

**DENMARK VILLAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016
4:30 PM, DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Vince Wertel at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Vince Wertel, Alan Schilke, Paul Hergarten

Staff Present: Sherri Konkol, Kim Coogle, DEO Dan Delebreaux,

DISCUSS THE OPTION OF USING THE TNR (TRAP NEUTER RETURN) METHOD TO HELP CONTROL THE NUMBER OF CATS IN THE VILLAGE

Chairperson Wertel turned the floor over to Monica Hoff of Cats Anonymous:

Hoff introduced herself as a member of Cats Anonymous and a Wisconsin State Certified Humane Officer. She is currently the Humane Officer for 5 municipalities in our area. Hoff then gave a Power Point presentation on Feral Cats, Trap Neuter Return, Another Option, and shared with the Committee that there have been 540 kittens at the shelter so far this year. Some of the points she brought up were:

- A feral cat is born and raised outside with little or no human contact or a stray that has lived outside long enough to revert to a wild state, usually cannot be tamed and are most content living outside
- Characteristics of feral vs. tame cats
- Colonies of cats do exist, and they originate from failure to spay/neuter
- What doesn't seem to work to control the number of cats: Trap and euthanize proven ineffective, trap and remove unrealistic, do nothing/feeding bans.

Benefits of TNR

- The breeding cycle stops
- The cats are healthy and vaccinated
- Reduces annoying behaviors
- The cats roam less
- The colony size decreases over time
- Tax savings-resources
- Rat abatement
- More humane
- Citizen support/colony management

Who TNR is effective:

- Long-term impact on feral population due to monitoring
- New arrivals are trapped when identified
- Citizen support results in more cats being reported to animal control

What Cats Anonymous does:

- Focus on TNR and colony management
- Work with local vets
- Fundraising
- Hold monthly spay clinic, Cats (50-90) receive rabies shot, distemper shot, are spayed/neutered, treated for fleas and ear mites, left ear is tipped.
- Since the time that the group has emerged from a dispute over shooting cats as a population control in 2005, Cats Anonymous has sterilized over 9,000 cats

Discussion

The question was asked as to what the total cost is, and Hoff explained that \$50 covers the total cost. She explained that she is the Humane Officer for the Town of Pittsfield, and that they endorse TNR, but do not have enough funds to pay the fees, so they just give a donation to Cats Anonymous at the end of the year. Monica made some suggestions as to what the village could do, as the Village does not have a cat ordinance, and maybe does not want to change things:

- Have a lost and found at the Village Hall with pictures of the cats that are stray and possible tame
- Residents could put an Ultrasonic Cat Deterrent around their decks, gardens, or flower beds to keep the cats away.

After committee discussion, there seems to be some confusion on the cost of what this might be to the Village, so there is no recommendation to the Village Board at this time until the cost can be looked into further.

DISCUSS ALLOWING GOLF CARTS/ATV'S ON VILLAGE STREETS

Chairperson Wertel stated he reached out the Village of Reedsville and the City of Brillion President's to see how they felt about allowing Golf Carts/ATV's on streets. He stated he got very positive feedback from them.

Discussion

- To drive golf carts you need to be 16 years old with a driver's license
- ATV's are DNR regulated
- Golf carts need to be registered
- Do the golf carts/AVT's require a slow moving vehicle sign
- The Village does not currently have an ordinance that allows golf carts/ATV's on village streets
- Golf carts/ATV's are not allowed on Highway 10 on County Highway W in the Village of Reedsville.
- Golf carts/ATV's are allowed only on streets with a 35 mile per hour speed limit in the Village of Reedsville

Delebreaux

- Has safety concerns
- Other forms of transportation are allowed on Village streets such as bikes, mopeds and cars
- How does this benefit the Village
- Reedsville has a campground, and Delebreaux stated that he could see where golf carts would be useful
- Will the Village be responsible for endorsement
- How many people in the Village have golf carts or ATV's that an ordinance should be considered
- It would be more beneficial to a smaller rural community
- The Village is on major thoroughfares

Recommendation to the Village Board is to not allow Golf Carts/ATV's on Village Streets, and at this time not consider creating an ordinance to allow them.

ADJOURN

Hargarten/Schilke moved to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk.