## MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

Held Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:00 P.M.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Chairman Kwasek called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and requested a roll call.

2. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present:

Fox, Gillis, Kazi, Kwasek

Commissioners Absent:

Abri, Murarka and McCombie

Officials present:

Mayor McCombie, Trustee Stagno and Trustee Abbate

Staff present:

Attorney Megan Lamb, Finance Director Wayde Freric Building Officer Damian Michalski and Administrator Robert Palmer

**Quorum** present

3. MINUTES – Motion to Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Meeting made by Gillis and Seconded by Fox. On a voice vote the Minutes were approved, three Commissioners approved and one Abstained (Kazi).

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A court reporter was present to record all public comments. A copy of the court reporter's transcript will be attached to and made a part of these minutes when made available.

It was announced that the Livestock Variance (Chickens) Public Hearing would not he held due to the notices not adhering to the 15-day notice. Several residents spoke in regard to the Livestock Variance.

## 4. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Public Hearing: Pool Fence Variance for the property located at 8 Rainier Circle.
- a. Motion to Open Public Hearing by Gillis, second by Kazi.

Roll Call: Fox - Aye, Gillis - Aye, Kazi - Aye, Kwasek - Aye.

Motion approved.

Petitioner, was represented by the contractor who did the work. Michalski gave an overview of the conditions and what the variance request entailed. Plan Commission heard comments from those in attendance. Plan Commission discussed.

- b. Motion to Close Public Hearing by Gillis, second by Fox.
  - Roll Call: Fox Aye, Gillis Aye, Kazi Aye, Kwasek Aye.

Motion approved.

c. Motion to Recommend Approval of the Petition for a Pool Variance for 8 Rainier Circle, by Kazi, second by Gillis.

Roll Call: Fox – Aye, Gillis – Aye, Kazi – Aye, Kwasek – Abstain.

Motion approved.

- 6. OLD BUSINESS None
- 7. NEW BUSINESS None
- 8. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Acting Chairman Kwasek asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kazi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert L. Palmer

Village Administrator

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In The Matter of:

Pool Variance for 8 Rainier
Circle, and Livestock
Variance at 13 Beechnut Drive

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing of the above-entitled cause, taken by Kathleen M. Grove, CSR No. 84-002197, CRR, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM, at South Barrington Village Hall, 30 South Barrington Road, South Barrington, Illinois.



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1	Page 2 PRESENT:	1	Page 4 approval of the minutes of December 19th, 2023.
2	MR. JULIUS KWASEK, Chairman;	2	
3 4	MR. SHAHZAD KAZI, Commissioner; MR. DAVID GILLIS, Commissioner;		Is there any comment on the minutes?
5	MS. LOUISE FOX, Commissioner.	3	COMMISSIONER FOX: No.
6	OTTOSEN, DI NOLFO, HASENBALG & CASTALDO, LTD., by,	4	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Hearing none, do I have a
7	MS. MEGAN LAMB 1804 North Naperville Boulevard, Suite 350	5	motion?
′	Naperville, Illinois 60563	6	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I make a motion.
8	(630) 682-0085	7	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Second?
9	mlamb@ottosenlaw.com Appeared on behalf of the Village of South	8	COMMISSIONER FOX: Second.
	Barrington.	9	COMMISSIONER KAZI: I was not present.
10		10	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: What do we do, aye and nay,
11	ALSO PRESENT:	11	or do we have to do a roll call?
	MR. ROBERT PALMER, Village Administrator;	12	MS. LAMB: A vote.
12	MR. DAMIAN MICHALSKI, Building and Zoning	13	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: All in favor?
13	Officer.	14	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Aye.
	I N D E X	15	COMMISSIONER FOX: Aye.
14 15	PAGE	16	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Aye.
16	Public Comment on Livestock	17	Opposed?
	Variance for 13 Beechnut Drive 5	18	Abstain?
17	Public Hearing on Pool Fence	19	COMMISSIONER KAZI: Abstain.
18	Variance for 8 Rainier Circle 46	20	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: One abstention.
19		21	There are two items on the agenda
20 21		22	for tonight, the pool and fence variance and then a
22		23	livestock variance.
23 24		24	The notice requirements were not met
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1	Page 3 CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay. Seeing as though it	1	Page 5 on the livestock variance, so that cannot be a public
2	is 7:00 o'clock I don't need that. I'm loud	2	
3	enough without a microphone this is the public	3	hearing tonight. Apparently the notice was off by
		4	one day. And, you know, you have to abide by what is
4	hearing and meeting of the Plan Commission and Zoning		supposed to be.  So we will address the livestock
5	Board of Appeals for Wednesday, January 24th, 2024.	5	
6	Can we have a roll call.	6	issue during the public comment phase. If there's
7	MR. PALMER: Abri is absent.	7	any people here that would like to voice their
8	Fox?	8	opinion about the livestock issue, they are welcome
9	COMMISSIONER FOX: Yes.	9	to come up to the podium and present their comments
10	MR. PALMER: Gillis?	10	at this time.
11	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yes.	11	MR. MULLIGAN: At this time?
12	MR. PALMER: Kazi?	12	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Right now.
13	COMMISSIONER KAZI: Yes.	13	MR. MULLIGAN: So basically you're saying
14	MR. PALMER: Kwasek?	14	THE REPORTER: We need a name.
15	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Yes.	15	MR. MULLIGAN: My name is John Mulligan. I'm
16	MR. PALMER: Murarka is absent and	16	from 9 Beechnut in South Barrington.
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17	(inaudible.)	17	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: The meeting cannot occur
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18 19 20 21 22	(inaudible.)  We have a quorum.  CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay. I've been asked to make an announcement. There are cookies in the back.  I want you to know that's a first. I've been on this board a long time. I don't remember there ever being	18 19 20 21 22	tonight, the public hearing. So the formal action cannot occur tonight because there are certain requirements for giving notice. There has to be a certain amount of time before the meeting that notice is given, it has to be given out to a certain



Public Hearing - 01/24/2024 Page 6 not met, so we cannot hold that meeting tonight. 2 MR. MULLIGAN: Okay. So I can make my 3 comments now and --4 CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Yes. And I have to swear 5 you in -- oh, I don't have to swear you in because it 6 is not a public meeting. 7 The chairman is sick, so I'm a 8 stand-in. 9 So please state your name and 10 address. 10 11 MR. MULLIGAN: Okay. Once again, my name is 12 John Mulligan. I'm from 9 Beechnut, which is the 12 13 same street that the livestock, chickens, hens, are 13 14 on. 14 15 Okay. I have a lot of questions 15 16 that need answers that we need to pursue in granting 16 17 17 or not granting a variance for permitting livestock 18 in South Barrington. The actual variance affects all 18 19 the community and the entire group. 19 20 20 I also want to address the fact that 21 there's thoughts and questions about, you know, the 22 22 odor and noise, stray hens, coop care, and also about 23 the other livestock. 24 We were initially informed by South Page 7 Barrington Green board that the chickens or hens are 1 2 part of a -- you know, for a pet for a nine-year-old 3 little boy who would like to have the chickens. The 4 board never disclosed that they were talking about 20 5 chickens or hens. So the numbers weren't disclosed, and the reason the numbers were not disclosed is 6 7 because the board never got the information until 8 last night. 9 So what we do need to do is take and 10 factor -- take the nine-year-old boy out of the 10 equation. We are talking about a variance and 11 11 12 realize what they're trying to ask for is a precedent 13 using a nine-year-old boy to have hens and livestock. 13 14 This shouldn't be an emotional 14 thing. They're asking for a variance. But now

addressing or introducing a young child is emotional

because -- you know, they took a vote in our

community -- and this was a couple weeks ago --

saying, hey, the little boy wants to have a couple

hens or chickens, and how would you vote on it; yes,

no, or indifferent. So they've got 37 or 38 people

in our facility. 16 people said, okay, yes, let's do

it. Nine-year-old boy needs a couple chickens. Then

we had eight people said indifferent. 15 people

Page 8 didn't even bother to vote. 1 2 So since this was brought up, the 3 fact about having chickens, the quality of chickens being 20 now rather than four or five or six, what qualifies an owner of a property or a renter of a property to have a certain amount of pets, including dogs, cats, and other animals? You know, is one or two normal? What's South Barrington Village's standards? Again, we're talking about having 20, 20 chickens. The South Barrington board did a vote on this, like I said, and they just didn't have all the information there. They're also asking to be grandfathered in with the 20 hens -- let me go back and say chickens, hens, chickens are young, hens are older -- one year or older. Anyway, they're asking to be grandfathered in with the 20 hens, and I'm sorry to say this, it doesn't apply as far as the grandfather clause. When I moved here in 1930, built my house and it's out of date and now you have new rules and regulations, well, now I come and ask you for the Page 9 grandfather rule, a grandfather grant so that we can 2 do certain things. But in effect, in a point of having and asking for hens as a new item, it can't be under the clause or direction of grandfather. 4 In fact, we're not only talking about the hens, we're talking about the actual coop, we're talking about a fence. And I believe -- and I'm not sure -- that these items were put into the yard without any permits or without any permission. You know, they should actually be fined and have the coop removed. 12 In our next subdivision, which is

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Lakeside, one of the neighbors at 5 Lakeside built a pier, and apparently there was some things wrong with it. I don't know whether it was (inaudible), the materials used or whatever. Mike Worland (phonetic), being the inspector at the time, said remove it, start all over, get your permit, get the materials and go from there.

And that's how I feel about this coop. It should be the same thing. It should be taken out and rebuilt, because we don't even know if it's built right.

The other question I have to you is,

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Page 10 how many chickens or hens qualify to be a pet? Will 2 there be an additional zoning -- special zoning 3 requirement to put up fences inside the property for 4 the chicken runs? 5 Currently in Barrington -- South 6 Barrington you can put a fence up if you have a pool 7 to guard from people falling in and kids coming over. 8 But to put a fence in a yard that's currently there 9 that we have no fences? South Barrington is 10 basically a fenceless community. 11 You know, we have had activity like 12 coyotes, raccoons, and other wildlife, and one of the 13 main attractions for these wildlife is chicken poop and eggs and the hens. 14 15 Here we don't have it yet that I 16 know of, but in a lot of areas, these hens attract 17 rats, and I don't really want to have rats in my 18 area.

Another question is, each and every
time somebody wants any livestock, they have to apply
for a zoning variance and a license for the
livestock, because that's what we're asking for
people to do, to apply for the license, apply for a
zoning variance, each time we put it in. Should

there be a renewal every year for a license for the livestock?
What stops me from bringing in two didn't have the proper rules and variance or regulations and guidelines that South Barrington does have. I respect that, and I follow that.
The other question is, who is going

The other question is, who is going to enforce the inspections? Who is going to pay for the inspections? How many times are they going to come out to check on the chickens to make sure they have the proper license, make sure they have the proper vaccinations, make sure the coop is clean and kept clean and well maintained.

Another side issue is, is the Village going to plan for a real estate reassessment? And why do I ask that? Well, if we get approved for livestock, could that change the assessment from residence to agriculture?

19 residence to agriculture?
20 You know, chickens can spread
21 Salmonella and another thing call campylobacter and
22 other diseases. They need to be vaccinated. And
23 that can easily be passed on to dogs and cats and
24 other pets that we currently have.

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is surrounded with geese. We have thousands and 2. 3 thousands of geese that land on our land, poop all 4 over, and we don't have any restrictions on them. 5 But you know what? Geese -- geese is a wildlife -б geese are wildlife, whereas chickens is a volunteer situation where we ask to have chickens outside our 7 home. So we can -- the residents and the Village can 8 control chickens, but we can't control geese, birds, 9 10 and other wildlife.

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Now, you say this entire community

Generally the area that's needed for a hen is about -- is about four square feet. They currently have 20 chickens, so they need 80 square feet with a fence that's approved to control and keep in.

How do you watch 20 chickens? I mean, sometimes some of us can't even watch two kids, and if you have 20 kids -- 20 little chickens...

So they need to get a variance for a fence; they need to get a variance for a coop; and that variance should include all the material to be used to build it.

We've seen, the neighbors and myself, have seen these chickens running in our front

yards, in our back yards under numerous conditions. How do we control that? I mean, do you want us to be calling and interfering with the police, have the police come out and have the people be ticketed and fined? Our police have more valuable things to do than watch chickens. So is there another group of people you call to take care of it? I don't want to waste police time. They're great people, and they do a great job.

You know, whether it's a renter or whether it's a landlord or both, you know, they have to be fined. And the question is, who is fined? Do you fine the renter, or do you fine the landlord? And if a landlord is renting to a person, then you fine both the renter and you fine the landlord.

The other question is, what happens if people move that have the chickens? What does this do to our building to have chickens and hens at this address?

We have to have an exit interview -or exit strategy to close out, you know, people who
have chickens. We need to have an addendum that if
people move, they must remove the entire coop, fence,
and restore the property to the original, and if not,

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     fines will be enforced.
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    property, 13 Beechnut, in what's called the backyard
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    hen program. It says when they purchase hens or
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    chickens, it will have vaccination records. But the
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     question is, we're not talking about purchasing and
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    buying any more new chickens for the property. We
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    want to make sure that the chickens on that property
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     are vaccinated and current for all 20 current
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     chickens and hens. So are all the chickens
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     vaccinated with shot records as well?
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    Road right across from the park, one of the five-acre
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    lots has to have livestock variance, and they were
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     denied, and they had five acres.
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    but it's a lot of stuff we have to cover.
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    not vaccinated? Are we going to fine them if they
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    don't have a license?
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     allotted final decision that you make if you decide
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    at all to have chickens on property -- what if you
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                                                                        MR. MULLIGAN: Well, I mean, they just had the
     say they can only have two chickens and they've got
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     20? What are they going to do about those other 18
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    chickens? Kill them? Are they going to just maybe
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     sell them out or what? And how long do they have to
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     get rid of them? If they have 20 chickens and you
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                                                                 people the benefit of the amount of chickens if there
     decide no, how long do they have to get rid of them?
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    there's a livestock premises registration that has to
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                      We also got an addendum from
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    13 Beechnut stating that there will be a specific
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                                                                 you know, the birds. And the attraction that these
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     identifier of each hen. What exactly is an
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                                                                 hens and chickens bring, that's concerning.
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     identifier? Is that a band around the chicken's leg?
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     Is it an implant? I mean, what is going to be the
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     exact identifier?
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     amount of chickens they can have?
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                      Well, I did a little research, and I
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                                                                  the property from Vick, and we are the ones that
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    checked around to see, okay, how many chickens do
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    different places have? Palatine said, okay, with a
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    special use zoning approval, you can have six. Lake
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    County said six. McHenry said six. Countryside,
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                                                                 a place that's surrounded by geese, massive amounts
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     of geese.
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    April, and we have not had one problem, not one, not
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     from anybody in the neighborhood. They're mostly in
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     their coop shed.
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     times they've gotten out, but in terms -- if we're
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     going to do mathematics, if we had to put a ratio
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     maybe went over to a neighbor compared to a geese,
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     clarify what we asked for. In South Barrington's
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    laws, there's a section that says livestock. Now,
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     chickens legally are not livestock. They're not --
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     that livestock section by South Barrington is
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     included chickens. But, again, chickens are not
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     livestock; they're pets. They're our pets.
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                      So we've had the chickens for a
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    while. Our adjacent neighbors signed petitions
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    saying that they're happy, and really there was no
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    problem. Somebody filed a complaint, and here we
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    are. We're just fighting for our kid's pets.
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Page 19 So the biggest concern that came up 1 2 were in a last email that was sent last night, and it 3 was regarding livestock. We would never want a 4 livestock exemption. We don't have horses or cows. 5 The coop, our neighbors would know if the coop was stinky. And we wouldn't want to live 6 7 like that, nor would they. So we've never had a 8 noise complaint; we've never had a stink complaint. 9 We have had lots of neighbors 10 complain about geese. Sometimes we can't take our kid out in the yard because the geese are so 11 12 plentiful. 13 So my thought was is that this is 14 not an issue. People -- if nobody is harmed, then, 15 therefore, this shouldn't be an issue. 16 So we set out to try and get 17 petitions, and we had our initial thing, which was 18 sent out to SB Green. As you've heard, there were 19 some issues that maybe should have been explained 20 better. Again, because we've had no problem with 21 anybody, these were the issues that came up, and 22 everybody gave -- voiced their approval. 23 Regarding the number of chickens, to 24 me it's inconsequential. I don't think in America we

Page 20 should be worried about something that doesn't harm 1 2 anybody. 3 In terms of diseases, all chickens 4 are vaccinated at birth when you buy them. Whether 5 you buy them from a hatchery or whether you buy them б from Farm & Fleet, they're vaccinated and sent out. 7 Otherwise, they're treated just like a pet. If they're in trouble, you try and nurse them back. If 8 9 you can't do, you send them to the vet. And if the 10 vet can't save the chicken, then the chicken would be 11 euthanized and the vet would dispose of the chicken. 12 So, yeah, my kiddo loves them. 13 They're fun, they're nice, and they are harmless. 14 So, again, prior to all of the sort 15 of legalese that we've had to deal with, nobody had 16 a problem. We've had no damage to property. I 17 certainly would be more worried about a biting dog or 18 something like that. 19 But the board and us and Vick, we all set out to kind of say, all right, we have these 20 21 chickens; let's figure out a way to make it work and 22 so that everybody's comfortable. 23 In terms of diseases, comparatively speaking, we're talking about tens of thousands of Page 21 wild geese versus 20 chickens that are in a coop overall, a coop shed. So in terms of what threatens the neighborhood, ours are about one-one thousandth, one-ten thousandth of anything that would cause harm. So the biggest concern was that

24 1 2 4 5 we're not applying for a livestock exception. I 6 7 don't think that's a good idea. I don't think 8 anybody would vote for that. 9 I mean, yeah, we've got a couple 10 acres. Everybody's got a couple acres. It's really not -- this isn't a livestock, and chicken aren't 11 12 livestock. They're pets. They're our pets. They 13 don't live as long as some pets, but they do live. 14 And, again, they're perfectly 15 healthy. They certainly wouldn't require -- or bring 16 in rodents or any other things. They actually would 17 eat them. They're great in terms of being able to 18 keep the bug population down. 19

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They're simple birds. They don't require a fence; however, under the plan that we came up with, they would have a run, and they would be in that run. And other than that, Marco would take out one or two of them and play with them just like you'd play with a dog.



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                      So, you know, again, harmless. We
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                                                                        MR. PIROVANO: (Inaudible.)
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    don't have roosters. We don't have a smelly area.
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    So nobody is really being harmed.
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    have to get rid of it. And that's something that
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     we've already worked out with the property owner.
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                                                                                   So with that, the chickens are
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    So, you know, there's lots of sheds in our area, so
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                                                                 completely fine. They go never around in other
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     to me it could be converted to a shed very easily.
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                                                                 yard -- they go to a yard where one of our neighbor
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                      So in terms of -- we wanted to hear
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                                                                 lets them go there, and they go to another yard, but
     everybody's concerns and issues. So there was quite
                                                                 we chase them back. But they never run fast. They
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    a laundry list of them. They hadn't been brought up
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                                                                 never go there. They only go over two times. So
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    until, I believe, yesterday. But we want to hear
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                                                                  there's nothing else I can say. Chickens are just
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     them out, and we want everybody to realize that, you
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                                                                 chickens.
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                                                                        MR. PIROVANO: So generally I would think it
    know, we've been here for four years, we're very
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    neighborly, we love our community, and we've got a
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                                                                 would be healthy to have the concerns that our
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    harmless family, a harmless kid, and harmless
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                                                                 neighbors have and to have a, you know, a hearing or
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     chickens.
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                                                                 a robust debate to go over issues, pluses and
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                      So we just want to figure out a way
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                                                                 minuses. We understand the concerns of a livestock
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     that, you know, we make this work so we can have a
                                                                 variance because, again, I think that could be a
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    happy pet and where everybody is safe, and certainly
                                                                 Trojan horse. We just specifically were requesting a
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     chickens are very safe pets. They're fun and safe.
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                                                                 backyard hen program or variance utilizing what's
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                      And is there anything else, Hun,
                                                                  already in, which is your animal control regulation
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     that you can think of?
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                                                                  5-3-3-K. So that's where we're going with that.
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            MASTER PIROVANO: (Inaudible.)
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            MR. PIROVANO: Sure. Come on up.
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            THE REPORTER: Could you spell your last name
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                                                                        MS. PIROVANO: I just want to say the
                                                                 gentleman that spoke had said you can't control
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     for me?
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           MR. PIROVANO: Pirovano, P-i-r-o-v-a-n-o.
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                                                                  geese, you can't control geese, they're wild, but you
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                      This is Marco, my son.
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                      Go ahead.
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            MASTER PIROVANO: What's this?
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                                                                  they did run out, and I got them back immediately,
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            MR. PIROVANO: That's the microphone.
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                                                                  and they're in control.
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Ma'am, I'm so sorry to
            MASTER PIROVANO: I have 20 chickens. Nothing
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     is wrong with chickens. I really like every single
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                                                                 interrupt.
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     chickens I have. Chickens have nothing to do.
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                                                                                   Step up to the microphone, and go
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    Chickens are not livestock, according to what I
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                                                                  ahead and state your first name as well.
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    looked up.
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                                                                        MS. PIROVANO: My name is Dema (phonetic), and
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                      Chickens are chickens
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                                                                 my husband and this is my son.
     (indiscernible) -- chickens do not need a thing
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     attached to their foot. Chickens is not a thing
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                                                                                   And chicken don't spread diseases --
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     for -- if they attached to the foot, it's attached to
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                                                                 and chickens do not spread diseases if they're
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     the foot. Chickens are good.
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                                                                 vaccinated and they're controlled and they're not --
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                      So, in case, we have no roosters, so
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                                                                 I don't have a crowded coop. The coop is clean.
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    there is no attacking neighbors or anything like
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                                                                 They're not going to spread something all over the
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    that. So we have --
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     unless we have like 100 chickens on a farm that's not
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    taken care of and they're like this and they're not
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    moving. Those chickens will spread Salmonella. But
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    a backyard chicken will not spread Salmonella if
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     they're vaccinated and if they are taken care of.
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                      And if any are sick -- it all depend
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    on what food they eat, too. I gave my chickens
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    preventive medicine, also, to prevent them from
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     getting sick.
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                      The chicken -- the coop is cleaned
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     once a week, and it is microbe in there to lift
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     anything. My chicken, it is for a family, you know.
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    My son is researching them. That's what makes him
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    happy. So they're not going to spread diseases.
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                      And it will be irresponsible for us
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     to just let the chickens out and let them run all
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     over. Please, who does that? I wouldn't want that.
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                      And, again, based on what I read for
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    livestock, the other concern is like, oh, are they
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     going to have horses, are they going to have whatever
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     else may be included in livestock. We're just here
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     for pet chickens only, backyard chickens only, not
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     for -- yes, you said -- yes, that is why we are here.
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                      And as the neighbor said in first
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meeting, that's why we're here, to follow proper 1 2 procedures. We're going to have a hearing. 3 And, yes, I agree, I respect your 4 opinion. I respect everything that you said. But 5 you also have to add another person's perspective. 6 And according to the Mayor, we're going to follow the 7 proper procedures. 8 Hens are harmless. They're docile. 9 They don't attack people. And once they're in the 10 coop, they're in the coop. And it's clean, and they're healthy chickens. I would not put my health 11 12 or my child's health at risk. 13 I work for 10, 15 years in a hospital, and I was in infection control, so I know 14 15 about infections. I know how diseases are spread. I 16 would not put my family, especially my son, my only 17 son, at risk; and I would never put the community at 18 risk.

the board, I never thought in a million years that

15 16 17 18 MR. PIROVANO: And, you know, in terms of we 19 are -- we would definitely acknowledge that we were 20 unaware of anything -- as I stated several times to 21 22 there would be an issue. We see sheds throughout our 23 South Barrington Green, and we see pets, we see dogs, 24

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Page 28 cats taking strolls. So we thought nothing. However, we are certainly willing to make restitution in terms of, you know, a permit and stuff like that. Because, again, we just saw the sheds and we said, well, our chickens aren't going to harm anybody. We're not raising, you know, cheetahs or lions or snakes or pit bulls or, you know, something crazy. So that's why I never was worried. I mean, I fought for freedom in the military, and I feel like if somebody's not harming anybody, then how is this an issue when there's much greater pressing issues like an overabundance of geese or, you know, protection from people from going door to door and smashing into cars or, you know, break-ins or stuff like that and all the crazy stuff that's going on in America these days. So, you know, we want to keep everybody happy. We want to follow, you know, a good, fair plan. But in our opinion, we've got -we're not hurting anybody. We're not doing anything wrong. And we're happy to be good neighbors, but at the end of the day, we're not harming anybody. So we

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MASTER PIROVANO: We mean no harm.

want to continue to have safe and wonderful pets.

So thanks, everybody.

You don't even fix stuff your park by Penny (indiscernible). This is a chicken, a chicken. Chickens do no harm. Chickens are just chickens.

Why don't you guys let us have chickens? We have chickens, and I used to play with all the chickens, the baby chicks and all those chickens and even the big hens, like those black ones, and then by September something, October, you ruined it all. You gave us all stuff to say you can't have chickens. And because I was so upset, I said, "Mom, they say we can't have chickens. Mom, they say we can't have chickens." And I was the most heartbroken kid in the world. Do you even understand how it feels? I've been heartbroken over things that I've had since April. No. Chickens are fine. Nothing is wrong. I'm just want chickens -- I want

chickens, you know. I want chickens all the time. I don't want to go to the public hearing. I'm sitting here bored, and I have to be on a phone to do anything. This public hearing is nonsense. We have to get our chickens back.

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            MR. PIROVANO: Other people have to speak,
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    kiddo. Say thank you, though.
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           MASTER PIROVANO: Thank you.
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            MR. PIROVANO: Thank you, everyone.
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            MS. KANE: Hello. Elizabeth Kane, resident of
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     South Barrington.
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                      I need to find out how everyone else
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     is getting all this information ahead of this meeting
     so that I can be more informed. I apologize that I
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     need to find out where one gets all of
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     this information --
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            UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Email. She sent an
     email out, weekly email.
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           {\tt MS.} KANE: I read my weekly emails, but I
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    don't know all of this information about it.
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                      So my question would be, having
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     lived in South Barrington a very long time, if we
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    have a premises that chickens are pets or, because
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     they're not livestock, therefore they must be pets,
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     and the variance that's being asked for is for a
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     fence for the pets, then that means all people who
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    have small dogs, like myself, who I don't want to let
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     out in the yard and who doesn't seem to respond to
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     electric ground fencing, I should be allowed a
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variance for my pet to have a pet fence. 1 2 And then where's the perimeter on my 3 dog pet fence versus a chicken pet fence? And why 4 even have fence regulations, because so many people 5 have pets. 6 And then another question, I 7 understand that anything that I do I may think harms 8 no one else, but if my neighbor changes what I might 9 be doing that isn't in the conforming to the rules 10 and regulations of the Village that I'm living in, it could present something negative to the person who 11 12 wants to move into the neighboring household if I am 13 not following the rules that they understand to be 14 acceptable rules of the community that they're moving 15 into. 16 So I guess I would say, how do we 17 maintain them if we only go on the premise that what 18 I'm doing isn't harming anyone? How do we go on that 19 premise and still have a desirable community to live 20 in and to have a desirable community to have others 21 move into so that those who are no longer going to be 22 in this community can sell their homes without having

So I apologize. I will read every

Page 32 email start to finish in the future. Thank you. MR CHAUDHRY: Hello, everyone. My name is Wasim, and I represent South Barrington Green Homeowners Association. I am the president there. I would like to start by thanking all of you for being here at this hour. It's much appreciated. Just a few things. I heard both sides made a really good case. Thank you so much all for bringing up all those points. I believe they're important. And thanks, Rich and Marco, you know, for your side as well. My reasoning of coming to the podium is just to give some clarity on when this all started and how the neighborhood has been, you know, kind of reacting to it. This was brought to our attention in November. And there were people -- no doubt, you know, they're great neighbors. But there has been some mistakes made as we initiated this whole process. There was no permit requested because they were not aware chickens were not allowed. They ended up spending money on the coop and all. So that all happened without permission, which is fine.

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Page 33 hearing scheduled. So in November when this whole issue came up, we sent out a quick email, and as John

So moving on, then there was a

mentioned in his conversation, we took a quick poll from the neighbors asking them if they were okay with

the chickens. At that time the majority thatresponded said they were okay with them. So there

7 was no harm, so we went along with it. 8 But at that time -- what's changed 9 from that time until now is there's been a hearing

from that time until now is there's been a hearing now for, you know, this ordinance making a change in the property, right? So this has concerned the neighbors. Now everybody is voicing their opinions. Things have changed. People are more serious about the issue now.

So one of the things I wanted to correct was we did find out about the number of chickens in late December. Prior to that we were not aware that we were talking about 20 chickens. So the first poll that went out, we never listed the number of chickens. We were under the impression there might be five, six, seven, eight.

And as the board did our own due diligence, we researched all the neighborhoods, all the towns that have allowed chickens, and based on

to have a lot of other things.

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     our findings, an average range that we have seen is
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                                                                         MR. MULLIGAN: Can I ask a question?
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     four, five, six. There are a couple of towns that
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Sure.
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     allow eight or ten.
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                      And to your question if there's a
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     document, I did come across a document on the
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     internet. I'm not sure of how valid that is, but it
                                                                  homeowner I would be opposed to this.
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     does list several towns that does not allow chickens,
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     and I can follow that up too, that issue.
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                      So the whole idea was to make you
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                                                                  an approval from, of course, the South Barrington
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    all aware of the concerns that were voiced so you can
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                                                                  Village, we'll vote it.
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    keep that in perspective when we go to session.
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                      Things that came up from the
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                                                                  those present that since there is no hearing tonight,
    neighbors recently is, the point of contention that I
                                                                  there will be no decision by the board tonight. That
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    felt, was the number of chickens. Everybody is
                                                                  will be continued to another plan commission meeting
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     questioning why 20 -- not everybody. You know, quite
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                                                                  when proper notice has been given by the applicants.
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     a few, right?
                                                                  Just so everybody is aware, we're hearing public
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                      There are some neighbors that are
                                                                  comment if anyone wants to speak on the issue, but no
    for this; they don't mind having chickens. But then
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                                                                  decisions will be made tonight.
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     there are several neighbors that are opposed to this.
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                                                                         MR. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.
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     So we are kind of divided at the moment. So the main
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                                                                         MR. HIGHLAND: Good evening. My name is Mark
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     point of contention was the number of chickens.
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                                                                  Highland. I actually found out about this whole
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                      Then another problem that the people
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                                                                  chicken thing -- my wife and I live in the Hunters
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     were bringing up was that hens are allowed to roam
                                                                  Ridge. She's actually on the board over there too.
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     anywhere they like. And I'm just going by what I
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                                                                  I just found out about this last night, so I'm just
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    have seen. I have not been able to actually, you
                                                                  kind of finding out everything about this.
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    know, verify how correct all this information is.
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                                                                                   I'll be honest with you, this is my
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                      And then another concern was if --
                                                                  opinion: Times have changed. People -- I have
     that this is no longer about chickens, this is about
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                                                                  friends in Palatine, Barrington Hills, Chicago, they
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     livestock variance. So one of the neighbors did list
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                                                                  have chickens in the back for a couple -- I'm not
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     that they do not believe that livestock variance is
                                                                  saying 20, I'm saying five, six chickens.
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     appropriate for any property in our subdivision.
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                                                                                   Geese poop, a lot more toxic.
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                      Another concern brought was that
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     this is a family subdivision; it's not intended for
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                                                                  you can. My parents lived in Lincolnshire. There
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    livestock. People feel it might affect their
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                                                                  was an infestation of white-tailed deer and an
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    property values as well.
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                      Another concern brought up was the
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                                                                  hired active military snipers to take out those
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     size, stating that our lots are not large enough for
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                                                                  animals because they were pooping and causing a crazy
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                                                                  problems.
     farm animals or the predators that they attract which
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     would be hazardous for young children playing in
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     their back yards or small pets.
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                                                                  right? I think that's illegal. You can't shoot the
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                      So these are the things that came
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                                                                  geese. You can --
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    up, and I wanted to make sure I bring that up so you
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                                                                         MR. HIGHLAND: With tranquilizers and stuff
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     are aware of this.
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                                                                  like that, yes, you can.
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                      Other than that, I think that's all
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN KWASEK: I don't think you can have a
    I have. Thank you so much.
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                                                                  firearm within 500 feet of a residence --
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           THE REPORTER: Could you spell your first and
                                                                         MR. HIGHLAND: A tranquilizer firearm you can,
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    last name?
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                                                                  and buckshot you can, too. Because they were hired
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by the Village of Lincolnshire. There was a board

MR. CHAUDHRY: W-a-s-i-m, C-h-a-u-d-h-r-y.

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    hearing back then. I was in high school then.
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                                                                  on the board and we talked about it, hey, maybe a lot
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    percent you have to control -- you have control of
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                                                                 of people don't want greenhouses in the back. Why
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    wildlife (inaudible.)
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                      The problem was in Lincolnshire they
                                                                 veggies.
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    were eating all the vegetation and you spread disease
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     among those animals. All of a sudden you have --
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                                                                  the whole -- sorry for my language -- crap you get
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                                                                  from the store, I'd rather have my own stuff no
     that is why you have the chronic waste disease in
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    white tails around here. That is worse than any
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                                                                 matter what.
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     chicken poop.
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                                                                                  Do I raise chickens? I do up north
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                     Now, do I believe chickens should be
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                                                                 in Michigan. I have 220 acres. My dad is up there
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     roaming around here? Absolutely not. But it's the
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                                                                  with friends. We have 100-some chickens. We bring
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     same thing like if my neighbor had a Doberman
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                                                                  those chickens here; we freeze them; we eat them all
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     pinscher or a German Shepherd, should I be worried?
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    I have three kids. I have a six-year-old, I have
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                                                                 you buy from the store here, period.
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     four-year-old, and a two-year-old. I would be more
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                                                                                  Now, if I have five chickens in the
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    worried about my children, which I -- we lived in
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                                                                 backyard here for fresh eggs every couple days, is
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                                                                  that really going to harm anything?
     another part of Barrington in my childhood and I was
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    bit by a dog, a cocker spaniel or something. So I
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     should be more worried about that dog.
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                                                                 rules in South Barrington on that. That's fine. But
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                      Now, if I wanted to have five
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                                                                 sometimes change isn't that bad. And, of course, it
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    chickens -- I know the rule in Barrington. I don't
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                                                                 has to be rules, it has to be regulated and
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    have any chickens. But let's say I wanted to have
                                                                 everything in the scope of things. Nobody is saying
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     five chickens to supply fresh eggs, because you go to
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                                                                 here that everybody have -- and, yes, a chicken is
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     the store nowadays, it's all garbage what's in there.
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                                                                 not livestock. By federal regulation, by definition,
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    I don't care what store you go to. Now, if I grow my
                                                                  a chicken is not livestock. Lamb, cattle, beef,
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     own garden, have fresh vegetables, is that really a
                                                                  pork, that is livestock, just to clarify.
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    big difference? No.
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                      If you have chickens as a pet, is it
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                                                                        MS. LAMB: Thank you.
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    really a big deal? People probably have parrots,
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                                                                        MS. DE LEON: Hi. Pam DeLeon. I must say,
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    little dogs, snakes, whatever the case may be. But I
                                                                 you guys must like eggs. I hope you have a lot of
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    don't see -- I think there should be -- I sometimes
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                                                                  eggs.
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     say out of sight, out of mind. You know, if you have
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    a couple chickens as pets or even for eggs or
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                                                                 if you have chickens. I think if they're approved to
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    whatever, is it that big of a deal if it's not
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                                                                 have a chicken coop, then anyone should be -- there
    intruding on your neighbor's property, senses,
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                                                                 should be limits about it. I think -- I don't know
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     anything? I mean, you know, I think there should be
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    a little bit of a change, you know, that has to be
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    made.
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                                                                 regulations, whether it's five, six chickens.
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                                                                                  I mean, we have two acres. I'd like
                      You know, yes, I'm 43 years old.
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    South Barrington, most of the residents are older in
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                                                                  to have a chicken coop. I'd be happy to buy some of
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     the community. But I do have a lot of friends that
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                                                                 your chickens.
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     wouldn't mind maybe moving to South Barrington, and
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     with all the restrictions and a lot of different
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                                                                  the future if you approve one, there should be rules
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     things -- I understand it keeps up the property
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                                                                 around it. Is it one chicken coop per neighborhood?
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    values and keeps up everything, don't get me wrong,
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                                                                 Is it every neighborhood can have 10 chicken coops?
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    but things -- you have to change a couple things here
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                                                                 That's all I'm asking, is that there are rules.
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    and there.
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You know, even at Hunters Ridge, I'm



MS. MC COMBIE: Paula McCombie, 32 Revere

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     Drive, and Mayor of South Barrington.
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                      So I have an email from somebody
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                                                                  Laura Greenstein."
    today who couldn't make it, and so I would just like
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                                                                         THE REPORTER: Could you spell her name and
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     to read it to the board since I have permission to do
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     that -- to the commission:
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                                                                         MAYOR MC COMBIE: Certainly. M-c-C-o-m-b-i-e,
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                      "Dear Mayor McCombie, my name is
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                                                                  and Laura Greenstein's last name is spelled
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    Laura Greenstein. I lived at 42 Beechnut Drive. I
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     am writing concerning the livestock variance that's
                                                                         THE REPORTER: Thank you.
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                                                                         MR. PIROVANO: I just wanted to read another
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    being proposed.
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                      "My immediate concern is lack of
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                                                                  one. This is Rich again. Hopefully we'll be
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     time to address the issue of the variance. Initially
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                                                                  through. I'm sorry for the delay. I'll try to be
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     the subdivision received a group email about the
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                                                                  fast.
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     chickens, and most responded with an okay, myself
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                                                                                   We got some messages that were sent
                                                                  out on the last email. I wanted to read one -- I
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     included. However, this issue has now morphed into
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                                                                  want to read a couple of them. I'll try to be brief.
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     obtaining a variance with detailed documentation that
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    was sent to the homeowners just a few days ago.
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                                                                                   If anybody else has anything else to
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                                                                  say, I can find this. It won't take me but a couple \ensuremath{\mathsf{S}}
                      "The simple idea of having 10
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    chickens in a coop has now created the necessity of
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                                                                  minutes.
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     obtaining a variance and one that appears to be
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                                                                         CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Well, there will be a public
     open-ended."
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                                                                  hearing on this.
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                      So, in other words, her information
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                                                                         MR. PIROVANO: So this is just public comment?
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    must have been for 10 chickens.
                                                                         MR. MULLIGAN: When will that be, in March?
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                      "Further, the variance is being
                                                                         MS. LAMB: That depends on when the tenant
    requested by the homeowner for a tenant which I do
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                                                                  gets the notice out. So that's to be determined.
                                                     Page 43
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    not know until a -- which I did not know until a few
                                                                         MR. PIROVANO: So, yeah, basically I can't
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     days ago.
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                                                                  find it, but it was -- there were a couple of notes
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                      "After thorough consideration, I now
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                                                                  that were sent in saying that, no, the kid should be
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    disagree with the whole issue of keeping chickens in
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                                                                  able to keep the chickens; they're not harming
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     a residential community. Once set in place, we have
                                                                  anything; they're not causing any harm; they're not
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    no recourse if the property being rented is not
                                                                  selling eggs; they're not selling chickens, and the
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    maintained or the chickens are not being confined and
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                                                                  kid needs to keep his chickens.
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                                                                                   And then another one was from our
     cared for. We cannot set ourselves up for an issue
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     that can lead to a legal battle if the initial intent
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                                                                  neighbors, you know, people who we basically share
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     of the variance is not met and maintained.
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                                                                  our back yards. All three gave us permission and
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                      "I feel we do not have enough time
                                                                  gave us their approval for the chickens. And if
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    with the meeting tonight to prepare a response. I'm
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                                                                  anybody -- if the chickens themselves were a real
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     ready to voice my opinion to the livestock variance
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                                                                  issue with the smell or any other things, those
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     and to ask if this discussion can be tabled and moved
                                                                  people, our neighborhood, it -- they're
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     to the next meeting to allow us time to prepare our
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                                                                  interconnected, but yet there's three for our house
     response. I know of three families that cannot be
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                                                                  that are literally like right next door where our
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     present at the meeting because of the short notice.
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                                                                  back yards are essentially the same. So it's crucial
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    I believe something as important as changing the
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                                                                  for everybody in that vicinity to be on the same page
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     zoning of our neighborhood should not be rushed
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                                                                  where they wouldn't be affected.
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     through.
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                                                                                   So one family is in Pakistan, so
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                                                                  they can't be here, but they voiced their approval as
                      "I further oppose the variance and
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    the keeping of any livestock in a residential
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                                                                  well. So there were a lot of people that weren't
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    neighborhood. If this email needs to be read allowed
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                                                                  here or weren't able to be here.
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But we certainly look forward to

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to become part of the permanent record at tonight's

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1	Page 46 clarifying the exemption being that it is only for	1	Page 48 MR. LUISI: Okay. I can drop them off
2	backyard hen and not livestock. That was a big	2	tomorrow.
3	concern, and we just want to make sure, we do not	3	MR. PALMER: Okay.
4	want a livestock variance. We are not asking for a	4	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay. Whoever is going to
5	livestock variance. It is a backyard hen pet hen	5	present, please present.
6	program. So thank you.	6	MR. MICHALSKI: Thank you. So the variance is
7	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Is there anyone else?	7	regarding the full fence encroaching by
8	MASTER PIROVANO: (Indiscernible.)	8	two-and-a-half feet over the building setbacks. This
9	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Hearing no other, we'll call	9	is the reason of that is the outer kitchen was
10	the public comment portion of the meeting as done.	10	constructed, and one corner of that outer kitchen is
11	The next public hearing agenda item	11	encroaching on the building setback.
12	is the pool fence variance for the property located	12	The petitioner was willing to move
13	at 8 Rainier Circle.	13	part of the fence or is willing to move part of
14	Can I have a motion to open the	14	the fence, but it would create a triangle offset of
15	public hearing?	15	the kitchen which still would encroach over the
16	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: So motioned.	16	building setback.
17	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Do I have a second?	17	So in this situation, whether it's
18	COMMISSIONER KAZI: Second.	18	encroaching, in my personal opinion, by 11 inches or
19	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Second. Roll call.	19	2 feet, it doesn't really harm the neighbors.
20	MR. PALMER: Fox?	20	We also received a letter stating
21	COMMISSIONER FOX: Yes.	21	that the neighbors are okay with that fence being
22	MR. PALMER: Gillis?	22	closer.
23	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yes.	23	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay. Any questions?
24	MR. PALMER: Kazi?	24	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Can you refresh my
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     the swimming pool contractor, so this project was my
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    responsibility. So you can imagine that I am in some
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                                                                  that be affected?
    hot water with the client, the homeowner, because
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                                                                         MR. LUISI: Yes, because there is gas -- or
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    they do not want me to rip up their outer kitchen.
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                                                                  electric going to that appliance there.
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    So I'm hoping that I can have a variance and prevent
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                                                                                   I don't exactly know where exactly
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     that and save that.
                                                                  the gas line is. I know it comes up underneath where
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            CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Any other question or
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                                                                  the grill is, which is a little bit to the left of
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                                                                  it, the corner. But I know for sure the electric
     comment?
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                                                                  would be hit.
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                      Okay. Hearing none, can I have a
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    motion either to approve or to disapprove?
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                                                                         COMMISSIONER FOX: Do we have other instances
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            MS. LAMB: Wait. Hold on.
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                                                                  of, you know, this type of issue?
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            CHAIRMAN KWASEK: I need a motion.
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            COMMISSIONER FOX: Actually, can I ask a
                                                                  pool fence that was requested for a variance, but it
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    question?
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                                                                  had not been constructed yet. So from the standpoint
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            CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Sure.
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                                                                  of an existing condition, I can't remember one that
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            COMMISSIONER FOX: So if this had to be
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                                                                  has come back like this.
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     adjusted and we didn't approve it, what would be
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                                                                         COMMISSIONER GILLIS: No.
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     required for you to do to rectify this and fit into
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     the setbacks?
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                                                                  there were -- a previous building inspector was
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           MR. LUISI: So for me to make it fit into the
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                                                                  involved and made statements, so it's not totally cut
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    setbacks, I'd have to cut off a corner of the outer
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                                                                  and dry. And you get to this point, and it's kind of
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    kitchen.
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                      So I have offered that to the
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                                                                                   From my own experience and my own
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    client, to be able to move the fence so that it is in
                                                                  opinion, setbacks are not a recommendation, they're
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     the right spot. They have told me that, no, move the
                                                                  not a suggestion; they are an absolute. If you need
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    whole thing. So this is kind of like my last resort
                                                                  to be back from the setback to give yourself some
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    before I have to move the whole kitchen.
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                                                                  cushion, well, then set it a foot off the setback
            CHAIRMAN KWASEK: How is the kitchen
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                                                                  line.
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    constructed? Is it masonry?
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                                                                                   But a lot of times everybody wants
            MR. LUISI: It's a masonry kitchen.
                                                                  to build right on the setback line, and things aren't
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            CHAIRMAN KWASEK: So it's all hand-laid brick
                                                                  always perfect in the field, especially if you're
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    or something?
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                                                                  working out in the mud. So mistakes can be made.
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            MR. LUISI: It's all mortared brick, and then
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                                                                  And if you're right on the line, well, then you're
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    it has a granite countertop on it with a concrete
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                                                                  over the line, and then here we are.
    foundation.
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            COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Footings?
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                                                                  that's going to grow up and hide it a little bit.
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                                                                                   Is there anymore discussion?
            MR. LUISI: Footings, yes.
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           MR. MICHALSKI: And also utilities, electric
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                                                                                   Is there anyone in the audience
                                                                  that's here for this issue?
     and gas underground.
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            COMMISSIONER KAZI: So if you were to just
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                                                                         MS. STAGNO: I've heard --
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     chop off a part, so the owner doesn't want to because
                                                                         THE REPORTER: Excuse me. Your name, please.
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     it's unsightly, or would there be an issue with just
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                                                                         MS. LAMB: Can you come to the microphone?
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    chopping off just --
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                                                                  We have somebody here, a court reporter here, so she
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           MR. LUISI: Well, there is actually an
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                                                                  needs to be able to hear people.
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    appliance right there where it's located. So it's
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                                                                         MS. STAGNO: Stagno, Marilyn Stagno.
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    not only losing a corner, but you also lose the
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                                                                 6 East Cove. I just have a question about permission
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    appliance as well.
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            COMMISSIONER FOX: And is the gas and electric
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1	Page 54 they're okay with it other than letters or anything	1	Page 56 MS. LAMB: If you guys are done if you
2	legally required? Does it affect their other	2	don't have further discussion, you're free to do so
3	people's	3	once you have a motion and a second. Otherwise,
4	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Aesthetics?	4	you're free to close the hearing.
5	MS. STAGNO: Well, their official land plan,	5	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: We can vote.
6	that sort of thing.	6	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Vote?
7	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: The survey?	7	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yes.
8	MS. STAGNO: Yeah, the plot and survey and	8	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: So do we have a motion to
9	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: That's where it showed up.	9	either approve or disapprove?
10	You're required to have an as-built survey, and the	10	COMMISSIONER KAZI: So I would like to make a
11	as-built survey shows the dimensions of the	11	motion to approve the variance, because seeing that
12	encroachment.	12	the neighbors don't object and because it's within
13	COMMISSIONER FOX: Is there any possibility to	13	their own property, I move that this variance be
14	have larger bushes put in here to rectify the	14	approved.
15	situation?	15	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay. Do I have a second?
16	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: You know, you're talking	16	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: I'll second that.
17	about a year or two and they're going to grow up.	17	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Okay.
18	COMMISSIONER FOX: And they'll do better if	18	MR. PALMER: Roll call?
19	they start smaller.	19	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: You bet.
20	CHAIRMAN KWASEK: Those are pretty small.	20	MR. PALMER: Fox.
21	MR. LUISI: I just want to clarify something	21	COMMISSIONER FOX: Yes.
22	on the question that was just asked.	22	MR. PALMER: Gillis.
23	We're not encroaching on any	23	COMMISSIONER GILLIS: Yes.
24	property lines. So there is no effect to the	24	MR. PALMER: Kazi.
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