

SAN FRANCISCO TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

November 15 2018

A special town meeting was held on November 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Town Hall, 17380 Homestead Road, Carver, MN 55315. The purpose of the meeting is to request the town electors to adopt a resolution to exercise their authority under Minnesota Statutes, section 365.10, subdivisions 1a, 3, 13 and 17 to authorize the Town Board to establish a pound and to adopt regulations related to animals running at large, including the establishment of penalties and fees. This is a special meeting of the town electors was held for this particular purpose only.

Clerk, Heidi Schmidt, opened the meeting. 16 constituents were present. Doug Weber briefly explained the process. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Krocak was nominated as the mediator. He asked each person present to introduce themselves and state if they are in favor or not in favor and briefly why.

- Yes, has had dogs dropped off at residence
- Yes, has had property damage for neighboring animals, fears going outside when cattle are out
- No, Because there is one problem no need to punish any dog that wanders off property
- Undecided, doesn't want to get her dog from the pound, but understands other issues
- Yes, Has extra dogs in his yard and no way to deal with them
- Yes, is from metro area where animal ordinances are expected and enforced
- Yes, has seen what seems to be a puppy mill in township and would like something done about it
- Yes, Has had cattle with horns in her yard scaring her and her horses
- Yes, has cow and horse poop in his yard. Daily has neighbors dog pack in his yard threatening his dog. No answer when spoke to neighbor.
- Yes, horses have ruined his garden. Neighbor doesn't respond. County doesn't have any ordinance to enforce
- Yes, has stray dogs with no where to take them
- Yes, Two needs for an ordinance: bad neighbors and lost dogs
- Yes, has stray dogs on property. No recourse.
- Yes, in a neighborhood with a serious problem for several years and no recourse.

Doug outlined from here the town attorney would write up a proposed ordinance. It will be reviewed at the next few township meetings and the board will decide if it will be implemented.

Bob asked for a hand vote. 14 for ordinance, 2 abstained. 0 against.

Resolution to establish a pound and animal ordinance was signed by clerk and Mediator.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM

Respectfully submitted
Heidi Schmidt – SFT Clerk