

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:01 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, Dawn Stimmel, Chuck Marriner, Jason Sweitzer

ABSENT: Karen Buckingham, Monica Sopuch, Crystal Blackburn, Dr. Grant, James Loftus, Kyle Lindholm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 17, 2019

ON MOTION BY: Chuck Marriner **SECONDED BY:** Bill Candell

OLD BUSINESS:

Rabies Clinic - September 21, 2019

Dawn gave the report of the Free Rabies Clinic held on September 21. Total vaccines given were 76: 61 dogs – 32 not Middle Twp residents; 29 Middle Township dogs – 15 cats. Twelve dog licenses were sold and 8 of them were 3-year licenses.

- * **Grants** Nothing new to report
- * Cat Committee No report -

Jen commented that at our last meeting George had been talking about a FB page and doing some fund raising, If he makes it later in the meeting, he can then give his report.

* **Meeting Dates** - Next meeting will be in February. Needs to know what works for everyone.

Jen asked Chuck about if he spoke with Animal Shelter about the calendars they were supposed to do. Chuck said he has been unable to find anything out, and Michael Clark was trying to help him get some information. Said he heard the calendars

were out there, but they have been unable to locate them.

Jen asked Bill about Old Stagecoach Campground. Bill said it was just about a couple of people there that needed help with feral cats. Also, a lot of cats at Cape Counseling which is located around the Smeltzer's area.

New Business

* Discussion of New Members

Jen spoke of open positions on the board, need to replace those that do not show up. Asked Bill if he could reach out to the different Vets to see who would be interested in being on the Board as Dr. Grant has not been to a meeting for over a year. Asked members if they knew of anyone that would be interested to let us know.

Spoke of Rabies Clinics for next year. Will hold the 1st one at the MLK Center. Will get the 2020 dates scheduled after Bill talks to the Vets.

Old Business

Jen spoke of new park in Rio Grande, which will hold a dog park. Will need to get things started on this.

Bring your dog to work day was held June 21st at Township Hall.

Comments

Bill spoke of tethering law and would like to see our government do more, like a Resolution requesting a change to the States ordinance. Our ordinance states dogs cannot be outside in inclement weather, chained or not chained. Our ordinance was never approved, so we cannot enforce it, we have to go by the one passed by the State, which only states tethered dogs. We need to do a letter to Senate and Assembly to change wording to "dogs outside". Jason said that law needs to be changed through the State. Jen asked Bill to send her wording for the Resolution we would like to ask the Committee to approve.

Motion to Adjourn
On Motion By: Chuck Marriner
2nd By: Jason Sweitzer
Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM