



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015**

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, Suzanne Callinan, Vilma Pombo, Dr. Hirsch, Rick Eufrazio, Jen Modica, Lizzy Holroyd, Chuck Marriner, Karen Buckingham, Dawn Stimmel

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Taryn Wilson, Dr. Mark Logan

**ABSENT:** Bill Candell, Stefanie Facciolo, Mary Creamer

Suzann Callinan: Signarama is doing the sign for the Animal Advisory Board that is to be posted at the Cape May County Park and Zoo. The sign will be posted in a triangle located between 2 walking trails. It will be double sided with cuts outs for children to place their heads for pictures. Letters had been sent to various animal groups to see if they would like to donate towards this sign, but no responses have been received.

Madelyn McCarroll: The police department has offered to let the Animal Advisory Board to share their table at the 4-H Fair in July. This would help greatly with the table having to be manned by Board members for the whole day as someone from the police will be there all day. We can put information on the table to be handed out.

Madelyn also spoke about the calls that come in for Animal Control. Said we need to look closely at them. A lot are for found dogs and cats, and quite a few are for barking dogs. Some calls are being sent to the same addresses numerous times.

Something needs to be done about animal abandonment. Dr. Hirsch said that is sometimes hard to prove. We need to get something put into an ordinance. Maybe get management to give out information on care of

animals.

She also spoke about the PetSmart Grant and said it is open until July 7<sup>th</sup> to reapply. Need to figure out how to make the grant appealing to be able to obtain the grant for Middle. She is starting to gather data on Feral cats to help in developing protocol.

Campgrounds have special issues..lost, strays and dogs left at the end of the season. She has made up flyers with information on them that she is going to deliver to the campgrounds that will tell people who and where our vets are located, who to call in case their pet is lost, and the many ways they can use to identify their pets. She will be delivering these flyers to the campgrounds in hope that they will display them in their front office. She would like to try to get across to people in campgrounds that if, at the end of the season, they no longer want to keep their pet, that they seek out resources of places in which to place the pet to be adopted out rather than just abandon it. She would eventually like to meet with campground owners to discuss these problems, but she has not had much luck in the past. After the campgrounds, her next endeavor is Mobile Home Parks. (See attached flyer)

Karen Buckingham said she has a friend that owns a campground. Maybe Madelyn could meet with them, and that may help get other campgrounds on board.

She also spoke about doing a calendar as a fund raiser using Court House the Cat and Flash, the Township Top Dog winner. This is something to think about for next year.

Rick Eufrazio: Stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of our ordinance was passed at last night's Township Committee meeting. Our ordinance does not specifically mention anything about constant dog barking. Something we need to look into.

Out account has been set up for the fund raising. We will need to raise anywhere from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for the sign. Rick would like to get something that has more capabilities than just giving the inside car temp and the outside temp. Maybe something that scrolls and we could do some advertising on it also. He is checking into that. Also want to work in conjunction with police department on leaving kids in hot cars.

Madelyn would like for us to think of a slogan that connects with pets or kids in hot cars...something catchy and short. It will be going on an 18X24 sign and she would like the lettering to be large enough for people to read.

Karen said maybe we could make up a flyer and send it home with the kids. Can maybe put a footnote to stop by the Zoo to see our sign.

Jen Modica: Is donating a 1985 Mercedes to be used to place our "Hot Car" sign on. The car is still in running condition, just needs a battery.

Discussion was held on it needing insurance, registration and licensing. We need to speak with someone in administration about how we would handle this.

Lizzy Holroyd: Said that CART (County Animal Response Team) is in need of more people to volunteer, especially during severe weather incidents where people have to leave their homes and they have pets that they are unwilling to leave. We need to make people aware that there are places to go that they can take their pets with them. She said that Elementary #2 is the preferred choice for people and their animals.

Dr. Logan said that during the last storm, they had dogs and cats in separate hallways away from each other and those sheltering the animals were the ones taking care of them.

Dr. Hirsch stated that people can also put their animals in the CERT trailer. Avalon also has a trailer, that during Sandy they moved to another area because our area was to have been evacuated. Maybe we could speak with them about moving the trailer inland into Middle during storms.

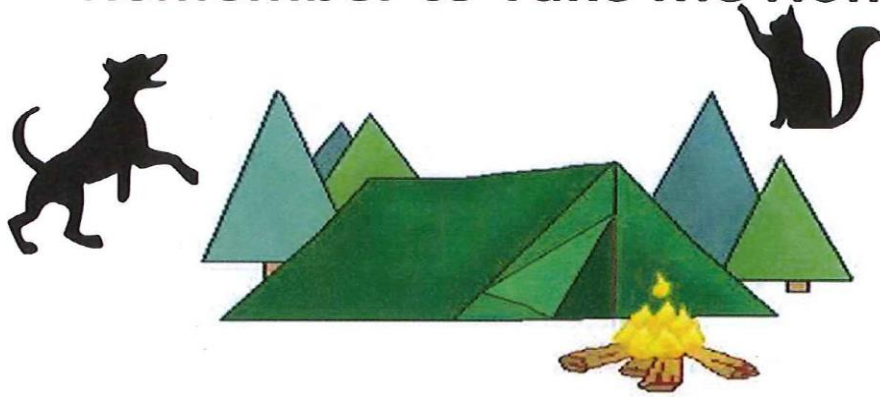
Chuck Marriner said the fire company relies on the county for procedures to follow during storms. Said the fire company is looking into setting up their own procedures.

Madelyn also brought up the incident regarding the rabid bat that was found in Middle. Said the state had sent out some kind of letter on how to handle rabid bats.

Dr, Logan said the letter came out about 10 to 14 days ago and is sent out every year.

**Adjourn: 6:09 PM**

# Remember to Take Me Home



Bay Cove Resorts, 35 Route 47 S, Cape May Court House 465-4433

## IDENTIFY

Microchip

Collar

Tag/ Rabies Tag

Tape local phone to tag

Tape location to tag

Photo of face and body

Photo of owner AND pet

## VET CARE

**Abri Animal Hosp** - 465-1368

38 Rte 47 S, CMCH

**Baysea Vet Hosp** - 886-2292

1127 Rte 47 S, Rio Grande

**Cape Vet Hosp** - 770-4133

305 Swainton Goshen Rd, CMCH

**Parkway Vet Hosp** - 465-5590

1173 Rte 9 S, CMCH

**South Paw Animal Hosp** - 465-9006

312 S Main St, CMCH

**Ocean View Vet Hosp** - 486-5025

2033 Rte 9 N, CMCH

## LOST

**Middle Township Police**

(609)465-8700

**M T Animal Control**

(609)465-8700

**CMC Animal Shelter**

(609)465-8923

**Animal Welfare Society**

(609)465-3403

