

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 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 McCarrol, ACO Candell, Karen Buckingham, Suzann Callinan, Rick Eufrasio, Lissy Holroyd, Chuck Marriner, Jen Modica, and Vilma Pombo.

Absent: Dawn Stimmel, Tim Donohue, Dr. Hirsch, Officer Creamer, and Stephanie Facciolo.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Motion made by Karen Buckingham and seconded by Chuck Marriner. Approval by all in attendance.

AGENDA:

1. Suzann - County Park Sign is up for kids and saw child having photo taken in "animal" with educational message featured in center. Other types of signs/messages can also be used. Zoo staff has agreed to keep box of literature stocked for visitors.

Madelyn - Police calls report for loose dogs 55 -60%, wild animal issues 30%, ACO Candell agreed to link to E-mail for future review. Spay Fund - Still have \$4750. available to low income and \$940. In

regular fund. Grant money will be pursued from other sources.  
National Night Out - space will be provided at table with Middle Twp.  
Dept. to be decided at future meeting. Hangout - via Google for July  
meeting with information to follow. Seniors - Health fair report.  
Outreach.

Vilma provided information on Dog Licenses for 2015. To date 590  
licenses issued. Last year, 2014, at this time 1188 licenses were  
issued for a total of 598 less this year. Partly because census count  
has been interrupted due to lack of staff and partly because dog  
owners haven't renewed licenses or attended rabies clinics. It was  
suggested that phone canvassing be done on expired licenses on a  
volunteer basis. This process will be investigated. Also suggested  
was a public notice in local newspapers.

ACO Candell reported on census to date. Future continuation will be  
done when staff available from Public Works back up. Other  
avenues will be pursued. Also regarding Wild Animal calls, part of  
the problem is/was due to construction e.g. crawl spaces open,  
openings in attics, etc. and were easily resolved.

#### OLD BUSINESS -

- a. School lesson plans. Madelyn will pursue and arrange for summer  
camps etc. Volunteers will be needed.
- b. Hot Car - Posters handed out to members to have put up at local  
businesses and Rick will investigate use of electronic sign again.
- c. Feral cats - ongoing. Need to identify locations of colonies and  
caretakers. ...to be continued.
- d. Campground flyers - Karen advised that Campground Owners  
have been very receptive and posters have been put up in most  
locations. There are only two more to be covered and Madelyn and  
ACO Candell will do that in the next week.

#### NEW BUSINESS -

- a. Animal Cruelty Initiative - Education Awareness package being developed for future use. Various issues to be addressed.
- b. SOP Manual - State of N.J. working on laws and Middle Twp. Is reviewing animal ordinances also. Several other municipalities have reached out for information on our ordinance.
- c. Wildlife - ACO Candell advised that USF&W are responsible for most wildlife e.g. foxes, skunks, birds, etc.
- d. Chip Clinic - no funding available but further investigation will be done.
- e. Hospice Support - locating foster homes or adoptions rather than sending family pet to local shelter which would be very traumatic for the animal as well as the family involved. Many groups are available to handle this issue.
- f. Spout Off in Herald - members encouraged to use this venue to keep animal issues in the news and to generate other public comments.
- g. Anything else - Vilma said she was approached about dogs running loose on Bay Beaches and chasing threatened and endangered species. ACO Candell advised that this should be reported to the Police Dept. for dispatch. Also suggestions were made for signage on beaches that are closed during Spring Migrations, especially T&E species. This will be explored for next year. In addition, it was suggested that local Campground Owners and property owners be sent mailings or be contacted.

Madelyn requested volunteers contact her for the 4H Fair at the table hosted by the Police Dept. on July 16th, 17th & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned on motion made by Jen Modica and ACO Candell and all members of board at 6.25 PM.

Acting Secretary - Vilma Pombo