

San Francisco Township Special Meeting January 31st 2019

The special meeting of the San Francisco Township Board was held on January 31st to discuss a proposed animal ordinance and its enforcement. Board members and 5 residents convened at 7:00 and started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

There were copies of at least 5 local animal ordinances available for comparison. Doug & Heidi had both assembled a proposed ordinance using primarily information found in the ordinance of Denmark Township.

First item of discussion was definitions of the terms used in the ordinance. Definition of animals, wild, domestic, non-domestic, exotic and the definition of at large were discussed in detail. Other definitions from the sample documents were also reviewed.

The objective of the township ordinance was determined to be to eliminate domestic animals running at large. There was discussion about the difficult task of controlling barking dogs. They would most likely be on private property and hard to access. There was discussion of kennels and licensing.

All dangerous or threatening animals are still handled by Carver County.

All comments were considered and Doug will summarize them into a working copy of a proposed ordinance, submit it to the township attorney and bring it to the February Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted

Heidi Schmidt – Township Clerk