



**MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

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: Jen Modica, ACO Candell, Monica Sopuch, Dawn Stimmel, Jason Sweitzer

ABSENT: Crystal Blackburn, Dr. Grant, Kyle Lindholm, James Loftus, Tarin Mason, George Spadea, , Chuck Marriner, Karen Buckingham

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: JUNE 25, 2018

On Motion By: Bill Candell 2nd By: Monica Sopuch

Approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill gave overview on Work Session – was asked to do a little more research – basically there was some back and forth among committee that maybe we were being to stringent on our insurance rules for the Dog Park, but yet in his research he found that North Wildwood had same info about liability insurance that we have. Their Ordinance is 3 years old. Jen said Cape May also has it. Jen said we are here to protect the Township, not the homeowner, so it will be on the homeowner. Info in our paperwork is adequate and sufficient to get the liability off the Township.

RABIES CLINICS – Next clinic is this Saturday, September 29th from 2 to 3 at Township Public Works Garage. We have enough help for this clinic.

HARVEST FEST – Need volunteers. Monica said she can do a couple of hours.

GRANTS – Pet Smart Grant has been submitted.

DISASTER PLAN – Jen had sent out info on Disaster Plan for all to review....will start discussing at next meeting after all have a chance to review. Has to do with Animal Shelter and Zoo animals, as well as any animals in the Township during a disaster.

Bill did get to attend the Shelter Meeting. Madelyn attended for him, Bill gave 3rd hand reporting – said apparently the Shelter’s new software for the Shelter is still not

up and running...said too cumbersome to get all the ACO's trained. Info on it is animals coming into Shelter, what goes on with them, their final disposition, who adopts them-who reclaims them, etc.

Jen said Madelyn said we had more cats taken in for Middle this year than other years - Bill said still questionable the way they are tabulated. Said we did get the OK to start our TNR Program with volunteers.

Was going to revisit the Cat Committee per George's request, but he is not here....going to see if he would like to Chair that Committee. Only problem is his new job schedule....but George has an idea how he can make it work.

Motion to Adjourn

On Motion By: Bill Candell

2nd By: Monica Sopuch

Meeting adjourned 5:22 PM