

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Clinton County Board Room

July 8, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Ann Schroeder, Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ann Schroeder.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Committee Members Present: Ann Schroeder, Mike Hilmes and Joe Jansen

Also Present: Administrator Kenny “Doc” Brown and Animal Control Warden Tony Petrea

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Joe Jansen. Seconded by Mike Hilmes.

ANIMAL CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (KENNY “DOC” BROWN) AND WARDEN REPORT (TONY PETREA)

- Doc Brown distributed the Administrator’s Report and Rabies Tag Report.
- A discussion was held regarding a dump case in Wamac. Charges are being filed by Wamac Police Dept.
- A discussion was held regarding the animals currently held in the facility. All kennels are currently full with 20 dogs being house in 18 kennels, some being puppies.
- Tony reported that 1 citation for \$75.00 was issued in June, and there were 2 bite cases. Online rabies tags are going well.
- Work has started on rearranging and reassembling the cat cages on the platforms that were delivered in May.
- The ShelterLuv program has greatly increased efficiency in keeping track of impounded animals and care provided. It has reduced the amount of paper record keeping except for drug and medical records needing to be kept.
- Doc noted that there are openings in the walls between the kennels allowing smaller dogs to get into adjacent kennels. He is going to see what needs to get done, and Joe Jansen said he will take care of getting whatever is needed to make the repairs.
- Doc said that it would be helpful to have an ordinance so that if someone surrenders a litter, they will have to agree to have the mother spayed. It was agreed upon by the committee to create an ordinance.
- A discussion was held regarding the extra hours the kennel aides have had to put in to care for the animals. On motion made by Mike Hilmes, and seconded by Joe Jansen, it was approved to hire additional part-time help. Tony will prepare a jot form for online applications. Doc added that there has been an increase in call-outs to AC which Tony has had to respond to, in addition to the dumped animals, cat trappings, bite cases, complaints, running specimens to Carbondale, running at large, etc. More than 50% of Tony’s work is out of office work. Mike Hilmes suggested posting only Tony’s hours on the exterior of the building, not the aides’ hours. People will then be aware of hours that the Warden will be there. If Tony has to leave for an emergency, he can note that on the door. It was suggested to have the highway department make a sign to replace the one currently on County Farm Rd. since it is no longer reflective. They could also make the sign to hang on the building noting the Warden’s hours.
- Doc said that he feels the public’s perception of Animal Control has improved. With animals being held longer at the facility, AC no longer has the negative impression as a kill shelter.
- A discussion was held regarding the need to hire an Asst. Warden and whether the funds are available to do so.
- Doc talked about the possibility of creating a 501C where we could take in funds for spay and neuters. Vouchers could be given to people to be used at the veterinarian offices. This would help control the animal population.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILL AND EXPENDIURES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hilmes. Seconded by Joe Jansen. Motion carried.