



MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:00PM

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: Jen Modica, ACO Candell, Karen Buckingham, Crystal Blackburn, Lissy Holroyd, Tarin Mason, Chuck Marriner, Madelyn McCarroll, Monica Sopuch, Dawn Stimmel, Dr. Grant, James Loftus

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: September 25, 2017

**On Motion By: Tarin Mason 2nd By: Crystal Blackburn
Approved by all.**

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Rabies Clinic and locations. See attached report for September Free Rabies Clinic.

Discussion on Rabies Clinic and location. We had voted at last meeting to hold them all at the public works garage, but Madelyn brought up a point that some people come on buses with their animals, which can present a problem. Keep the first one, which is highly attended at public works, and maybe do the 3rd one, which is not so highly attended, at a firehouse, or the MLK Center. To hold at firehouse, we would need to write a letter and ask if we could hold one there. January clinic will be at public works garage. Will decide others at a later meeting.

Harvest Fest: Need a banner to hang on table, something lite weight. Can get a decent banner at Vista Print for around \$40 or \$50. Also need some kind of cover when doing events. Several said they had tents that they will bring in the future. Handed out packets rather than separate flyers. Need to think of a better way to get the info out there. Felt packets were good, but needed a banner to hang so people knew who we were. Need to put out more info on how to make the houses for cats, something that people were very interested in. Maybe make a couple to put on display. Would like our old location on the corner back, did not like the location behind the trailer. Had much more of an interest from people when we were on the corner.

Board Manual: Madelyn forwarded the board a copy where she had typed up and fixed some of the corrections. Jen feels we do not need board members names...just need titles. We have 4 advisors, a vice, a chair and the board secretary and 7 board members. Madelyn disagreed about the listing of former board members because she feels they are resources. She based the manual on one that was a standard manual for the non-profits, and they list the board members by name. Decided to put former and current members on the back page of the manual. All agreed.

On the page "Board Member Agreement" Jen stated that being on this board also means volunteering for tabling events. The same people do it over and over, when the whole board should be involved. Would like each member to give time for one or two of the events each year. We all have the dates in advance of when the events are happening. Tabling events that we do are listed in the manual. Under Meetings: #1 would like to change the wording to read "Prepare for, regularly attend and participate in board meetings, committee meetings, volunteering at events and other MTAAB activities."

Motion made to accept:

Motion: Chuck Marriner 2nd by: Madelyn McCarroll Approved by all.

On the page "Tabling Opportunities" Jen made changes to the title - "Events & Opportunities" because we do Rabies Clinics. Adding the 3 Rabies Clinics onto list. Other opportunities we have that we may choose to do the Senior Center, Whitesboro Reunion and Christmas in Court House. The dates are posted each year at the beginning of the year, so we are all aware of those dates. The opportunities we would discuss further at meetings if anyone would be interested in doing them.

Motion made to accept:

Motion: Chuck Marriner 2nd By Crystal Blackburn Approved by all

Tarin questioned if we could have more members than 7 on the board. She spoke with someone at the Harvest Fest that was interested in being on our board. Madelyn explained the number of board members is mandated by the Committee. In order to remove anyone, we would have to make the recommendation to the Committee and it would have to be approved by them. Suggested maybe the woman would be interested in volunteering until she would be able to get on the board. Madelyn explained people can volunteer and still attend our meetings, whether they are board members or not. That shows an interest that when we do need board members, they are already showing an interest.

On the page "Board Members" Jen suggested under item 15 would like to see volunteering events added to that paragraph. Chuck brought up that under Item 15 we cannot do anyway, because we do not have the power to remove anyone. We can recommend, but we cannot remove. Item #14 is the same... #15 should read: A Member who misses two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or volunteering of events of the Board without prior notification of intended absence delivering an explanation to the Chair or his or her designee prior to such meetings, or who misses three consecutive meetings, or volunteering events, regardless of notification, may be removed by affirmative vote of at least 2/3's of the members present in order to forward recommendations in consideration of removal by Township Committee.

Motion made to accept changes to Items #14 & #15.

Motion: Chuck Marriner 2nd by: Crystal Blackburn

On the page "By Vote" Jen does not feel #5 on that page "Board may choose to answer public comments/questions at subsequent meeting" should either be reworded or

taken out. Madelyn explained this was put in to optimize veterinary and animal control time and that we did not become bogged down with people making public comments. We can't not answer the public, but we do not have to answer them at that moment. We can take their question, schedule it for the next board meeting and answer it and then we do not run into exclusive time. ACO Candell suggested using "Board may choose to table the answering of public comments or questions until a subsequent meeting in the interest of expediency."

Motion: Madelyn McCarroll 2nd By: Crystal Blackburn

Madelyn is going to email Jen the manual in word form so she can make corrections. After corrections are made, we will vote on manual.

Ordinance and Dog Park: We were asked to try to get some dog park rules and regulations together. Everyone has a copy of the City of Cape May's rules and Dawn will email everyone the Ocean City rules. Everyone review and at the next meeting or via email, members can comment on their ideas for our Ordinance.

ACO Report: Attended the International Veterinary Forensic Science Association in New York back in May. Very informative and geared to Vets....invitation was also sent to include Animal Control Officers and other animal professionals besides just Veterinarians. Programs included Use of Forensics in Animal Cruelty Investigations, which was very interesting and informative; Cruelty Detection and Investigations; came away with some ideas such as setting up a reward pool....maybe do a fund raiser for a reward pool. Our #1 act of cruelty is abandoned dog cases and if we had a reward as an incentive it may help in the prosecution of these cases, which is the hardest to prosecute. Things encouraged were to get Veterinarians to join the Forensic Science Association, which is a growing field. It also educated veterinarians as to some of the jobs animal control officers do. Had Presenters from the US, Canada and China. He wants to speak with VanDrew's office about as to whether pets are included in restraining orders and domestic violence orders. There is also a link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Encourages everyone to go into the ASPCA website and google the link.

Has given dog houses and items needed to help peoples animals and to help keep them compliant with the laws.

Spoke about the Pro Team in the ASPCA.

Canadian law is strict. You can be indicted there for withholding food from an animal. Fine very stiff.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

Motion to Adjourn

On Motion By: Tarin Mason

2nd By: Chuck Marriner

Meeting adjourned 6:05 PM

FREE RABIES CLINIC
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

VACCINES GIVEN

DOGS - 54

CATS – 17

DOG LICENSES SOLD

24

12 – 3 YEAR LICENSES

DONATIONS

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