

**City of Bedford
Animal Shelter Advisory Board Minutes September 1st, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

Dr. Susan Read called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Animal Shelter Advisory Board minutes:

a) March 17th, 2021

Dr. Susan Read advised the first order of business was to review the minutes from the last meeting, Dr. Susan Read asked if there were changes needed or approve as written.

Susan Read made the motion to approve the minutes as written and

Karen Killian seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Dr. Susan Read advised the first order of business was to review the animal shelter stats and asked for comments. Karen Killian said staff is still doing a great job, even with the permanent loss of the 6th officer. Karen asked if a measurement could be taken to determine how long the shelter is housing feral cats. Senior Officer Jakubik stated that a report could be generated, though may not be precise because our stats don't identify feral vs. non feral. The report will be based on cats that were taken by known feral cat rescues and people who are known to adopt feral cats for rural communities. Ms Killian stated that she's concerned that with the loss of the 6th officer and staff still caring for ferals, is this practice still the best use of staff's time and will it take time away from caring for adoptable animals. Michelle Watson stated that she is also aware that with the reduced staffing, staff is keeping up with the work load. Michelle Watson confirmed with Supervisor Mark Bellinghausen that money is not in the budget to hire a 6th person.

3. Karen Killian asked for the shelter update in regards to rebuilding the volunteer program post COVID. Mark Bellinghausen stated that VIPs are have returned to service and the shelter is looking for new volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Susan Read moved to adjourn the meeting. Karen Killian seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourn at 1:38pm.

Chairperson Dr. Susan Read

Date Approved