

TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE
COUNCIL MEETING

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT GIVEN)
BY MEGAN & MATTHEW BYRNE OF) TRANSCRIPT
6 CRAIG COURT, MILLSTONE) OF
) PROCEEDINGS
) VIA
) VIDEOTAPE
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
MILLSTONE MUNICIPAL COURT
215 MILLSTONE ROAD
MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
COMMENCING AT 8:59 P.M.

BEFORE:

NANCY A. GRBELJA, Mayor
MICHAEL KUCZINSKI, Deputy Mayor
BOB KINSEY, Committeeman
FIORE MASCI, Committeeman
GARY DORFMAN, Committeeman

ALSO PRESENT:

DUANE DAVISON, ESQUIRE, Township Attorney
THOMAS E. ANTUS, Township Administrator
MARIA DELLASALA, Township Clerk

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MAYOR GRBELJA: I'm going to open the public portion at 8:59. If anyone would like to step up to the microphone and address the Township Committee, please do so. Just state your name and address.

MRS. BYRNE: My name is Megan Byrne. I'm a citizen of Millstone, I live at 6 Craig Court. This is Matthew.

MR. BYRNE: Hi. How are you?

MRS. BYRNE: We're here to bring the attention to the Mayor and to the Committee regarding a matter involving our neighbors and the illegal operation of a kennel at their address, 5 Craig Court. That illegal operation of the kennel is in connection with the definition in the Land Use Code Book which says that a kennel is an establishment in which more than five dogs or domesticated animals more than one year old are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, trained or sold.

So they have in excess of five dogs. They have probably at this point about 12. In the past they have had more than that. They had at one time between 18 and 20 dogs in their house and they live in a development.

It's caused a lot of issues in our

1 neighborhood. We have been dealing with this matter
2 for over a year now. The first complaint was made in
3 July of 2012 when their dogs got loose, a dog at
4 large on our property. One of the dogs snapped at my
5 two-year-old son at that point.

6 We are the parents of five children all
7 under the age of five, so we have little ones to deal
8 with at home. And you mentioned before that as
9 parents it's our responsibility to make sure our
10 children are safe and in all honesty that's my job,
11 my number one job is to make sure my children are
12 safe.

13 The dogs have gotten out and have been at
14 large about six times. The latest time was this
15 Monday when four of their dogs were traipsing through
16 my property, made their way into my garage which the
17 door was open, my husband was working outside.
18 Thankfully none of my kids were outside playing
19 because I am afraid as to what would have happened at
20 that point in time. Or even if I would be outside
21 with them, they're young, I personally if I was home
22 alone wouldn't be able to get my five-year old, my
23 three and a half year old, and my three triplets that
24 are 13 months old, you know, off my kids on my front
25 yard as those dogs are charging on my property.

1 MR. BYRNE: As instructed by Animal
2 Control because of the multiple incidents, they said
3 next time if you could confiscate the animals on your
4 property and call the authorities.

5 I caught two of the dogs and called the
6 State police. Animal Control is -- they're not open
7 on the weekend.

8 The neighbor then proceeded to come onto
9 my property in a violent manner.

10 MRS. BYRNE: And he's not to step foot on
11 our property.

12 MR. BYRNE: This is an ongoing thing in
13 courts and we have our property is completely posted
14 no trespassing. He was notified not to come on the
15 property, that we had already called the authorities.
16 And in a violent matter he approached me while I was
17 on the phone with the State Police. I hung up on the
18 police as he rushed me -- if you knew this man I know
19 you would not believe the fact that he would have
20 rushed me, but he did. Three State Police came out.
21 They all said that if I didn't release the animals I
22 would be charged with theft.

23 Throughout this entire process that has
24 been going on for a year now we have been made out to
25 be the bad guys. We get no results from Animal

1 Control. We're continually told that they can't
2 come, we're 40 minutes, over an hour away. It's
3 always something. They can never come for us, they
4 can never tend to anything.

5 The police don't want to respond to
6 anything. And as you mentioned we don't have a
7 police force here, I know they come from all the way
8 over there in Hamilton. It's very frustrating.

9 I have videotaped everything. I have the
10 entire thing from Sunday videotaped. I have
11 approximately seven and a half hours of videotape
12 that has been given to Rich Kelly. The Health
13 Department had gone in there and shut them down,
14 issued an immediate Cease-and-Desist on January 26th.
15 Photos were taken at that time. I was not privy to
16 see the pictures, but Rich Kelly said to me that the
17 extreme barking and everything wasn't anything to
18 worry about, he said that it was squalor. Nobody in
19 today's time even uses that word unless you're
20 watching that show "Hoarders". I mean that's
21 disgusting. These animals are stacked crates on
22 crates. They're never let out during the day,
23 they're let out as soon as this Township closes,
24 between 4:30 and 5 o'clock the animals are let out.
25 And I have shown Township employees the video, they

1 know me quite well, and it sounds like if you were to
2 walk into a kennel.

3 They continue to let their dogs out
4 throughout the night at bizarre hours. You know, I
5 don't know how many people that let this amount of
6 dogs out at 11:30 at night, 1 o'clock in the morning,
7 3 o'clock in the morning.

8 MRS. BYRNE: We told them to stop.

9 MR. BYRNE: Countless times. In
10 mediation -- and I know this isn't admissible in
11 court or anything like that, but Judge Apostolou was
12 the mediator -- the neighbor told me that her dogs
13 were worth more than my children and not to pursue
14 this because she's untouchable in this town and she's
15 connected in this town. And we've come to feel that
16 there is something going on because there have not
17 been -- fines have been minimal, nothing has
18 happened, they're continually running this kennel.

19 MRS. BYRNE: Fines have been deferred
20 despite continual violations.

21 MR. BYRNE: Their website was mandated by
22 the Judge, Judge Foley, to come down. He gave them
23 30 days to do it, they didn't do it in that 30 day
24 period, were charged with contempt, no charges. It
25 is now, the original one, you can still find them

1 online if you search for these certain dogs that they
2 sell.

3 MRS. BYRNE: We have seen puppies at
4 their house recently, probably I would say four-month
5 old puppies, golden retrievers. They would have been
6 born after this hearing in which they were supposed
7 to have stopped breeding.

8 MR. BYRNE: There's dogs being moved
9 constantly. They'll open their vehicles, their SUVs,
10 they load crates, in go a handful of dogs, they
11 disappear for a handful of hours, come back, there's
12 no dogs, there's just groceries now. More dogs go
13 in, they'll come back two hours later or so, there's
14 no dogs.

15 MRS. BYRNE: And to have them at large is
16 very disturbing to me. And my point is, and to take
17 a step backwards as well, I read off that definition
18 before that says more than five dogs, apparently
19 these people were grandfathered into being allowed to
20 have more than five dogs, they said they're allowed
21 to have ten.

22 MAYOR GRBELJA: Well, no, let me explain
23 something. The definition that is in the Land Use
24 Manual deals with commercial kennels. That was
25 never, ever language that was intended for a private

1 individual.

2 MRS. BYRNE: But it uses domesticated
3 animals.

4 MAYOR GRBELJA: It's domesticated animals
5 but it was for a commercial business. It was never,
6 ever intended for residential. And I had this
7 discussion with our engineer and with our planner
8 when we had put the language together and it was
9 never, ever intended for individuals.

10 The commercial kennel is really what
11 Shelly has over which is called the Green Leaf
12 Kennel. But what happens, I think what you also have
13 to understand is that if you have a -- I'm going to
14 tell you for somebody to have ten dogs or 15 dogs and
15 to keep them in crates which are stacked up is
16 totally unacceptable. People can have more than five
17 dogs if the dogs are their pets but as long as
18 they're maintained in a healthy manner.

19 MRS. BYRNE: I do have minutes, though,
20 from the March 18th, 2009 Committee meeting where it
21 states that you had stated that this specific
22 Ordinance we're referring to has to do with breeding
23 dogs in home.

24 MAYOR GRBELJA: You're taking that out of
25 context, and I don't know how the minutes are

1 actually read, but that is what we call hobby
2 breeders, people that have one litter a year. Let's
3 say, for example, if I have -- I have two German
4 shepherds. If I have two German shepherds and let's
5 say, for example, I breed them and I have -- my dogs
6 when I bred them, and I haven't bred them in my home,
7 but when I breed them she has nine puppies, 11
8 puppies. So at any given time you could say that I
9 had 14 dogs because she has big litters. German
10 shepherds have big litters, 9 and 11, that's
11 technically what she has had.

12 But what happened is those are what you
13 call hobby breeders. Back in the late '70s/early
14 '80s what they did is when they were talking about
15 getting a kennel license and so on and so forth, this
16 is even before I lived in Millstone, I have friends
17 who live in Old Bridge that have a legitimate kennel,
18 what happens is the hobby breeders were people that
19 had one or two litters a year so you weren't limiting
20 or counting those puppies as a number.

21 But in this town we don't have a limit on
22 the number of dogs that you have. What we have done
23 in order to make sure that somebody is not breeding
24 them, and we did have somebody who just bred sick
25 puppies and puppies got sick and they put them into

1 homes and the dogs died, what we did is we called in
2 the Health Department, what we did is we want to know
3 if you have more than five dogs in your home, even
4 though it's not required in our Ordinance, what we do
5 is we call people in because we want to make sure
6 that they're pets and we don't have people that are
7 like the breeders like you have out in Ohio.

8 MR. BYRNE: I have a copy of their entire
9 website that has been removed. In here they charge
10 \$2,800 per dog. They had two litters in 2012, one of
11 golden retrievers, one of their spaniels. They have
12 admitted in the Township building to Mr. Antus that
13 they are breeders. He has admitted in front of Judge
14 Foley that they're breeders --

15 MAYOR GRBELJA: Okay, if it's in the
16 court then the court is handling it.

17 MR. BYRNE: -- for these dogs, but the
18 fines are not being levied and it's not right.

19 I have been to probably 20 court sessions
20 at this point. Here is an example of how many times
21 I have been to the court because of this. It's
22 ridiculous. It's not fair. These people have a
23 different set of rules that they're allowed to engage
24 with.

25 I was on the phone with the ASPCA, found

1 out that those dogs on Sunday I was not the person
2 that was in the wrong and that they should have been
3 confiscated and they don't get those dogs back
4 without paying fines and so on and so forth. I was
5 also told by them that every time the dog's at large
6 that's animal cruelty in itself.

7 The fact is, too, the State police said
8 to me, "Was anyone bitten?", and I said that's what I
9 have to wait for, one of my children to get bit?
10 Because then that's not going to be good for anybody.

11 MRS. BYRNE: And to be honest I mean at
12 this point I believe that they have licenses for ten
13 dogs, but as far as I'm concerned they're not
14 responsible enough to have any licenses. He said to
15 me on Sunday when I said how did this happen, and he
16 said, "I left the gate open." "You're holding a
17 \$100,00 dog", he told me.

18 MR. BYRNE: That dog would only be worth
19 that to them if it was a breeding dog.

20 MRS. BYRNE: I said you're not
21 responsible enough to have it. The fact that you
22 have a license doesn't mean you have the right. You
23 can't drive illegally or drunk, it could get revoked.
24 I'm a CPA, if I act unethically, my license could get
25 revoked.

1 MAYOR GRBELJA: But the license of the
2 dog is only for us to have a record that a dog lives
3 there and has its shots. Let me tell you something,
4 I would be more than happy to actually say that
5 people have to be licensed as an appropriate
6 caretaker in order to keep an animal. I would go for
7 that 100 percent because there are far too many
8 people that have animals that don't take care of
9 them, that neglect them, that abuse them, that don't
10 feed them and don't know how to take care of them.

11 MRS. BYRNE: Or endanger other people.

12 MAYOR GRBELJA: Absolutely. But I am
13 going to tell you the license that we provide in the
14 town -- and I haven't seen anybody that would do it
15 and I don't think we would be the first one, I would
16 be the first one to step up and say I'll be the judge
17 and jury. We would have a lot of people in the
18 county jail, I will tell you that.

19 But the only thing that we do is you get
20 a license just for us to have a record that there is
21 a dog in that house.

22 Now I know that just from -- and we don't
23 get involved with the courts, we never tell the judge
24 what to do, and it's not our purview to go in and
25 interfere with what happens with the court or with

1 mediation or anything like that. It's our code
2 enforcement officer that handles those situations
3 with the prosecutor and I know that the Board of
4 Health has been in there and has been making some
5 spot checks to be able to go into the home and check.

6 MR. BYRNE: I don't mean to be
7 disrespectful, the Board of Health is a joke. The
8 Animal Control is a joke.

9 Like I said I am vigilant with the
10 videotape and the videotape does not lie, and I have
11 reports and then I have what's on video and sometimes
12 they don't line up.

13 I also have here where, "All licenses
14 issued for a kennel, pet shop, shelter or pound shall
15 state the purpose for which establishment is
16 maintained"

17 MAYOR GRBELJA: He doesn't have a kennel
18 license.

19 MR. BYRNE: They're asking for.

20 MRS. BYRNE: You said before they're not
21 hobby breeders.

22 MAYOR GRBELJA: We don't have them listed
23 as a kennel and they have never come to us for a
24 kennel and they're not a recognized kennel. That's
25 why they don't have a kennel license.

1 MR. BYRNE: But this should be considered
2 and it says, "By the decision of the municipality on
3 recommendations of the State Department of Health &
4 Senior Services or local Board of Health for failure
5 to comply with the rules and regulations," and so on
6 and so forth. Their license, just like my wife said,
7 they're not -- you don't have the right to have dogs.
8 It's a privilege. They cannot handle this.

9 My children's safety is at stake.
10 There's a newborn baby at the other neighbor's next
11 door. My neighbors across the street have a grandson
12 there all the time.

13 These people do not care. They do not
14 care what the town has said, what the judge has said.
15 And nothing gets done because we don't have an acting
16 police force, the Animal Control does not respond
17 when called.

18 I mean you would be mortified if you knew
19 what they told me on a different dog issue where a
20 stray dog came through my woods and came after me, I
21 was told to put the dog down, twice. No one came
22 out.

23 MAYOR GRBELJA: That's Manalapan?

24 MR. BYRNE: No one came out. I said to
25 them, "Is this the Wild West"? It's Millstone. Am I

1 supposed to go outside with my kids to play and have
2 to carry a gun? I mean nobody wants to do anything,
3 and it's going to get bad.

4 I said to the State Police that were
5 there and I also stated to the owner, I said I don't
6 know if you are familiar with the law and what can be
7 done to your dogs, if you care about your animals
8 this would not happen.

9 MAYOR GRBELJA: I agree with you.

10 MRS. BYRNE: Their whole backyard is
11 fenced in, there's absolutely no reason. It's
12 because they can't handle the number of dogs that
13 they have.

14 MR. BYRNE: July of 2012 it was this far
15 from my two-year-old's face (indicating). And when
16 they were retreating their animal, not even an
17 apology, it was someone else's fault.

18 MAYOR GRBELJA: What I'm going to do is
19 I'm going to have a conversation with our attorney
20 and I'll also look into Animal Control and also the
21 Board of Health and we'll have a discussion about it.

22 MRS. BYRNE: Thank you for listening to
23 us.

24 MR. BYRNE: Thank you.

25 MAYOR GRBELJA: I'll tell you something,

1 there's nothing more frustrating than having -- I
2 have horses at Gateway and just today I had a big
3 fight with some people that bring their dogs to the
4 property and just let them loose. They're in the
5 road where horses are going and where cars are going
6 and they're completely oblivious to anything
7 happening. To me that really is a disservice, they
8 don't care about their animal because they're not
9 making sure that the animal is safe and the animal is
10 contained. I always want to make sure that my
11 animals are safe and my animals are contained because
12 of the fact that if they get outside of the yard or
13 if I let them off the leash I can't really, you know,
14 they listen, so on and so forth, but you never know
15 what's going to happen. It's my responsibility to
16 make sure that they're safe. I want to make sure
17 that everybody else is safe but I also want to make
18 sure that my animal isn't hurt and is cared for
19 appropriately.

20 MRS. BYRNE: And just one last point. My
21 husband and I feel like a precedent is being set by
22 -- no disrespect to the town as well as the court
23 system -- that certain people don't need to follow
24 rules and laws and ordinances of the town. And,
25 personally, as a citizen of the town, I wouldn't want

1 that precedent to be set because rules are in place
2 for a reason. And for people to think that they can
3 break the law and not have any repercussions of it, I
4 don't think that's really something that the town
5 wants to promote.

6 MAYOR GRBELJA: To tell you the truth, if
7 they were responsible in what they were doing there
8 wouldn't be a problem. So if they have their dogs --
9 and we do have some people that have ten, 12 little
10 dogs but it's not a kennel, it's somebody who
11 basically saved them and basically the dogs are in
12 the house and they may go out but they're not a
13 nuisance, they're not large, they're being cared for,
14 they're clean, the whole bit.

15 But when you don't take care of your dogs
16 and then they become a burden to others then it
17 becomes a problem. So if they had dogs that they
18 showed -- and I used to, in the Seventies, I used to
19 show them -- if they had dogs that they showed and
20 they had a litter every once a year or whatever it's
21 not problematic. But when they forget what the
22 boundaries are and they kind of have loose ends on a
23 lot of things it becomes a problem.

24 MR. BYRNE: April 2nd we had court. I
25 brought many members of the neighborhood as well.

1 The husband and wife they have different attorneys
2 and the attorneys took me aside and begged me to go
3 back to the original mediation agreement from five
4 months prior. At that point the one attorney told me
5 right then and there, that at that point in April,
6 they had 22 dogs in their home.

7 I get what you're saying, what you're
8 talking about, but this is 1.8 acres in a cul-de-sac,
9 it's -- there is no reason for this. They don't care
10 for these animals.

11 These animals when they got loose -- and
12 you're all welcome to see the video, and YouTube was
13 a great idea, I might start throwing stuff out there
14 -- but these animals run from them. When I set the
15 dog down this dog did not want to leave me. This dog
16 smelled rancid. When you keep a dog in -- they made
17 a comment that their dogs are well trained and don't
18 need to be let out for 24 hours. Right then and
19 there every one of those dogs should be confiscated,
20 that's animal cruelty.

21 MAYOR GRBELJA: I agree with that.

22 MR. BYRNE: But these dogs on video are
23 running from their owner.

24 COUNCILMAN MASCI: Is there anything,
25 Mayor, we can do to help the Byrnes or to better

1 enforce maybe some ordinances that we have with
2 regard to the noise ordinances, the nuisance
3 ordinances where when these things come up they are
4 tools that they could possibly use?

5 MAYOR GRBELJA: Well when you have
6 excessive barking, dogs have the right to bark, okay,
7 and then it becomes well what's excessive, but if you
8 have --

9 MR. BYRNE: Ten minutes.

10 MAYOR GRBELJA: So if it's ten minutes or
11 whatever, but what I'm saying is it may be -- you're
12 talking about -- if you're talking about letting ten
13 dogs out and they're barking, there's a pack
14 mentality that they have, and they're barking because
15 they need to have exercise.

16 I think really what is important and this
17 is really what for any situation and I'm not talking
18 necessarily here, but if you have dogs that are being
19 contained, and we had it in other places in Millstone
20 where we had dogs that had been kept in cages and you
21 would walk into the home and there may be ten dogs
22 and there may be 20 cats that are caged, you walk
23 into the place and the ammonia smell is beyond
24 anything because of the fact that they're not
25 sanitary conditions and it really is cruel to the

1 animal.

2 We have people in town, and I'm not
3 saying these people, but whether it happens to be
4 other types of animals and we have an ongoing issue
5 right now with the Monmouth County Agricultural Board
6 where people are hoarding animals, and they're
7 hoarding animals at numbers that they can't even
8 begin to care for or control. And they're meaning
9 well to say I want to take care of these animals and
10 I'm feeding them, I'm doing this and that, but
11 they're really not getting the care that they should
12 have, and it becomes a very difficult spot to go in.
13 And in some cases we have had Animal Control --
14 that's why I'm surprised to hear -- where they have
15 gone in and they have literally taken out 30 dogs and
16 cats from a particular residence. So it's, you know,
17 that's why I kind of have to -- we have to have a
18 discussion with Animal Control as to what's
19 happening.

20 COMMITTEEMAN KINSEY: Where is the County
21 when Animal Control is on duty?

22 MRS. DELLASALA: Well just yesterday I
23 gave Matt my personal cell phone number and I told
24 him when this happens after 4:30 to call me and I
25 will call Animal Control, because we all know that

1 they are 24/7.

2 But the State Police also have the
3 information so they're the ones that need to call
4 Animal Control after hours, but they don't seem to.

5 MAYOR GRBELJA: That might just be for
6 State Police to call them but if you call Maria. And
7 I appreciate you doing that.

8 COUNCILMAN KINSEY: I find that
9 disturbing to me that you send the State Police out
10 there and they're basically saying you're in the
11 wrong, give the dog back when they clearly have
12 violated your property lines. I would never give
13 them...

14 MR. BYRNE: Exactly.

15 COMMITTEEMAN KINSEY: You have that
16 issue. You have Animal Control saying they're not
17 available. They're 24/7 and we pay for that.

18 MAYOR GRBELJA: Yea.

19 COUNCILMAN KINSEY: I'm not going to
20 opine on what's going on in the courts because --

21 MR. BYRNE: Now to the dog noise that you
22 brought up, I have one video clip -- I don't even
23 know if you would call it a video clip, I would say
24 movie -- two and a half hours nonstop barking, 13
25 dogs. The reason, she went for a root canal.

1 MAYOR GRBELJA: I don't know why she left
2 her dogs out.

3 MR. BYRNE: I had newborns at the time,
4 three newborns. We can't keep our house open.

5 MRS. BYRNE: We still can't keep our
6 house open.

7 MR. BYRNE: We have our house closed.

8 MAYOR GRBELJA: I don't leave my dogs
9 out. If I'm not home my dogs are not out.

10 MRS. BYRNE: We love dogs.

11 COUNCILMAN MASCI: So when you said they
12 were given a Cease-and-Desist what were they ordered
13 to stop doing?

14 MR. BYRNE: Running an illegal kennel.
15 Did you find the letter?

16 MRS. BYRNE: No. But at some point that
17 was construed into just taking down the website. I
18 don't know how that happened.

19 MAYOR GRBELJA: They're not a kennel, I
20 mean that's really it.

21 MRS. BYRNE: If they were a kennel, if
22 they're advertising and saying that they're a kennel.

23 COMMITTEEMAN KINSEY: They're not a
24 licensed kennel but it sounds that they're running an
25 illegal kennel.

1 MAYOR GRBELJA: Yea.

2 COMMITTEEMAN KUCZINSKI: In either case a
3 resident shouldn't have to be concerned if their kids
4 are in their yard. That's why people live in this
5 area.

6 COMMITTEEMAN KINSEY: If there's
7 documented evidence and they're in court that they're
8 running an illegal kennel something should be being
9 done about it.

10 COUNCILMAN DORFMAN: We can have
11 discussion to see what more we can do. We'll have
12 discussion as to the safety of the animals.

13 MR. BYRNE: I have pictures from the
14 December 1st case, this is the husband with his dogs
15 coming through on my property and you can't really --
16 here. That's mediation.

17 MRS. BYRNE: We have it here I think.

18 MR. DAVISON: Can I suggest that we get
19 Rich Kelly, Chris Luberto at least together. I want
20 to understand from Kelly what is going on in the
21 court. I know Judge Foley for years. He is not
22 lenient judge. He is not one that if you violate one
23 of his orders you're going to walk away with a
24 punitive.

25 So I would like to talk with them, find

1 out what the lay of this land is from their
2 perspective, and from that will come the
3 understanding that the governing body does not want a
4 lacks attitude with this situation. We can't control
5 what the court does but we can make sure that Animal
6 Control, get a hold of them so that they go out
7 there.

8 They are not to - can I just have your
9 attention for a second?

10 MRS. BYRNE: I'm sorry.

11 MR. DAVISON: Yea, I know, but you just
12 are going to throw more stuff at us and we have
13 enough at this point. We'll get more from talking
14 with these other people.

15 You had indicated that your property was
16 posted, you warned this man not to come onto your
17 property and he came anyway?

18 MR. BYRNE: Yes.

19 MR. DAVISON: Did you sign a trespassing
20 document?

21 MR. BYRNE: Not yet.

22 MR. DAVISON: Okay. Because that, from
23 what you've described, all the elements are there
24 that there has been a violation. And given the
25 history of this I know, you know, Judge Foley for a

1 long time, he's not a slap on the wrist kind of guy.
2 I know your perspective, what I'm hearing, is
3 different. We'll find out why it's different, if
4 there were elements of something that were missing so
5 that the penalty could not be exacted, but he is not
6 a lenient judge.

7 So at any rate from what you described
8 you have the reason to sign a trespassing complaint
9 and that ought to be...

10 MR. BYRNE: We're at our whits end, to be
11 honest.

12 MR. DAVISON: I can tell.

13 MR. BYRNE: We moved from Robbinsville
14 initially, loved the place, and now I hate coming
15 home.

16 COMMITTEEMAN KUCZINSKI: Right, it's not
17 going...

18 MR. BYRNE: I mean I feel sick. I'm
19 physically getting sick from this. I can't sleep.

20 MRS. BYRNE: My three-year old keeps
21 asking me, mom, why are these dogs coming onto our
22 property and running away, my three year old.

23 MR. BYRNE: And our kids love dogs and
24 they're young and they're in their yard and they want
25 to go and pet this dog, and this far from my son's

1 face (indicating)...

2 COMMITTEEMAN KUCZINSKI: You shouldn't
3 have to live like that. I agree with you 100
4 percent.

5 MR. BYRNE: What I was told it's the Wild
6 West or something out here, I just can't accept that.

7 MAYOR GRBELJA: I can't accept someone
8 like that telling me to shoot an animal either.

9 MR. BYRNE: I told them that I would be
10 on the front page of the newspaper the very next day.

11 MAYOR GRBELJA: I'm serious because I'll
12 tell you something, people may go around town and I
13 will get calls of somebody abusing an animal before
14 I'll get calls of them abusing a child. I mean it's
15 just that they have a very short fuse for that, and I
16 get a lot of calls about it.

17 So what we'll do is we'll have a
18 conversation about that.

19 MRS. BYRNE: Thank you.

20 MAYOR GRBELJA: I'm going to close the
21 public portion at 9:30.

22 Anybody have anything else to add? I'll
23 entertain a motion to adjourn.

24 COMMITTEEMAN MASCI: I'll move it.

25 MAYOR GRBELJA: Second?

1 COMMITTEEMAN KINSEY: I'll second.

2 MAYOR GRBELJA: All those in favor?

3 (Agreed by all.)

4 MAYOR GRBELJA: Opposed? Thank you and
5 have a great evening.

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