

**April 28, 2016**

**The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 77, a Proposed Local Law entitled “Dog Control”. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Sweeton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisor Michael Sweeton  
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo  
Councilman Russell Kowal  
Councilman James Gerstner  
Councilman Mickey Shuback

**Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow**

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on April 18, 2016. (Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

**Supervisor Sweeton – The point of the amendment to the code was a request from the animal shelter back at the budget time to increase the daily impoundment fee. It was \$15 and it has been for many years. They asked that it be raised and they also made a request that we allow them to keep some portion of that fee. What we proposed is to amend it from the \$15 to the \$30 that they requested and the Board has agreed that they should be able to keep the additional \$15 to help offset the cost of boarding the animals while they are there. That is the only change in the section of the code. I will open it for public comment.**

**Marjorie Warren – Resident, Town of Warwick, NY 10990 – Why was it raised to \$30?**

**Supervisor Sweeton – What the animal shelter presented to the Board was the increase cost of keeping the animals, feeding the animals, maintaining the animals and maintaining the shelter, in a state that was conducive to storing animals and that’s why they asked for the increase.**

**Marjorie Warren – Is that \$30 fee per day?**

**Supervisor Sweeton – It is per day.**

**Marjorie Warren – How many get picked up per day?**

**Supervisor Sweeton – I don’t have that.**

**Marjorie Warren – It seems like a very healthy increase.**

**Supervisor Sweeton – I don't know the average stay. They get called by the police. We contract just for dog control with them. They get called and go pick up a dog and I'm sure generally these animals if they are someone's get returned fairly quickly. There have been instances where an animal has been there longer but it's usually abandon and chances are they are not going to get them back.**

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner, that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:38 p.m.  
04-28-16 CP**

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**Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk**