



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

### **Reading of Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

### **Flag Salute**

**ATTENDANCE:** Madelyn McCarroll, Bill Candell, Captain Edwards, Vilma Pombo, Jen Modica, Rick Eufrazio, Stefanie Facciolo, Suzanne Callinan, Karen Buckingham, Dawn Stimmel

**ABSENT:** Bill Candell, Suzanne Callinan, Chuck Marriner, Karen Buckingham

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2014

**On Motion By:** Vilma Pombo

**Seconded By:** Rick Eufrazio

**Approved:** Unanimous

### **1.) Accept various forms of ordinance suggestions for weather issues.**

No issues with the Ordinance suggestions. Madelyn will present to the Township Solicitor for his review and comments.

### **2.) Unfinished Business**

#### **Spay/Neuter Grant**

**Madelyn McCarroll:** Informed the board that the Township is not getting the PetSmart Grant this year for the feral cats. Will try again for next year. Our numbers of cats to the Shelter dropped from 33% strays to 17% while the last grant was in effect. She also said she would like to see Vets able to participate in the Feral Cat Spay/Neuter program, but they would have to agree to the lowest price.

She would like to also see if we could do a Target Grant. She would like to see us target Pit Bulls in our area as the shelter houses more of them than any other dog breed.

Our Township has \$9500 to use for spay/neutering. The Vets also participate in a State Program where a low income resident can get it done for \$10.00. The resident must contact the vet and get on a waiting list.

**Bill Candell:** Stated the Vets had been invited a few years back to participate in the feral cat spay/neutering, but none of them were interested due to the low fee payment. He thinks PetSmart will only permit you to file for Feral Cats or Targeted Animals, not both.

Bill said the Shelter has offered to do Feral Cats for Middle this year until we get the PetSmart Grant to continue.

**Suzanne Callinan:** Said that if we would send our \$9500 to the clinic, we would not run out of money. The money from all the municipalities is put in a common pot and lasts the whole year. However, there are income limits for residents on the Shelter money.

**Madelyn McCarroll:** What the Shelter is saying now is not what happened in the past, however, maybe something to consider. Said our contract is up next year and the Shelter feels Middle should pay more because they use it the most. This is all things to think about.

**Rabies Clinic, September 27, 2pm. Volunteers welcome!**

**Madelyn McCarroll:** The Board is doing an information table at the Clinic on Saturday. We will have a lot of information for the residents to take with them.

### 3.) Reports

**Rick and Cap: Hot Car**  
**Rick: Carol Erickson and Fund**

**Rick Eufrazio:** Rick said that over Labor Day Weekend Middle Township had a car on site at Rts 9 & 47 that had the sign showing the outside temp and the inside temp of a car. Channel 40 met with them at the site. AT the time the temp outside was 80 degrees, while the inside temp of the car was 104 degrees. Rick said he would like for the Animal Advisory Board to be able to purchase one of these signs. He has spoken with Tracey, the Township CFO to see if it would be possible for the Animal Board to do a fund raising and to have an account to set the monies up in. She felt depositing the monies into a General Fund would be too much work. He

said when he brought the idea up to the Mayor and the Chief, they both thought it was a good idea. The Chief suggested maybe going County wide with the idea. The sign would cost about \$2,000. He has a friend that would donate solar panels. He would also like to see an area on the sign where there could be scrolling that would tell about the different ventures that the Animal Board is doing. He would also like to see children incorporated into this. Said a lot of details need to be worked out for this. Hoping to hear from Tracey soon and we can get started on the fund raising.

He also said Carol Erickson from CBS 3 out of Philadelphia is very interested in what our committee is doing down here.

Rick said he has volunteered to consolidate any comments or suggestions from residents who have visited our webpage. He also said the FBI is starting to monitor animal cruelty.

### **Move Creation of Goals and Vision to January meeting.**

#### **Vilma, Suzann and Rick: Whitesboro Reunion**

**Suzanne Callinan:** Said the community outreach was good and she enjoyed collaborating with other animal groups. There were a lot of people who owned Pits that want to breed for money. Turn out all in all was good.

**Vilma Pombo:** Suggested that the Township do another Animal Awareness Day like we did a couple of years ago at the MLK Center.

**Jen Modica:** The Dog Breeders Show has a lot of educational services at the show for the public.

**Madelyn McCarroll:** Wants to make sure our site has a lot of information for the public. Would like for it to be a resource for people to come to our website.

She also had attempted reach out to the campgrounds and mobile home parks so they are not dumping grounds for animals. However, was not received very well.

**Bill Candell:** Hideaway Beach, which is private property and is a condo campground went to court regarding their cat population. They had asked Bill if he would be willing to trap the cats there. However, the Shelter is full right now so he cannot trap yet.

**Madelyn McCarroll:** Would like to see the Township do a 3 year license for dogs. Would also like to see residents able to pay on line for the licenses. She has also spoken with the Mayor about having a "TOP DOG" contest.

Winning dog would get a free 1 year license and picture on the webpage. She would also like to have some good incentives for the winner of the contest.

Suggested that we also need to do something educational on Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Kits for pets.

For our Officer Bill video we will need a logo, consistent music and it should be about 60 seconds long.

#### **4.) New Business**

**Suzanne Callinan:** Is trying go meet with the Zoo Advisory Committee. She would like to make the spay/neuter information for domestic animals available at the Zoo.

**Madelyn McCarroll:** Would also like to see signage regarding County Shelter at the Zoo.

**Cancelling December Meeting** - Will discuss at November meeting.

#### **CMC Animal Shelter Board Meeting September 29**

**5.) Adjourn: On Motion By: Vilma Pombo  
Seconded By: Suzanne Callinan  
Meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM**