

Animal Control Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 4th, 2007

Chairman Ed Varga called the Animal Control Advisory Committee Meeting to Order at the Health Department at approximately 7:00 pm. Board Members present were: Ed Varga, Patrick McNulty, Joe Kozlowski, Jeannette Everett, Sara Denham, Bud Alexander, Jerry Rivard, and Dr. Edin Mehanovic

Members not in attendance: Anna May Miller

**Public Comments**

None

Bud Alexander **moved** to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2007 meeting, **second** by Joe Kozlowski. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Old Business**

Ed Varga mentioned that at its March 26, 2007 meeting, the Board of Health unanimously moved to reintroduce cat registration. The fee structure will be revised before it is presented to the County Board.

The committee agreed on putting forth fee changes for dog and cat adoption. The recommended change for dogs over 25 pounds is \$125.00, for toy breeds less than 25 pounds is \$150.00, cats over 6 months of age is \$80.00 and Kittens 6 months or younger is \$100.00.

Jerry Rivard **moved** to recommend the fee changes to the Board of Health, **second** by Joe Kozlowski. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Pat McNulty explained that the new building cost proposal was over budget. The Building Project Committee and the architect will meet on April 16, 2007 at the Crystal Lake facility to discuss the additional renovation costs.

The committee recommended that Kara Ploczynski work with the area schools to suggest new names for the Animal Control division that convey the health, safety, welfare, enforcement and adoption components.

**New Business**

The committee reviewed the adoption refusal policy. They suggested eliminating the section that reads "provided that both parents agree on the acquirement of the animal." They added the phrase "all decisions are subject to appeal through the Public Health Administrator, Patrick McNulty."

Jerry Rivard showed the new Breeder Registration Form to the committee. He explained how breeders are able to get a lower fee and presented a way that Animal Control could track McHenry County dog breeders.

#### **Other Business**

Jerry Rivard stated that Animal Control will soon present changes to the fee structure of the dog registration tags. They will be looking at removing the Micro-chip discount in an effort to lessen the veterinarian's office's confusion of the 19 new and different fees.

#### **Adjournment**

Sara Denham **moved** to adjourn the meeting, **second** by Jeannette Everett. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2007. (Canceled)