then let's use that and move on.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

If we consider the municipal ordinance for medical space, which is one space per 150 square feet, that would require approximately 43 spaces.

Given the location of the medical space on this site, it would be my opinion that there's more than adequate parking available.

It's important to note that I guess the anchor, for lack of a better term, or the significant tenant on this site will be the Dollar General. Dollar General generally has a lower -- low parking rate or demand as compared to other retail uses. And based on ITE data that 9,100 square feet would have a demand of approximately 20 vehicles, whereas based on the ordinance we're providing approximately 50 spaces.

So again, the benefit of having a multi-tenant commercial use or site is that there's the dynamics of the different uses and how they peak. For example, medical office space has their highest peak during the middle part of -- mid part

of the day, whereas retail is generally towards late afternoon/early evening.

Provided in our parking analysis data collected by ITE, and based on ITE data considering the 85th percentile data they collected, it would be approximately 19,000 square feet of retail space would have a demand of 74 spaces. The medical would have a demand of approximately 30 spaces or approximately 104.

So utilizing the ITE data with the 85th percentile data they have collected, we're showing 104 spaces where we have 141. And then when you take into consideration the dynamics of the different uses having different peaks, non-coincidental, it is my opinion that the 141 spaces proposed for this site with the medical office space would be more than adequate to support the demand.

The one other element I want to add here, which will have a slight adjustment to the site plan as presented by Mr. Challoner, is I reviewed the ADA regulations as it deals with physical therapy. They state that 20 percent of the spaces for physical therapy use need to have three handicap parking spaces, one of them van accessible.

We have two spaces right adjacent to 1 2 the medical office space, and we can add along the frontage of the medical office space, two additional 3 handicap parking spaces which are located -- and, 4 5 Stu, I don't know if you could put your cursor on it -- in an area where we already have a handicap 6 7 access to the sidewalk, which can accommodate re-striping those two spaces on either side of that 8 9 access aisle as handicap. 10 So with that we would be compliant with 11

the ADA regulations when considering the physical therapy use on this site.

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That concludes my testimony.

BOARD PLANNER: But you have yet to say that you require 173 parking spaces by ordinance and you're at 141.

Like, it's all well and good for you to use ITE but, like, we actually have ordinance requirements for this and the requirement is 173 spaces. So you're 32 spaces short of our ordinance requirement.

THE WITNESS: Which is less than the -- which we would still comply with the waiver provision of 20 percent less than what was required.

BOARD PLANNER: There's no waiver

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provision allowing you to be 20 percent less than
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    what is required. You need a waiver for being short
    32 spaces. There is a waiver provision that allows
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    for that.
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                  You need a waiver.
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                   THE WITNESS: It allows up to
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    20 percent, as I understand it, which would have it
    at 35 spaces.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Scott. Scott. You
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    need 173, you're at 141. You need a waiver.
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                  There's nothing in our ordinance that
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    allows you to get that deviation.
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                   THE WITNESS: Well they recognize
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    that, as I understand it, as a design waiver when
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    you're within 20 percent.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Which is why I said
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    it's a waiver.
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                   THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: There's nothing that
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    allows for the waiver; you still need to seek the
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    waiver.
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                   THE WITNESS: Okay.
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                   BOARD PLANNER: And you have been to
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this board enough to know that, to be perfectly

25 honest.

So I just want the board to be aware 1 2 that the requirement for this space, now that you have added the medical use and the balance of it is 3 retail, is 173 parking spaces. That's what our 4 5 ordinance requires. 6 THE WITNESS: That is. And I agree 7 with that's what the ordinance requires, but it's my testimony that based on my experience, my firm's 8 9 experience, and review of ITE data, that the 141 10 parking spaces will be more than adequate to support 11 this development, and considering that we have 12 different types of uses that have non-coincidental 13 peak parking periods. So based on that it's my opinion that 14 15 the 141 spaces will be adequate to support this 16 development with the inclusion of medical office 17 space. 18 MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Jen? 19 BOARD PLANNER: Yes. 20 MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Was this -- this 21 and another property in the area, I believe had 22 parking issues. I can't recall, so bring me down 23 memory lane; were they in compliance? 24 BOARD PLANNER: This was the gas 25 station.

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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: This was the gas
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    station?
                  BOARD PLANNER: Yes.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Was this the one --
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    let me phrase it a different way, if it stayed all
    retail would it be in compliance with our parking
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    ordinance?
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                  THE WITNESS: Not as your ordinance is
    written. This is --
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Correct.
                  THE WITNESS: There's two different --
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                  BOARD PLANNER: So, Mr. Kennel --
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                  THE WITNESS: There's two different --
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Mr. Kennel, stop. Let
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    Mr. Tannenhaus finish his question.
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                  THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: So, Jen, this
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    property -- this project was always deficient in
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    parking?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: It was. But when you
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    introduce medical office, that parking demand is
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    higher.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Okay. So what is
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    the differential? Could you tell me --
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                  BOARD PLANNER: I believe it's one for
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                   MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Just the numbers,
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    we needed 172, we've got 140.
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                  What was the original? I mean, are we
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    only like shy by ten?
                   BOARD ENGINEER: The original
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    application required 144 parking spaces, and they
    provided 141.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Okay.
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    three parking spaces shy of the original
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    application.
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                   BOARD ENGINEER: But they originally,
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    I believe, classified this as a shopping center.
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    And I think what's happening is this is no longer,
    or even at the time, I think, it was likely a
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    stretch. But that's how it was pitched to the board
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    in the original application, as a shopping center.
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                  Currently with the break out it is not
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    a shopping center -- and I would defer to Jen -- per
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    the definition in our code.
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                   BOARD PLANNER: Yeah, it's a retail
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    center.
             It's not a shopping center.
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THE WITNESS: And, if I may, basically as Laura stated this should have been considered as 24 25 the retail center on the original application.

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So basically as a retail center that
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    parking standard is one space per 150 square feet.
    So again, based on the town ordinance, 173 spaces
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    would be required with or without the medical office
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    space because it's the same -- it's the same parking
    rate for whether it's medical office or whether it's
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    as a retail strip center at one per 150.
                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Ms. Beahm?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Yeah.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Have you or Laura
    been out to the site since the construction has been
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    started?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: I mean it's really
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    been barely constructed -- it's been barely started.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Well I know that
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    the retention basin is installed and I believe the
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    protection barrier is up last -- when I was up there
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    a week or so ago.
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                  BOARD ENGINEER: My office is on-site.
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    We are currently inspecting the site.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Is your office
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    comfortable that they're in compliance with the
    original resolution?
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                  BOARD ENGINEER: As it relates to the
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    current construction? Yes, there's nothing they
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    have done that has deviated.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Okay.
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    rail or the wood rail that is protecting the --
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    around the detention basins is what we were
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    expecting to see?
                  BOARD ENGINEER: I mean, I could go
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    back and double-check, Brian, just to be 100 percent
    certain. I don't believe they have requested any
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    field changes.
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                  So anything, when they go to get a CO,
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    would be consistent with the approved plans by the
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    board.
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                   STUART CHALLONER: Correct.
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                  The fencing around the basins has not
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    been installed yet. What you see from the road is
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    the retaining wall system, the barrier between the
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    development and the wetlands.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Ah, okay. Thank
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    you. Thank you for the clarification.
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                   STUART CHALLONER: Yeah.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Mr. Chairman, can I
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    ask a quick question --
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                  MEMBER CRISTIANO: Jen, it's Joe and I
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    have a question.
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25 Jen, in your professional opinion, is

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the 141 spaces, is it adequate?
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                   BOARD PLANNER: Yes. I just wanted it
    to be clear for the record that they were asking for
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    the relief from the 173 to the 141.
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                  I don't think there's going to be a
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    parking problem on this site, but I just wanted the
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    record to be clear as to what they're required and
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    what they're requesting.
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                  MEMBER CRISTIANO:
                                      Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: We appreciate the
    clarification.
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                  I believe that is the applicant's full
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    presentation, full direct presentation.
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    professionals are available if there's any further
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    question.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anyone from the
    board?
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                  Okay, we'll open it up to the public.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: At this time the
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    Chairman has opened the hearing up to members of the
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    public who have questions or comments on this
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    application only. Anyone who would like to ask
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    questions or comment can use the Raise Your Hand
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lower your hand, and \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.

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    be sworn in, and give your name and address.
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                  BOARD ENGINEER: Mr. Chairman, while
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    we I guess initially open it to the public and wait
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    for people to raise their hand --
                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Sure.
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                   BOARD ENGINEER: -- I just want to
    confirm with Mr. Kennel; there are no changes to
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    your DOT permit that is required?
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                   THE WITNESS: That is correct.
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    traffic generation for retail is higher than medical
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    office space, so it will not change it and it
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    remains intact.
                   BOARD ENGINEER: Thank you.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: And I have no one
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    with their hand raised.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: All righty, then
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    we'll close the public portion.
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                  Do you want to summarize?
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                   ATTORNEY PAPE: We would just ask that
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    the board act favorably on this request.
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                  Thank you.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Then I will...
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                   ATTORNEY KARP: What you're doing is
    that you're giving -- they're asking for an
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amendment to the site plan and granting a waiver for
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    the parking of 141 spaces, whereas 173 would be
    required.
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: Correct.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. I will
    entertain a motion.
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: I make a motion to
    approve the amendment and the waiver for the lack of
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    parking.
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Second.
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                  BOARD MEMBER: Second.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Cristiano?
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                  MEMBER CRISTIANO: Yes.
                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Huszar?
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Yes.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Seaman?
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                  MEMBER SEAMAN: Yes.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Tannenhaus?
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                  MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Yes.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Kyle?
                  MEMBER KYLE: Yes.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer?
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                  MEMBER MERCER: Yes.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: Chairman Boisvert?
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.
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| 1  | SECRETARY RUBANO: Motion carries.    |
| 2  | ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you to all. We  |
| 3  | appreciate your assistance.          |
| 4  | SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you.         |
| 5  | ATTORNEY PAPE: Good night.           |
| 6  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Good night.       |
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| 8  | (Application concluded at 9:26 p.m.) |
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I, ANGELA C. BUONANTUONO, a Notary Public and Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that prior to the commencement, the witnesses were duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a relative, nor employee, nor attorney, nor counsel of any of the parties to this action, and that I am neither a relative, nor employee of such attorney or counsel, and that I am not financially interested in the action.

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| 7  | 90 INDUSTRIAL COURT, LLC  |  |
| 8  | BLOCK 168.01, LOT 2 BLOCK 168, PORTION OF LOT 36.04 [PROPOSED LOT 4] INDUSTRIAL COURT |  |
| 9  | FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN   |  |
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| 4        | JOE CRISTIANO  |   |
| 5        | NICHOLAS HUSZAR, Vice-Chairman                               |   |
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| 11       | BOARD PROFESSIONALS AND STAFF PRESENT:                       |   |
| 12       | LOUIS KARP, ESQUIRE, Acting Board Attorney                   |   |
| 13       | Weiner Law Group   |   |
| 14<br>15 | LAURA NEUMANN, P.E., Board Engineer<br>CME Associates        |   |
| 16       | JENNIFER BEAHM, P.P., Board Planner<br>Leon S. Avakian, Inc. |   |
| 17       | EILEEN RUBANO, Planning Board Secretary Howell Township      |   |
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meeting, Thursday, March 2, 2023. I hereby declare this meeting of the Howell Township Planning Board to be open, adequate notice having been given pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act in the following manner: First on January 6, 2023, a copy of said notice was mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger;

Second, on January 6, 2023, a copy of said notice was hand-delivered to the clerk of the Township of Howell;

Third, on January 6, 2023, said notice was posted in the office of the planning board and on the bulletin board in the Howell Township

Municipal Building, 4567 Route 9, Howell Township,

New Jersey.

Members of the public will have a chance to ask questions and comment on applications once the Chairman opens the hearing up to members of the public. If you wish to ask questions or comment on an application, you will need to use the Raise Your Hand feature and we'll bring you into the meeting one at a time. You will need to have audio and video capability. You will be sworn in and required to give your name and address. For anyone

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calling in, you can press *9 to raise or lower your
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                   Thank you.
                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. Could we
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    have a roll-call?
                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Cristiano?
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You're muted, Joe.
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    Still muted.
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                  MEMBER CRISTIANO: Yes.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you.
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    Mr. Greenfield has been excused.
                  Mr. Huszar?
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                   VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Here.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Leggio has been
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    excused.
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                   MEMBER SEAMAN: Here.
                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Ms. Talente has
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    been excused.
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                   MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Here.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Councilman Gasior
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| 1  | Mr. Kyle?   |
| 2  | MEMBER KYLE: Present.                               |
| 3  | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer?                       |
| 4  | MEMBER MERCER: Here.                                |
| 5  | SECRETARY RUBANO: And Chairman                      |
| 6  | Boisvert?   |
| 7  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Here.                            |
| 8  | SECRETARY RUBANO: You have a quorum.                |
| 9  | All right, fantastic.                               |
| 10 | Can we stand for the pledge of the flag             |
| 11 | and then a moment for our folks serving home and    |
| 12 | abroad.   |
| 13 | (Salute to the flag.)                               |
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| 15 | (Whereupon, the board continues with                |
| 16 | posted agenda.)                                     |
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| 18 | (Application is called at 9:26 p.m.)                |
| 19 | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: SP-1098,                         |
| 20 | 90 Industrial Court, LLC. Final Major Site Plan.    |
| 21 | SECRETARY RUBANO: And this is                       |
| 22 | Mr. Ken Pape.                                       |
| 23 | ATTORNEY PAPE: Looks like my video is               |
| 24 | not working. Is my voice coming through, Mr. Chair? |
| 25 | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes, I can hear                  |

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ATTORNEY PAPE: I apologize that I cannot get my camera working, but if you will allow me to proceed with the voice, I would appreciate it.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Sure.

ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you.

Mr. Chair, board members, board professionals, Kenneth Pape on behalf of your applicant, 90 Industrial, and this is an application for Final Site Plan approval.

We were before you on January 19th, just a few weeks ago. The board heard the application in its entirety and acted on a preliminary major site plan approval.

There was a question that came up about the posted weight limit on Howell Road and whether that was -- had an effect on this application. The applicant -- the board indicated they would withhold final approval of the site plan pending addressing that issue, and that is the issue that we're prepared to address this evening.

I have one administrative issue before we go forward, and that is if you could acknowledge receipt of our notices and confirmation that the board has jurisdiction.

SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes, the notice is in order. Thank you.

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ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you.

The issue that came up was the posting of a weight limit on Howell Road and the -- although we felt that we had the answer that evening we did not want to be shooting from the hip. Mr. Scott Kennel and his partner did the necessary research and it is worth noting that, by statute, weight restrictions on roadways do not apply to the deliveries and pickup of materials that are on the actual road with the weight limit; it's a thru-traffic restriction. And I will allow Mr. Kennel go through the statutory quote.

But it's also worth noting that we're in an industrial park that has been developed over a number of years. The first warehouse that I did in that area was approximately 30 years ago. And there's at least six warehouses that are in the industrial park where our building is located, including the one that our client currently operates from. And all of the truck activity from that industrial park has for at least that time period, been traveling on the same roadways.

But if we could have Mr. Kennel sworn

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    for this matter. I'll ask that we -- perhaps we
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    don't have to hear his credentials again, but I will
    defer to you, Mr. Chair, and to you, Mr. Karp, and
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    we'll go right to that testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Do you swear or affirm
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    that the testimony that you are about to give in
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                   SCOTT KENNEL: Yes, I do.
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    Kennel, McDonough & Rea Associates.
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Kennel, you have
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    testified on this application previously as the
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    traffic engineer?
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                  SCOTT KENNEL: That is correct.
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: You're the same
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    traffic engineer whose credentials were placed on
    the record 20 minutes ago as a traffic expert?
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                  ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you.
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## BY ATTORNEY PAPE:

Q. Mr. Kennel, your office did certain research and prepared a letter report, dated February 7th, which was filed with the Howell Township Planning Board.

Would you share with the board your findings?

A. Yeah. Basically our findings were that there were 4-ton weight limits adopted -- ordinances adopted for both Vanderveer Road and Howell Road. The ordinance that goes back to February 1991 for Vanderveer Road speaks to the 4-ton weight limit and states in there that pickup or delivery of materials on such streets are permitted.

Generally based on my experience when you have these 4-ton weight limits they're to prevent thru-traffic; in other words, just trucks utilizing say Howell Road from Route 33 to Adelphia Road as a means to, say, bypass Route 9 or to go to other routes and self-adopted truck routes.

But the way the state statute is, and it's specifically stated under N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.2, that when there are weight limits adopted for a roadway, that there has to be the provision to allow

those businesses to be served by large vehicles that exceed the 4-ton weight limit.

So by state statute, also as it was adopted in the ordinance by Howell Township itself, by New Jersey statute the Industrial Court warehouse buildings are allowed to have trucks in excess of four tons access those properties along Howell Road and along Vanderveer Road.

ATTORNEY KARP: Which statute are you referring to?

that talks about truck routes, which is N.J.S.A.

40:67-16.1, which refers to truck routes. And then
there's another statute that follows that that is

40:47-16.2 that talk about accessibility to
commercial uses, even residential uses. It allows
residential uses to have a delivery by a vehicle in
excess of four tons to, again, serve that entity,
whether it's a business or a dwelling, that are
located on roadways that have a weight restriction.

ATTORNEY PAPE: May I just add to that? As everyone in here is aware, Industrial Court off of Vanderveer has been an industrial park for many years. As I indicated, my experience with it goes back at least 30 years. And this board in

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-- two years ago adopted a resolution granting a
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    understood and it has been the practice that
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    industrial -- these industrial uses in this
    industrial zone are allowed to have trucks that
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    acknowledge that, and that the applicant has
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    addressed the concern that was raised during the
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    public portion of the hearing on January 19th.
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    presentation on that point.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Does anybody from
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    the board have any questions?
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    the public, correct?
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                   ATTORNEY KARP: Yes.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Could we do that,
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    vourself.
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                  And I have Mr. Parisi.
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                  MARC PARISI: Hi. Good evening,
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                  MARC PARISI: Yes.
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                  MARC PARISI: Marc Parisi, M-A-R-C,
    P-A-R-I-S-I, 2 Castle Court.
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Please proceed.
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                  MARC PARISI: Okay, so just for
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    clarification what the traffic expert just said, are
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    we talking strictly about deliveries to this
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particular property on Industrial Court, or are we talking about trucks that are coming from the site, leaving, coming and going from the site, or just deliveries to this site?

ATTORNEY PAPE: Coming and going. Deliveries and pickups is the language.

MARC PARISI: So there's a distinction between the business receiving a shipment and the business then having its own trucks that are coming and going from the business to other, you know, outside of the community?

Because the way you read the statute it makes it seem like, you know, a business or a residence is allowed to have a truck that exceeds a weight limit come to drop off something.

So, for example, if I had an appliance delivered to my house, okay, are you saying that the weight restriction doesn't apply to trucks that are owned by the business that come and go from the business on a daily basis?

ATTORNEY PAPE: I don't think ownership is even mentioned. It's trucks that go to or leave the property are excluded. And that's been the way it's been applied to this industrial park.

It appears to be the correct way and

1 consistent with both the statute and the language of 2 the ordinance.

MARC PARISI: Well, if that's the position, then, of this applicant and of this planning board, then what was the purpose of imposing the weight restriction on the other application that -- the other warehouse application that was on Howell Road and forcing all the tractor-trailers to use Okerson and not being able to travel on Howell Road South to the 33 Bypass West?

another application is not relevant here. We're only looking tonight at the application before the board, which is for -- is for this application -- MARC PARISI: 90 Industrial Court, yeah.

ATTORNEY KARP: -- tonight, the 90 Industrial Court.

But every application is decided on its own merits, and we can only look at this application tonight.

MARC PARISI: Yeah, but my comment is that, to me, it seems as though there is an arbitrary enforcement of weight restrictions for one

- application, and then an arbitrary argument to not 1 2 enforce it for another application. ATTORNEY KARP: Every application 3 stands on its own merits and tonight for this 4 5 application we can only consider the merits or the issues related to this application and this 7 location. 8 MARC PARISI: Okay. So then my next 9 comment is going to be that this planning board 10 adopted a Circulation Element in May of 2022. Is it possible that someone could pull that up onto their 11 12 screen, Page 6. 13 I have it up on my screen. I can read it, but I didn't know if you guys wanted to pull it 14 15 up, too. 16 BOARD PLANNER: Why don't you just 17 read it. Why don't you read it. Because by the time someone finds it --18 19 MARC PARISI: Okay. 20 BOARD PLANNER: -- it's going to, you 21 know, like... MARC PARISI: All right. 22
  - So on Page 6 of the Howell Township Circulation Plan Element that was adopted in May of 2022, it says Vanderveer Road, Number 17: "The

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follow improvements should be evaluated:

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- I) Remove weight restrictions from intersection with Howell Road to the north;
- J) Add signage to the area by
  Route 33 'thru-traffic to Route 33 and
  Industrial Court only';
- K) Encourage right-only turns from Industrial Court onto Vanderveer Road. Add a stipulation to future development applications;
- L) Look into capital improvement project to improve the intersection with Howell Road right-angle approach and improve sight lines;
- M) Discourage development inconsistent with existing zoning. Take no action to change zoning to more intense uses."

So I'm going to speak directly to

Mr. Pape. I agree with you that they should be

lifting the weight restriction from Industrial Court

to Vanderveer North -- or towards Howell Road, and

then lift the weight restriction from Vanderveer

onto Howell Road north to 33. I agree. I think

that, you know, they should follow, council should

make those changes consistent with this Circulation

Element.

But I also feel that you were

the -- you represented another application that

wanted to have their tractor-trailers utilize

Howell Road to get onto the 33 Bypass West and to -
so, Mr. Pape, are you listening to me?

ATTORNEY PAPE: I am.

MARC PARISI: Yeah, listen, I'm with you on this one. I think that we could solve two problems with one issue here. And this is something that I wanted to talk about when we approved the last application and I had my hand raised and for whatever reason I wasn't called on.

And my comment to you tonight is this, let's -- why don't we look at lifting those weight restrictions as is recommended in this Circulation Element for this particular application, but then why don't you talk to your clients about coming back on an amended site plan approval and seeing if we can clean up the circulation for that other project -- which I know is not before the board tonight but I know you know exactly what I'm talking about -- and utilize both Okerson and Howell Road and have a better circulation at that particular project where the trucks don't only have to use Okerson --

BOARD ENGINEER: Mr. Chairman. Mr.

Chairman. Again, we're talking about something that

was the subject of a Whispering Woods hearing and

was decided.

Mr. Parisi, please just focus on -- I

know that you're trying to extrapolate between the

two. Please just focus on this application.

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It seemed like you agree that there shouldn't be a weight restriction here. Can you just limit it. They're here tonight. They have a preliminary approval. They were brought back to the board to review the weight restrictions on Howell Road specifically.

So let's just focus on this.

MARC PARISI: Well, I think I've made my comment and I hope everybody understands what my comment was, the point that I was driving home; that you're going to get the use of Vanderveer and Howell Road for this particular project, that it's worth re-examining other projects in this particular area.

And that's the end of my comment.

ATTORNEY KARP: Thank you.

MARC PARISI: All right, thank you.

You can move me in as an attendee.

1 Thank you.

2 | SECRETARY RUBANO: I have Tom

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ATTORNEY KARP: Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you are about to give in this matter shall be the truth, under the penalties of perjury?

THOMAS TARANTIN: Yes.

ATTORNEY KARP: Please state your name, spell your name, and provide your address.

THOMAS TARANTIN: My name is Thomas

Tarantin. And my address is 809 Ocean Avenue, Avon,

New Jersey.

ATTORNEY KARP: Please proceed.

next door at 86 Vanderveer Road. And this is very interesting about the weight restrictions because the applicant and myself both get shipments and they will -- we do exceed the weight limits on that road. And it's been there for 30 years, there will be a question about, you know, can we drive down to your building or not, and it impedes my doing business at that location because some truckers won't come down the road because they see the signs.

So it would be really helpful to get

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clarification on what, you know, trucks that exceed
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    the weight limits can come to my facility and unload
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: That's a question for
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    the town council to address as far as maybe
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    the jurisdiction of this board, but your comment is
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                   THOMAS TARANTIN: Okay, thank you.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you. I have
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                  CANDACE DOVENERO: Hi, good evening.
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: First, we have to
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Please state and spell
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    your name and provide us with your address.
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                   CANDACE DOVENERO: Candace Dovenero,
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    D-O-V-E-N-E-R-O, 58 Victory Road, Howell, New Jersey
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                  ATTORNEY KARP: Please proceed.
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CANDACE DOVENERO:

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    previous person stated some other things, there is a
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    conflict. So what is not good for one may not be
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    precedence it should be good for all, so.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Candace, as we've said
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    multiple times, every application stands on its own;
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    they come before us, which is why they do that.
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    there is no precedence.
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                   CANDACE DOVENERO: So is there
    favoritism, Jennifer?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: There shouldn't be,
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    no.
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                   CANDACE DOVENERO: Yeah, I agree.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Which is why I'm
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    saying every project gets evaluated individually and
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    individual application is evaluated, and the
    determination of the board is based upon what is
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    presented with that particular presentation.
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    they got preliminary at the last time they were
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    restriction. They're back here, you know,
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    presenting to us what that means.
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                  And this application is going to be
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    based upon the facts associated with this case only.
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                  CANDACE DOVENERO: Okay. Is our board
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    checking on the facts that the applicant is putting
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    forward to the board?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Yes.
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    Mr. Howard also sent us the same facts from the
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    township. Yes, we did.
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                  CANDACE DOVENERO: And they're
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    available to the public?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Yes, public
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information. Yes. 1 2 CANDACE DOVENERO: All right, awesome. So -- go ahead. 3 ATTORNEY PAPE: No. 4 CANDACE DOVENERO: I didn't want to 5 6 interject. 7 So as long as I have that clear, I just want to make sure, like, going forward -- I mean, 8 Jennifer, you know I love you --9 10 BOARD PLANNER: I know. CANDACE DOVENERO: -- and, you know, 11 it's like 9:47 --12 13 BOARD PLANNER: I understand. And I'm in a hotel room in Boston so I could feel you, trust 14 15 me. 16 CANDACE DOVENERO: God bless you. I 17 wish you were in Florida. And I'm in Howell, and I 18 have to go to work in the morning. 19 So I love you all, and thank you for 20 your time. And I am super sorry that this takes 21 long but, you know what, we need to make sure that 22 our town stays Howell Township and not Howell city. 23 We are not a city. We do not need

tractor-trailers at every turn. I have seen

accidents. I am not going to go into it, I'm not

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- going to babble. You all enjoy your night, but I 1 2
- can document all of it.
- 3 Enjoy your night. Thank you.
- ATTORNEY KARP: Thank you. 4
- 5 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Have a nice night,
- Candace. 6
- 7 CANDACE DOVENERO: You, too.
- SECRETARY RUBANO: I have no one else 8
- 9 with their hand raised.
- 10 ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chair, I would
- 11 only ask for a moment just to make a single
- 12 response, if I can.
- 13 ATTORNEY KARP: The Chair has to close
- 14 it to the public first.
- 15 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Nobody else? All
- 16 right, so nobody else from the public, I'm going to
- 17 close out the public portion.
- 18 Go ahead, Mr. Pape.
- ATTORNEY PAPE: Thank you. We're not 19
- 20 asking for any particularly special treatment at
- 21 We're acknowledging that there is for many
- 22 years this past practice of heavy vehicles coming to
- this industrial park, and we're pointing out that by 23
- 24 statute that is permitted.
- 25 And we're asking that you -- we made a

1 promise to do that research and provide it to the 2 board, not for special treatment, just so that we 3 could continue to use the property in the industrial park the way all the others in the industrial park 4 5 are doing. 6 So thank you. 7 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anybody have any 8 questions from the board? 9 Okay, do you want to summarize, 10 Mr. Pape? ATTORNEY PAPE: Surely. 11 12 Mr. Chair, this is a request for a 13 Final Site Plan approval. All of the substantive 14 presentation for the site plan was before the board 15 in January. The board did approve the site plan. 16 There are no changes to the site plan this evening. 17 The board did direct that the applicant 18 do the research, which we presented to you this 19 evening. And we respectfully ask that the board 20 conclude by voting on the Final Site Plan, 21 consistent with the preliminary. 2.2 Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: All right, thank 24 you. With that I will entertain a motion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: I'll make a

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| 1  | motion to approve.                                  |    |
| 2  | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Do I have a                      |    |
| 3  | second?   |    |
| 4  | MEMBER SEAMAN: Second.                              |    |
| 5  | BOARD MEMBER: I'll second.                          |    |
| 6  | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Cristiano?                    |    |
| 7  | MEMBER CRISTIANO: Yes.                              |    |
| 8  | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Huszar?                       |    |
| 9  | VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Yes.                          |    |
| 10 | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Seaman?                       |    |
| 11 | MEMBER SEAMAN: Yes.                                 |    |
| 12 | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Tannenhaus?                   |    |
| 13 | MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Yes.                             |    |
| 14 | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Kyle?                         |    |
| 15 | MEMBER KYLE: Yes.                                   |    |
| 16 | SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer?                       |    |
| 17 | MEMBER MERCER: Yes.                                 |    |
| 18 | SECRETARY RUBANO: And Chairman                      |    |
| 19 | Boisvert?   |    |
| 20 | CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.                             |    |
| 21 | SECRETARY RUBANO: Motion carries.                   |    |
| 22 | ATTORNEY PAPE: Mr. Chairman, Members                |    |
| 23 | of the Board, thank you. And I am so impressed with | 1  |
| 24 | the efficiency of this board this evening.          |    |
| 25 | Thank you very much and good night.                 |    |

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                    SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you,
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    Mr. Pape.
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                    CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Thank you,
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I, ANGELA C. BUONANTUONO, a Notary Public and Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that prior to the commencement, the witness was duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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