

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
TRAINING ROOM - MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 5:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Donald Tucker. Members in attendance at the meeting are Board of Works members: Ken Badger, Roger Towner and Mayor Tucker. Also in attendance was Jim Wilson, City Attorney and Allison Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer.

This meeting is being held to have discussion on the animal shelter contract explained Tucker. The Heart of Hoosier Land Animal Shelter started with discussion on the contract. The first issue was brought to the BOW attention from the society is the section of the contract about drug screens and back ground checks. Sarah Huffman explained that she feels volunteers should not have to pay for a drug screen or back ground check. Jenny Foust questioned if current volunteers for the city pay for their drug screen and back ground check. Atwood explained that city volunteers are very minimal and they sign a waiver but do not have drug screens or back ground checks.

Heartland also questioned the section about a child cannot be in the shelter. After discussion, Wilson explained, he will change the wavier that if a volunteer has their child with them that the parent has to sign a waiver for the child.

Jenny Foust explained she wants a working relationship with animal control the city and Heartland. Wilson asked Heartland, can we fix the problems that are currently hindering the relationship? Jenny explained that Lauren Caldwell and the board are not on speaking terms. Linda Kane explained that it was not Lauren that upset the board, but volunteers that Lauren brought into a board meeting one night.

Christy Clark explained that the shelter was not planned well and that Lauren is trying to do the best she can with the hours she can work. Clark explained a lot of back biting has happened and just caused a lot of issues. Vickie Savage explained that she is not a citizen but has lived near Elwood for 56 years, but she finds what is happening absolutely ridiculous. Savage explained she has better things to do than argue and is frankly over the Heartland board because of the situation that has happened with Lauren versus the Heartland board.

Towner, explained to the board that Lauren is separate and she doesn't have to be with the Heartland board. Lori Nutt stood up and explained that the city workers in maintenance had helped out a lot with the construction of the shelter building. Mayor Tucker explained that Lauren is under his control. If there is any problem with Lauren contact him or his office because this will leave Lauren versus the board out of the equation as a problem.

Towner explains the city will be responsible for the liability insurance, utilities, and maintenance to the building. Everything else the Heartland shelter will pay for.

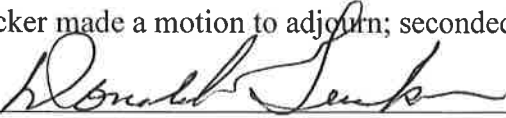
Jenny Foust asked the Board of Works how the city and shelter work together with animals. She explained that if the city has a stray animal then the city would pay approximately \$30.00. Atwood explained she understands the charge because this would save the city food, time, vet expenses, adopting, foster, plus many more things.

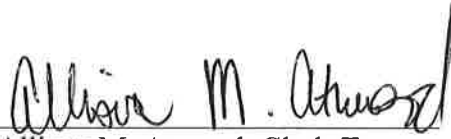
At this time Sarah Huffman handed out a rough draft of their operation plan.

Ken Badger then explained to Heartland and the board a proposal to change the contract on the drug screen/back ground check section. He explained the limited background checks for all volunteers. If the volunteer works 24 plus hours then the volunteer or the city would pay for the one time drug screen.

Badger requested they take some time to review the plan make the amendments to the contracts and have another meeting on September 28, 2015 at 5:00. The board of works agreed along with the shelter members.

Tucker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Badger. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

  
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Donald Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer