

Village of Plain
Public Hearing
RE: RE: ORDINANCE FOR LIMITING THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS PER
HOUSEHOLD AND BANNING PITBULLS
July 12, 2017

A Public Hearing was held by the Village of Plain Board of Trustees at the Plain Municipal Office Building on July 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call: Raymond Ring, President; Brian Brey; John Dischler; Janet Kraemer; Melissa Kraemer; and, Kevin Kraemer, Trustees. Trustee Merry Lynn Riek was absent.

Others Present: Bob Bauer; Marilyn Bauer; Becky Ellis; Charlie Ellis; Ceilia Hegarty-Friscino, Randall Roelke; Eric Ruhland; Dawn Williams, Heather Meixelsperger; Greg Kraemer; Cheri Carpenter; Diane Brent; Phil Studnicka; Kay Feiner; Jay Feiner; Natalie Limmex; Tom Kraemer; Bill Alexander; Caitlin Straka; Dustin Parrell; Chelsie Parrell; Cassidy Brownlee; Nick Mayzare; Janice Mason; Stephanie Thering; Alice Kang; Talia Milavetz, Marian Copus; Andrew Kurek; and, Nick Ruhland.

Notice of this public hearing was posted on June 28, 2017 in the following locations in the Village of Plain: Plain Municipal Office Building, Plain Post Office and The Peoples Community Bank. A Class 2 Notice was published in the Home News on June 28, 2017 and July 5, 2017.

The purpose of this public hearing was to consider a revised animal ordinance to include limiting the number of animals per household and banning pit bulls.

Bob Bauer recommended stricter leash laws. Becky Ellis, owner of two pit bulls, said the ban is not necessary. Charlie Ellis stated that just more enforcement is needed and a leniency on fencing. Bill Alexander stated dogs just need to be raised right, keep them on a leash, limiting the number of dog concerns and have a fine if a dog gets out habitually. Ceilia Hegarty-Friscino said she is the owner of pit bulls that viciously attacked Marilyn and referenced police report. She said she is not allowed to have a fence. Heather Meixelsperger read a letter of a Vet Tech that is not against pit bulls and said the problem is dogs running around unleashed. Dawn Williams was concerned about limiting the number of animals. Marilyn Bauer said she understands that people love their pets but put them on a leash. She stated that the petition going around was a lot of untruths.

Ring recognized the ordinance in regards to fences. A variance can be applied for if a fence is needed.

John Dischler said electric fences are not the answer, dogs go right through them.

Melissa Kraemer does not feel it is right for residents to have to change their walking routes because of dogs not being leashed. She wants to see keeping dogs restrained and controlling vicious dogs with leashes.

Ring recommended that the ordinance be tabled and the Ordinance Committee rewrite it.

Kevin Kraemer motioned to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Melissa Kraemer seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver
Clerk/Treasurer