

Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2006 7PM

Members Attending: Ed Varga, Bud Alexander, Jeanette Everett, Richard Klasen, Patrick McNulty, Jerry Rivard, Lynda Sugasa

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7pm.

Public Participation: Betty Schlieben, County Board members Tina Hill and John Jung Jr.

Bud Alexander moved to approve the minutes of the June 7th 2006 meeting.
Second by Lynda Sugasa. Motion passed.

New Business: Clarifications on the Dangerous and Vicious dog Recommendation forwarded from the Dangerous and Vicious dog Task Force.

- 1) Fines for an unregistered dog: This committee recommended keeping the changes.
- 2) Fines for unregistered dog running freely in or near a school yard or park (except dog parks). This committee recommended keeping these changes.
- 3) A one year registration fee for an unaltered dog. This committee recommended to keep the changes that were made at the April Advisory Committee meeting
- 4) A three year registration fee for an unaltered dog. This committee recommended keeping the changes that were made at the April Advisory Committee.
- 5) A dog declared dangerous or vicious will be required to wear an identifying collar. Bud Alexander moved to have this stricken from the record. Seconded by Jeanette Everett. Voice vote, motion passed.
- 6) Two signs shall be posted on an owner's property warning the public on dangerous/vicious dog. This committee recommended keeping these changes and the signs be provided by animal control.
- 7) All dog owners must show proof of micro chipping at time of registration. No consensus was reached regarding Micro chipping.
- 8) Recommend the Board of Health consider a review of their budget to allow for additional animal control officers to enable on call responders 7 days a week/365 days a year during day light hours. This committee recommended removal of the words (on call).

- 9) Recommended a minimum fine of \$50 for all dogs reported to be running at large with no Animal Control intervention. This is already being done with tickets given by Animal Control Officers.
- 10) Recommend fines for dogs running at large when Animal Control intervenes will be set at \$150 for the first offense, \$300 for the second and for the third offense the fine will not exceed \$1,000. This committee recommends is to change the wording (set at) to (up to).

Farm cat exemptions:

Some committee members felt that there should be a limit to how many cats per farm should be exempt from registration. Linda Sugasa made a suggestion of 25 cats. No consensus was reached regarding the number of cats. Pat McNulty suggested having these cats micro chipped and spay/neutered. This Committee agreed to just exempt farm cats from this for now.

This committee agreed to exempt farm cats from McHenry County Registration. The definition of a farm cat should read: A cat or cats that live on a working farm.

Breeder fees, registration:

This committee agreed to leave Breeder fees, Registration as agreed upon in the last advisory meeting.

Proposed New Animal Control Facility Update:

Pat McNulty stated that the Finance Committee met last Tuesday and they came up with a number of 2.8 million dollars for a new facility. The Crystal Lake facility (State Farm Building) has a cost of 3.4 million dollars with remodeling costs. They have until July 19th for the contract with this facility. Tina Hill stated that her committee is mainly looking at two options. The Crystal Lake facility and building on campus. To utilize the facility in Crystal Lake they are looking at a time line of inside 1 year. At a cost of 3.7 Million. To build on campus they are looking at a time line of two years at a cost of 2.5 to 2.8 million dollars. She stated that they still have a couple more places to look at but she believes these are the two options that will be brought forward to the next county board meeting.

Information:

Animal Control Monthly statistics: Jerry Rivard stated that Animal Control Volunteer hours are at 327 for the month of June. Rick Klasen stated that our Volunteer hours have doubled since last year. There was an overwhelming concessive that this was due to the great job put forth by the Volunteer Program Coordinator, Kara Plonczynski

Motion to adjourn the Meeting by Rick Klasen and Second by Jerry Rivard, motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday July 5th, 2006