

RESOLUTION #19-0415-05

Adopting Revised Rules of Decorum for Trustee Meetings

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved "Rules of Decorum" for Trustee meetings with the passage of Resolution #13-0401-07, and

WHEREAS, this document has been updated and revised

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO, to adopt the attached revised "Board of Trustees Meeting Rules of Decorum".

Motion made by Leneghan and seconded by Gemperline.

Vote: no Mrs. Eichhorn yes Mr. Gemperline yes Mrs. Leneghan

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

4-15-19

Date

Melanie Leneghan
Melanie Leneghan, Trustee

CERTIFIED BY:

Mike Gemperline
Mike Gemperline, Trustee

Nancy Deputte
Nancy Deputte, Fiscal Officer

Shyra Eichhorn
Shyra Eichhorn, Trustee

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RULES OF DECORUM**

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Liberty Township Trustees approved Resolution #13-0401-07 Rules of Decorum for all public meetings held by Liberty Township. The "Rules of Decorum" do not limit the freedom of speech nor do they violate civil rights. They have been adopted in order to provide a method for any member of public to address the Board in an orderly manner within guidelines.

Decorum: Meetings of Liberty Township Trustee Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly manner to ensure that the public has an opportunity to be heard and that the deliberative process of the Board is retained at all times. Public participation is limited to public comment and is not guaranteed or a right. This is a business meeting of a public body. Detailed questions and interactions are directed to the Township staff during business hours.

Rules of Decorum: While any meeting of the Board is in session, the following rules of decorum shall be observed:

- 1) **Members of the Audience:** No person in the audience, or any Township representative, shall engage in disorderly or boisterous conduct, including the utterance of loud, threatening or abusive language, whistling, clapping, stamping of feet or other acts which disturb, disrupt or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of any Board meeting. The Board recognizes the public with a privilege to be recognized as a speaker and provide opinions on Township business; however, rules of decorum must be followed. Members in attendance not recognized by the Board as a speaker shall remain quiet and orderly until so recognized.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office may be present and asked to restore order, if necessary. Those who are disruptive or disorderly may be asked to leave, be escorted from the meeting, or charged with "disorderly conduct".

- 2) **Persons Addressing the Board:** Each person who addresses the Board at its meetings shall sign in. Persons addressing the Board shall not utter loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, or engage in any other disorderly conduct which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Board Meeting.

Each person shall have a maximum of three (3) minutes to make their address to the Board.

- 3) **General Rules of Decorum:**
 - a) Listen constructively and allow Trustees to finish their statement
 - b) No interruptions from the audience
 - c) Anyone intending to speak, must sign in; failure to sign in will result in not being recognized to approach the podium
 - d) A limit may be placed on the length of time a citizen may speak
 - e) Commentary and statements are appropriate and questions may be asked, however, staff is available for that dialogue; the Board is not convened for an inquisition.

Revised 04-15-2019 per Resolution #19-0415-05