

Michigan City Animal Control Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2009

6:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers

The third Quarter meeting of the Animal Control Board Control Board started as scheduled. It was noted that no one from the public was in attendance.

Roll call noted the following members in attendance:

John F. Kintzele	Present	(Chief of Police Representative)
Phil Jankowski	Present	(City Common Council Rep)
Shandra Niswander	Present	(Humane Society Rep)
Dr Rex Bailey	Present	(Licensed Veterinarian)
Alijah Hunter	absent	(Animal Control Officer)

The Board thanked Brian Godfrey for his time and devotion as a member of the Animal Control Board. We were informed that Brian has assumed duties as the President of the Humane Society, and we wish him well.

The Board extended a hearty welcome to the newly appointed Humane Society Representative Shandra Niswander.

It was explained that Mr. Hunter was excused from the meeting, because he was feeling ill, and out of consideration for other Board members he was asked not to attend by Assistant Chief Kintzele.

The board reviewed a report submitted by Alijah Hunter regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr cumulative totals. The Report was accepted as given with the following questions submitted for Clarification:

- 93 Dogs were impounded in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. 48 Dogs were transported
  - What was the disposition of the other 45 dogs?
  - What was the disposition of the cats?
- What were the reasons for the animals euthanized?

- Where any of the abuse and dog fighting complaints confirmed? Were charges filed?
- Why were the traps set?

These questions have been submitted to Alijah and he will submit a written response.

Final clarification / disposition of the City agreement relating to sharing of funds with the Humane Society should be available at the next Animal Control Board meeting.

A general discussion regarding animal trends was held. The economy seems to be reducing the amount of animals that that receive care for injuries. There is a trend of persons abandoning horses, or seeking persons willing to adopt them.

The Humane society has several animals that need good homes.

The next meeting of the Animal Control Board (final regular meeting of 2009) is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

Meeting was adjourned.

