

Animal Control Board Minutes

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3rd Qtr Meeting

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Date: June 30th, 2011
Location: City Hall Council Chambers
Time: 6:00 PM

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

ROLLCALL

Attending:

Assistant Chief Williams Chairman
Alijah Hunter Animal Control
Phillip Jankowski City Council
Rex Bailey Veterinarian

Absent:

Vacant Humane Society Representative

The determination of a quorum was made.

Minutes of the last Animal Board meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Review of the Michigan City Animal Control Activities:

Due to technical issues with Alijah's laptop he was unable to pull his report, furthermore Bruce Wren was absent for a funeral and could not be reached for report submittal. The Animal Report will be gathered in July and disseminated via E-mail. The report will also be reviewed during the 3rd Qtr Meeting.

Dog Impounds: unk
Cat Impounds: unk
Transported to LaPorte Small Animal Shelter: unk
Euthanized: unk
Citations Issued: unk
Cat Trap Set: unk
Ordinance Citations Issued: unk

Outstanding investigations to report: unk

Critical incidents to report: unk

New Business:

Alijah Hunter advised that he continues to work on the District #1 Disaster Plan along with Dyer Animal Control, Humane Society of Calumet and other agencies. Training is also being coordinated.

Alijah advised that he was on the Michigan City FYI Show last night and passed along information regarding fireworks and the affect it has on animals.

I, Royce Williams advised that I have conferred with the Mayor reference to the TNR Program and he sustained his commitment again as long as the cat colonies (free roaming) don't present a threat of danger or disease.

The Ordinances reference to how many animals a resident may have still stands and will be enforced.

City Councilman Phillip Jankowski inquired on how the Animal Control transition is coming along, both I and Alijah Hunter reported that the transition was very smooth and that Alijah maintains an office and phone extension within the Michigan City Police Department. The practice is the same; once he reports to work he checks his phone messages for animal complaints and starts his day. One change was getting case numbers assigned to all tickets and reports for better tracking and organization.

There was No unfinished business.

Comments from the Public:

1. Name inaudible (2206 Maple St.) — Subject asked if a stray cat or dog is captured, how long do we keep them prior to being euthanized? Also, are there any Dog Rescue Organizations that we work with to get some of these dogs?
 - a. Alijah replies that if the animal has no tags/ID then they hold them for 3 days, after that they are transported to the LaPorte County Small Animal Shelter, if the shelter has no room then the animal can be euthanized. For animal with tags/ID the veterinarian or owner is contacted and told what the procedures are to get their animal back. Reference to the dog rescue groups we have worked with "Mixed Up Mutts" in the past, but for the most part there is a prevalence of CAT rescue operations rather than dog rescue operation that we are aware of.
 - b. I, Royce Williams offered this individual a copy of all Michigan City Animal Ordinances.
2. Name & Address inaudible — She advised that she can put us in contact with people and/or organizations that will rescue dogs.
 - a. I, Royce Williams accepted this assistance and requested a round table meeting in the last week of July to discuss.

Comments from the Board:

I welcomed Dr. Rex Bailey back after being absent for some time.

The next Board meeting will be announced via e-mail

The Animal Advisory Board formally adjourned

Royce Williams

Assistant Chief of Police