

TOWN OF BRANFORD
DAN COSGROVE ANIMAL COMMISSION MINUTES
February 20, 2024

Present: Marilyn Vailette, Gretchen Dale, Laurie Van Wilgen, Melodie O'Connor, John Dendas, Eric Maass, Bernice McKay

Guest: Laura Burban

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Minutes from the last meeting- were reviewed Melodie O'Connor made a motion to approve. John Dendas seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Annual Report- was reviewed by the whole commission. Gretchen Dale made a motion to accept the annual report. Melodie O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Budget Discussion- It appears that due to some budget constraints the shelter will not be able to hire Kara full time. We discussed looking for a grant to possibly cover the cost.

Shelter Update- - There still seems to be a major problem with the cleaning of the shelter. Restrooms are poorly cleaned, and many areas are poorly vacuumed or not vacuumed at all. This has been brought to the attention of the supervisor on multiple occasions, but it has not been rectified. The music system that was paid for and up and working in the early months of the new shelter and was installed to have a calming effect on the animals. It has been reported several times but is still not working. We need to get this up and working and Laura Burban should have access to the APP for the music selection that runs it. The splash pad is still not finished. It needs some final finishing so we can use it this year. Several requests have been put in for the installers to come back and finish the splash pad but there has been no response.

Marilyn said she would write a letter to Jamie Cosgrove asking for these things to be rectified/repaired.

Fundraisers

The Stop and Shop event raised \$730.

The Puppy Love Event is coming up in a few days and there are still tickets available.

On March 21st there will be a 5K Run in Madison that will benefit the shelter. There has already been some good publicity on this.

Marilyn Vailette
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

2024 FEB 21 P 3:37

RECEIVED

The Parthenon Restaurant has offered to have a Mother's Day event with Proceeds going to the DCAS shelter.

There was continued discussion about the difficulty of getting tickets for our events on the website. Melodie O'Connior, Matrilyn Valette and Bernice McKay have agreed to work as a committee to see if they work on the website to make it easier for people to purchase tickets.

Melodie O'Connior made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie VanWilgen seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dale

Secretary

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter Commission