VILLAGE OF EAST HILL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
May 23, 2012
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:  MICHAEL KOBLENZ, MAYOR
          EMANUEL ZUCKERMAN, DEPUTY MAYOR
          GARY LEVENTHAL, TRUSTEE
          PETER ZUCKERMAN, TRUSTEE
          CLARA POMERANTZ, TRUSTEE

VILLAGE ATTORNEY:  WILLIAM BURTON, ESQ.

Reported by:  Christa Flash, R.P.R.
MAYOR KOBLLENZ: Motion to open the public hearing?

TRUSTEE LEVENTHAL: So moved.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: All in favor?

(whereupon, all Board members answered in the affirmative.)

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: The first item is we have kept open the tree statute for comments from residents. We got a number of comments which are going to be reviewed with the entire record, and tonight I would move to close the hearing on that, on the tree statute, so that we can evaluate the comments and come up with suggestions.

May I have a motion?

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: So moved.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: All in favor?

(whereupon, all Board members answered in the affirmative.)

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MAYOR KOBLLENZ: Okay. Motion to open the public hearing to discuss floor area ratios, construction, and issues relating to the ARB as well as current construction going on in the village.

TRUSTEE P. ZUCKERMAN: So moved.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: All in favor?
(whereupon, all Board members answered in the affirmative.)

MAYOR KOBLENZ: The public hearing is open. The way this will operate is that if you wish to speak, you will identify yourself, your address, your name on the record, and you can address those particular issues.

Who wants to go first?

Nobody?

Oh, okay. Sir?

You have to identify yourself.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: Joel Scheinbaum, 260 Revere Road.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Thank you.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: I would like to know why the decisions of the Architectural Review Board and the Zoning Board are not put on the web. I went to the web this week. The latest addition is for permission to reconstruct the firehouse. That decision was made in 2011. I think we can be more current than that.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: We agree. That's being taken care of.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: Thank you.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: It has been addressed with
village counsel as well as counsel for the Zoning Board and the ARB. So they're in the process of doing the work to get it out.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: Will it be all on the web?

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Yes. I just can't tell you exactly when.

MR. BURTON: Since the time we received your valid suggestion --

MAYOR KOBLENZ: We got your e-mail.

MR. BURTON: -- we did respond to you and we did take care of it today.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: It's a process, but it's being done.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: Okay.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Okay. Next?

Stand up and identify yourself.

MR. BRUMMEL: Richard Brummel. I live at 15 Laurel Lane in East Hills.

Can I stand over there?

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Stand anywhere you want.

MR. BRUMMEL: Thanks a lot.

I have a prepared statement. Shall I give it to the transcriptionist?

MAYOR KOBLENZ: You should give it to us and then to --
MR. BURTON: Do you have one statement?
MR. BRUMMEL: Yes.
MR. BURTON: Give it to her.
MAYOR KOBBLENZ: There's only one copy?
MR. BRUMMEL: Unfortunately, yes.
There are a couple of things I'll put on the record afterwards.
MAYOR KOBBLENZ: Wait a minute. Is that your statement that's going on the record?
MR. BRUMMEL: Yes.
MAYOR KOBBLENZ: Okay. I think you should read the statement into the record.
MR. BRUMMEL: I'm going to.
MAYOR KOBBLENZ: Okay. Fine.
MR. BRUMMEL: I also have a few papers that I'm also going to submit.
MAYOR KOBBLENZ: That's fine.
MR. BRUMMEL: This meeting was proposed in January or February and passed by the Board to consider a moratorium on construction and tree removals, asked for by residents in Norgate, to prevent the destruction at 37 Laurel Lane. Now that property has been demolished and two huge trees are gone. The developer has cut a hole from lot line to lot line, and now a neighbor's 75-foot tree has been
so damaged it's going to be removed by the builder on
the neighboring property. So much for the moratorium
we asked for.

You trustees now have a petition I gathered
over two weekends that covers excess tree removals
and overbuilding. About seven dozen signatures I
gathered over four weekend days going door to door
throughout the village. I'll give you a copy of that
tonight to be part of this record, as well.

After the tree hearing last month it seemed
like no one cared. There was a very small turnout.
Now, based on the petition, you know differently.
8:00 p.m meetings are not a way to gauge community
concern.

I have since learned that this is no new
issue. You passed a law in 2005 that promised to fix
this issue, rampant demolition and overdevelopment.
It obviously did not work, and you know that.

I just want to quickly quote from that law.
That law said -- this is from 2005 -- the recent
trend of tearing down existing homes and replacing
them with expansive houses or building extremely
large additions to existing houses threatens the
appearance, integrity, health, safety, welfare and
quality of life of the residents of East Hills.
That's in the Village Code. It's Section 271-225.
The recent trend as of February 2005.

Now, you passed a law in 2005 that promised
to fix this issue, rampant demolition and
overdevelopment. It obviously did not work and you
know that.

I have reviewed building codes in Great Neck
Estates, Munsey Park, Mamaroneck, and a few other
places in here. There is not much difference that I
could see as a layman. This tells me that developers
are probably rampaging everywhere, which is no
surprise.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Would you just slow down a
little, please?

TRUSTEE LEVENTHAL: Slow down a little bit.
You're driving her nuts.

MR. BRUMMEL: I'm sorry.

So that change needs to come from within,
within our Championship Community. On Laurel Lane we
saw all the backyards disappear on new building.
Obviously 20 or 30 feet of backyard is not
significant with the size of the houses that are
being built. The original builder in Norgate and
possibly other areas knew that when they built the
large yards that I grew up in, sixty feet about, and
they need to be preserved as much as possible.

These building issues cut across income levels in East Hills and the attitude of the residents does, as well. All segments of the community, Norgate, Strathmore, Fairfield Park, Country Estates, Nob Hill, Lakeville Estates, et cetera, everywhere people are unhappy about the overbuilding, the lack of setbacks and the devastation of our tree canopy that results from the building.

The Architectural Review Board is not doing the job it was intended to do. It is not preserving the neighborhood's character, it's not protecting neighbors from intrusion and offensive bulk, and it's not preventing trees from being destroyed.

When I went to a professional, independent architect with the Laurel Lane designs of 37 Laurel, he wrote an extensive critique of the design based on East Hills Code from blank walls to inappropriate cosmetic features to failure to respect the natural contours of the lot, all parts of the East Hills Code, but the ARB would not even hold a proper publicly-announced hearing to review that information. Incidentally, a judge found there was sufficient basis to grant an injunction, which, as
you know, I then failed to enforce due to my own lack of nerve at that point.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: The record speaks for itself.

Keep going.

MR. BRUMMEL: Thank you, Mayor.

I'll also quote from -- I won't make that mistake ever again. Believe me.

I'll also quote from the architect's report.

"For the following reasons and observations outlined below, I believe the subject proposal is out of character and will have negative adverse impacts on the existing neighborhood, as defined in the East Hills ARB Code."

I'll just quote it. "The right side and the left side of the house have continuous expanses of unrelieved wall surfaces, lacking fenestration or --"

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Slow down.

MR. BRUMMEL: "The right side and the left side of the house have continuous expanses of unrelieved wall surfaces, lacking fenestration or detail. The proposed 'Gambrel' roof introduces a new roof style which does not promote the existing character, appearance and aesthetics of the adjacent 'Colonial' homes. The overall roof ridge height
appears prominent and out of character with the
neighboring houses due to the two broad frontal
facing Gambrel dormers."

This is a very experienced architect
speaking. He's critiquing the ARB. I think this is
the first time an architect, an independent
architect, has ever looked at their work and
evaluated it by independent judgment who has no
vested interest.

I'll quote one more.

"The proposed Doric columned porch
introduces a 'Classical' style which is not the
predominant existing style of the neighborhood. The
porch projects into the front yard up to the maximum
allowable front setback of 30 feet, while the
original home has a setback of 38 feet with no porch.
For these reasons the front of the proposed house
will have negative visual impacts on the pre-existing
street line."

And he concludes in the second page, "As an
architect having presented proposed projects before
34 different Architectural Review Committees in the
Tri-State area in the past 18 years, and having
served on the ARC Board of Incorporated Village of
Munsey Park for seven years, I am familiar with the
needs, goals and aspirations of a community committed
to protecting the character of their neighborhood by
seeking the balance and harmony of various
architectural styles."

"In my professional opinion -- " and then he
says, obviously, this did not work. I'll submit that
into the record, as well.

So that's the ARB. That's the professional
critique of the ARB.

I'll continue my statement.

But the Zoning Board of Appeals is also
ineffective to protect neighborhoods. When the
firehouse issue was up, they did not require any
studies. They did not require a state environmental
review. They did not protect the residential
character, and it was done in the middle of the night
until I notified neighbors and the newspapers about
what was going on.

The common denominator in all of this is
you, the Board. You, the village leaders, have not
been requiring better performance or showing concern
about what has been going on despite obvious and
freely-expressed concern by many neighbors and
residents. All I had to do was ring people's
doorbells to hear the frustration and
dissatisfaction. I, a stranger in East Hills, you surely must have known that these issues were not fixed.

In fact, I met with Mayor Koblenz in 2009 about a rebuilt neighboring house next to my own which towers and looms over the property line where it used to be, the original house, a demure, harmonious, modest presence for 45 years, even with the additional family room in the '70s or so. The mayor dismissed all my complaints, as I'm sure he has done with others and as he did with the firehouse.

A vast number of people in East Hills apparently do not trust this village government.

MR. BURTON: Excuse me.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: I have had it.

MR. BURTON: You're out of order. If you're going to castigate the Board, if you're going to say something about the Board, this is about zoning. If you want to give your opinions about zoning, that's fine, but you can't -- you can't try to denigrate this Board.

MR. BRUMMEL: The Board is the root of the problems here.

MR. BURTON: I don't care. You talk about a future, you talk about change, tell them what you
want. Don't criticize.

MR. BRUMMEL: You're not allowed to sanction someone during a public hearing.

MR. BURTON: When you start stalking about --

MR. BRUMMEL: I'm talking about facts that affect the performance in this village, and these are relevant to the issue. Okay? I'm asking the Board to do a better job of its --

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: This Board has done an excellent job, and I hope that you don't need the ambulance or the firehouse for your family, for your mother or for yourself. So I don't want to hear any more of your criticism about the firehouse and things that aren't relevant. If you have anything constructive to say, say it.

We're going to tape this and Hilda here is going to tape it? Be my guest. We stand on our record. You got a few signatures from people? I got a lot of e-mails that are contrary to what you have said.

MS. GOLDBERG: You're not even a resident.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: You don't even live here. Okay? So it's enough already.

MS. GOLDBERG: People need to know you're
not a resident.

MR. BRUMMEL: I do live here.

MS. GOLDBERG: No, you don't. Do you pay
taxes? Is your name on a deed? All you're doing is
causing problems for this neighborhood.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: It's enough.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do you pay taxes here?

MR. BRUMMEL: I'm not answering that
question.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: If you don't have anything
constructive to say -- if you have something
constructive to say about the ARB, we'll listen to
it. So far you've said nothing constructive. If you
have something constructive about floor area
ratios --

MR. BRUMMEL: You're not allowed to censor
comments during the course of a public hearing.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: You can tell me whatever you
want.

MR. BRUMMEL: This is being transcribed, and
you will answer for it --

MAYOR KOBLENZ: I'll answer for it?

MR. BRUMMEL: -- and the slander, as well.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: You know what? Keep
talking. I don't have to listen to your crap.
(Whereupon, Mayor Koblenz stepped down from the dais.)

(Applause.)

(whereupon, a cross-discussion between the audience was held off the record.)

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: How much more do you have?

MR. BRUMMEL: I have a few more comments and suggestions.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: You've got two minutes. You're on the clock.

MR. BRUMMEL: A vast number of people in this community do not trust this village government, and they do not look up to it because of issues such as overbuilding.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Okay. You cannot attack the government.

MR. BURTON: You can't state for the people.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: You're offering comments that are incorrect and inaccurate.

MR. BRUMMEL: Well, that's my opinion. That's why we have freedom in this country and the First Amendment. I'm speaking to the record about this issue of overbuilding and the lack of responsibility that you are taking.
DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Well, then address it towards the issue of overbuilding. Address it towards the issue, not towards the Board or anybody else.

MR. BRUMMEL: But the Board is the source of these problems.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: The Board is not the source of these problems.

MR. BRUMMEL: But who is the source? The builders? The ARB?

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Are you going to address the --

MR. BRUMMEL: I'm going to finish my statement.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: All right.

MR. BRUMMEL: We need a far better administration of the laws in this village. We should not have approved excavation plans suddenly destroying many trees and even neighboring ones. That is the result of poor administration.

Your boards need to be opened up to a transparent appointment process, and new blood needs to be added to each of them. Term limits are needed. People on these boards become cliquish, ingrained, overly familiar or overly convinced of their own
infallibility. There are many issues that come
together on this crisis in land-use policy --

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: All right. That's it. Your time is up.

MR. BRUMMEL: -- honesty, candor, accountability.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Your time is up.

MR. BRUMMEL: I seriously question whether this village is up to it.

MR. BRUMMEL: I'd like to submit these papers.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you very much for representing us. We need you.

MR. BRUMMEL: Here you go. This is the letter from the architect. This is the petition.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Just put them down. Does anybody have any other comments or have we had enough comments?

Yes, sir?

MR. WEISS: Matthew Weiss, 105 Heather Drive.

So I've been to a few Zoning Board meetings and residents need to get variances for certain things they need to do, but those variances, in certain circumstances, are always given.
I'll give an example to the Board. If there's 100 feet of square footage you don't need a variance, but if you have less than a hundred feet on your street you need to get a variance. There are many houses that were built with less than 100 feet of frontage. When they go before the Zoning Board -- excuse me. I'm talking.

There are many houses, like in Canterbury, in Fairfield, that don't have 100 feet of frontage, of street frontage, and they come to the Board, they pay an extra fee, they have to wait, and now they have to get a variance that is going to be given.

So I'm going to urge this Board to reconsider those rules, the Zoning Board, I'm sure, can tell you the others, like the size of the lot, that are routinely granted and require residents to waste their money and their time.

DEPUTY MAYOR ZUCKERMAN: Okay. Any other comments?

Yes? Hilda, can you identify yourself, please?

MS. YOHALEM: Sure. Hilda Yohalem, 76 Great Oaks Road, and I'm the president of the Norgate Civic Association.

It happens that this house, which is
directly behind me, is the one that was demolished, and for the past four weeks, I would say, they have been digging there. It's from morning until -- it's most of the day, then they stop, and they have mountains of dirt on one side, then they move it to the other side. This has been going on for four weeks or so, and to look at this is horrible.

(Whereupon, Mayor Koblenz returned to the dais.)

And I have trees across my back. There's a hedge there, and I'm very concerned about them. I've been told they may not be -- the roots of those may not be in danger, but there are others. There are a whole bunch of trees, and it's going to change the whole area where we live, because there's one tree -- there are a couple of trees in the back here and on the side. Then there are other trees over here, and they're all in danger because they've been doing nothing but digging.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: Are you done?

MS. YOHALEM: And I don't think it's fair to -- this has never happened. As far as I know this has never happened before in such a way.

MAYOR KOBLLENZ: Joel?

MR. SCHEINBAUM: I'm still Joel Scheinbaum.
MAYOR KOBLENZ: I know. You haven't changed.

MR. SCHEINBAUM: I've gotten a little younger, though.

The suggestion that I would make is that you change some of the numbers on the zoning so that we don't wind up with houses that are so big. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. If a house is out of proportion to the neighborhood, the Zoning Board should do something different. Preserving trees, yeah, that would be very nice, but when you break eggs, you're going to have to dig up roots and you're going to have to do things like that.

The Chairman of the Architectural Board said he does it for safety. I agree. You can't just rip out the roots of a tree and expect it to survive, but the reason you're ripping out roots is because the houses are too big.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: In response to your constructive comment, this Board has engaged Nelson Pope, who were involved with us a couple of years back when we did the floor area ratios and the height setbacks, to study it, and we're going to be appointing a committee to work with them to come up with recommendations.
Now, while some people thought that the recommendations were too liberal, you have to weigh the community and the needs of the community. If a couple is buying a house that is 70 years old and they want to move in, they have the right to knock it down and not live in a house that has 70-year-old appliances, and they have a growing family, and most of the time that I have seen this is that these young couples are buying these homes from elderly residents who are moving on and are retiring. These houses, which they're buying lots for anywhere between six to $800,000 and then putting up nice houses, and there are a lot of nice houses, only increase the value of everyone else's home in this village.

This village has to understand and the residents who are complaining, which are a minority, I might say, because I got a lot of e-mails that said some of the suggestions that came at the public hearing regarding the tree law, you know, were excessive, but we have to weigh the people's needs. All right?

No one is buying a house here. Okay? You want to say you want it to stay the way it was, that's fine, but those residents who want to move aren't going to be able to sell their homes. All
right? And their lifetime investment is now going to be worth very little as opposed to how living next door to a house that is now valued at $1,200,000, that house now goes for more money. All right?

Yes, there are some issues regarding density. There are some issues regarding size that were addressed years ago that we're going to relook at. But one thing we did do was each neighborhood has its own specialized rule. What you can build in Country Estates or in Lakeville you can't build in Norgate or Fairfield Park. That's how we balanced it out, and we're going to go back and do that again. We're going to have our committee and we have our outside engineer that is very, very qualified to do this and to work with us. Okay? So it's being addressed. Okay?

As far as the trees, by the way, just for the record, I just had 30 trees planted on Glen Cove Road in Harbor Hills and another 20 are going into the park. Trees grow. Okay? And we're planting trees. And the trees that are dangerous need to come down. And anybody who -- and I've got a lot of e-mails about criticism about LIPA trying to take away the dead trees or take away the branches that could destroy our power. A lot of people came back
and said I don't want to live in the dark like we did with Irene. If the residents in this village took care of their trees and made sure that they were properly trimmed, then we wouldn't need to have that kind of work done. It's not done.

I can tell you many residents will say to you I can't afford to take that tree down even though it's dead and it's going to fall over and knock down the lines. So we're doing it. Okay? We're having LIPA do it, at their expense. No village tax money is being spent. People have to understand that.

This Board works tirelessly to protect this village, and any indication that we have, you know, shirked our duties I take personal umbrage about. The firehouse is for the good of this neighborhood, and those ambulances and those fire trucks save lives. And anyone who thinks that, oh, well, if it's a bigger firehouse, there's more noise, they're not running to the firehouse to get on a truck and ride out in the middle of the night. They only go out if there's a call and there's an emergency.

So any kind of stories that went out about noise factors and everything else, the Zoning Board restricted the number of trucks that can be in that new facility. It was not OSHA compliant. It was
built in the '60s. It's being rebuilt. It is a great asset to this village and for the safety of our residents. Nobody is getting on a truck to ride around and make noise. They're getting on a truck to save your life, and if that's not good enough, I'm sorry. There's nothing better we can do. There was nothing done in the middle of the night. That's another thing that I listened to.

We've done everything proper. The ARB works tirelessly to try and get an even understanding of what the village's needs are. Not everything is perfect. I venture to say nobody in this room is perfect. Everyone makes a mistake. Everyone's judgment is different. But we try and do the best we can.

This park wasn't built because people said, oh, we shouldn't take a tree down and we shouldn't build this park for the residents. Okay? You know how many trees came down to build this park and the pool that you all use? Okay? Come on. And the only reason that people move into this neighborhood is because of the park that we built, and the housing values are up because of the park we built.

So let's take everything in its perspective before we start criticizing everything that everybody
does. We listen to everybody's needs. We're going forward with studying it. We had a tree hearing. We got a lot of comments, some very constructive comments. We're going to analyze it and we'll come back to the public and that's it.

Does anyone else have anything to say that is not --

(Applause.)

-- that has not spoken?

I'm not recognizing you. You did enough.

Yes?

MS. LEVY: Ramona Levy, 27 Laurel Lane.

Is there a way that you can't put some kind of law in effect that people who do live in the area, that they do take care of their trees?

MAYOR KOBLENZ: We have a property maintenance statute. Okay? But in order to do the property maintenance statute, we would have to have a licensed arborist go house-to-house and it would cost us a fortune and then tell the person you must take the tree down.

Now, some people -- you know, it's a bad economy. You're going to tell somebody, hey, you have to spend $3,000 to take down a tree? I mean, you got to be fair to people. Okay? You got to
understand the needs of people.

There is a property maintenance statute, and if we see something that's really bad, you know, we'll talk about it, but I can't see this village going to people's homes and saying you got to spend three to $5,000 to get rid of those trees. It's just not fair, and I don't want to do things that aren't fair and that don't work for everybody.

MS. LEVY: The other thing I want to say is I just want to thank the ARB and the village for acting so promptly in removing this tree that was damaged during construction.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: You're welcome.

MS. LEVY: It's happening tomorrow.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Yes, it is.

MS. LEVY: And I also want to thank you for letting me park the extra car in the lot over here.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: If you get a ticket, you know --

MR. BURTON: You got to pay those fines.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: -- you've got to pay those fines.

Anyone else who hasn't spoken? Janna, do you want to identify yourself?

MS. GOLDBERG: Janna Goldberg, 90 Oak Drive.
MR. BURTON: Stand up, Janna.

MS. GOLDBERG: Why do I have to stand up? We all know what I look like.

Could we address sport courts in backyards and put that into consideration, about the size of our lots, depending on what size sport court somebody is allowed to have in their backyard, since we've had some issues recently that we had to address?

MR. BURTON: This is Kathy Eisner (phonetic). She's from Nelson Pope.

MS. GOLDBERG: Oh. Hi, Kathy. I didn't know who you were.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Well, we were keeping her a secret. She's taking notes and observing all the things that are --

MS. GOLDBERG: All the psycho people.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Anything else?

MS. GOLDBERG: That was one thing.

Another thing I just want to address, I'm here with fellow ARB members, and I have to tell you that we do this as a volunteer position. We don't get paid. We do this because we love this community, and I cannot believe that there are people out there that only have hatred and meanness to say about people that volunteer their time. I don't see those
same people volunteering their time to do the things that we do.

So, you know, volunteer, do these jobs, and then you have something to say. Don't say something when you don't know what is actually going on. Because you know what? I have other things going on in my life, too. I get five, six, eight, ten e-mails a day until the next ARB meeting, especially, when it came to the tree at 37 Laurel. Okay? I had to deal with that issue all day yesterday. And then we had to make sure that it was an emergency and that Mrs. Levy would not have to worry, that she could go to sleep at night and the tree wouldn't fall on her house.

So people need to know the facts before they go and start screaming at a Board meeting until they know what's going on, because, in all honesty, I'm sick and tired of seeing the ARB every week in the Roslyn News saying things about us that are totally not true. So, you know what? Know what you're talking about.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Thank you.

Motion to close the hearing?

Oh, I'm sorry. You'd like to speak? Your name?
MS. YOUNG: My name is Elaine Young. I live at 1 High Hollow Road.

First I want to thank you for taking down the trees with LIPA. It was a great help.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: You're welcome.

MS. YOUNG: I'm a consultant for Ambert Energy. We're an escrow energy company, and I was wondering who I might speak to who would be in charge of helping the village and the residents save money on their gas bills?

MR. BURTON: We are doing that.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: We are doing that.

MS. YOUNG: Who would I speak to, though?

MAYOR KOBLENZ: We're off the record.

(Whereupon, a discussion was held off the record.)

MAYOR KOBLENZ: Motion to close the hearing?

TRUSTEE P. ZUCKERMAN: So moved.

MAYOR KOBLENZ: All in favor?

(Whereupon, all Board members answered in the affirmative.)

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is certified to be a true and accurate transcript of my original stenographic notes for the above-mentioned proceedings.

Christa Flash, Official Court Reporter