

## **Animal Control Board**

### **Minutes of May 10, 2018 Meeting**

The Watertown Animal Control Board meet on May 10, 2018 at the Watertown Police Department Community Room. The meeting was call to order by the President, Mark Rieb at 2:00 pm. Members present included Dan Miller, Mark Rieb, Beth Mantey, and Krisma DeWitt. Also attending was the Animal Control Officer Chris Christenson, Councilman Glen Villhauer, and City Attorney Matt Roby.

Minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Beth Mantey and a second by Krisma DeWitt.

The major item of discussion was revisions to existing Watertown Ordinance 3.0103 Vicious Dogs. Members had reviewed and article discussing Virginia State codes concerning Viscous versus Dangerous Dog designations. Discussion ensued concerning the applicability of making such a delineation for Watertown. Mark Rieb provided additional information concerning Sioux Falls, SD and Manhattan, KS. No there were no similar ordinances in these two municipalities. Mark will continue to search for similar ordinances in other municipalities. The board discussed the need to delineate the current Watertown ordinance into vicious dog and dangerous dog designations. Members of the board agreed that this was something that needed to be pursued. Some of the considerations that were discussed were the lack of any ordinance pertaining to dog on animal cases, procedures for Law Enforcement to deal with vicious dogs, and additional penalties to owns for repeat offenses by owned dogs. Matt Roby was asked to draft a proposed change to the ordinance for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Next meeting will be June 21, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the Watertown Police Department Community Room. Chris Christenson will reserve the space. Dan Miller will ensure public notice of the meeting occurs.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krisma DeWitt