

Village President, Chris Klar: Well, I suspect we all walked in here tonight knowing exactly how we were going to vote on this issue, and I find it hard to believe that we would hear anything that would change any of our minds. So, having said that, I'll entertain a motion at this point

Trustee Jennifer Kushner: Well, let me just...procedurally don't we need to have the public hearing?

Klar: There is no public hearing.

Kushner: ...or the green...what are the...are those just registering...okay

Dick Plotkin, from the audience: Public appearances are requested. There are public appearances at every Village Board meeting. Why not at this one?

Klar: Well, they were at the beginning of the agenda, and I held it off.

Plotkin: Then, now's the time.

Klar: Well, as chair of this committee, I decide when that time is, and I can have people talk after we vote, also.

The crowd begins to laugh derisively. The laughter quickly turns to jeers.

Klar over the protests: It's not a public hearing in the first place.

Patrick Kane, from the audience: You need a motion to violate the order of the agenda. I've heard no motion. Public appearances are Item #2. I'd like Public Appearances to be entertained at this time. (applause and calls of "Yes".)

Kane: Roberts Rules of Order

Klar: Well, again, I'm confident we all walked in this room tonight knowing exactly how we were going to vote on this.

Plotkin: Well, we don't. (This was repeated by members of the audience.)

Kane: And, I'm confident we live in a democracy where everyone gets a chance to talk. Maybe I'm wrong.

Sheila Plotkin, from the audience: No, you're not.

Klar: (picking up the 74 "Register in Support" slips in front of him) I'll give you guys the chance to make a motion or we can go through all of these.

Patrick Miles: I'll go ahead and make a motion that we postpone our discussion until after public appearances.

Kushner: I'll second that.

The vote to hear public appearances was unanimous.