RESOLUTION #: 2024-04-09-12 **April 09, 2024**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES

Persons wishing to address the Board at the appropriate place in the meeting agenda shall be subject to the following:

1. Each person shall be allowed to speak on an agenda item on (1) time when the issue is taken up by the Board, and one (1) time on non-agenda issues under Brief community comments, for up to three minutes. An extension of time may be granted by the chairman if the extension will not interfere with conduct of board business or with other persons who also wish to address the board. Persons may address the board without time limitation at the conclusion of all business items on the agenda.
2. Each person wishing to address the Board may remain by their seat or may sit/stand at the designated table and shall identify themselves by name and address. Persons representing an organization or group.
3. If a delegation wishes to address the Board, the delegation may select up to five representatives to speak on it behalf, for a total time of not more than 20 minutes.
4. The Board shall be provided by the Clerk or by the speaker with copies of all written comments submitted.
5. Persons addressing the Board shall observe the rules of common courtesy. Complaints should first be considered through proper channels before being considered by the Board. Personal attacks against a Board member or township employee unrelated to the Board member's or employee's performance of duties shall not be permitted. Board members or employees may request a closed hearing to hear complaints related to the performance of their official duties.
6. Board members may question speakers but are not obligated to answer questions or make statements or commitment in response to issues raised by the public. In general, such issues will be referred to the Supervisor for investigation, study, and recommendation or designated as a future agenda item.
7. Disorderly Conduct. The Chairperson shall call to order any person who is being disorderly by speaking or otherwise disrupting the proceedings, by failing to be germane, by speaking longer than the allotted time, or by speaking vulgarities. Such person shall thereupon be seated until the Chairperson shall have determined whether the person is in order. If a person so engaged in presentation shall be ruled out of order, he or she shall not be permitted to speak further at the same meeting except upon special leave by the Board of Trustees. If the person shall continue to be disorderly and to disrupt the meeting, the chairperson may order the Sergeant at Arms to remove the person from the meeting. No person shall be removed from a public meeting except for an actual breach of the peace committed at the meeting.

These rules, having been adopted by the Gerrish Township Board at a meeting held on 4/9/2024, may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board elected and serving. They shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded. Any proposed amendment to these rules, properly presented to the Gerrish Township Board shall take immediate effect when adopted, unless the board, at the time of adoption, stipulates otherwise. These rules also may be reviewed at the beginning of each calendar year.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Clerk Squires Aye, Treasurer Kruger Aye, Supervisor Hill Aye, Trustee Newton Aye, Trustee Oppy Aye

I, Michelle Squires, Acting Clerk of Gerrish Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said member as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

THE SUPERVISOR DECLARED THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Michelle Squires
Gerrish Township Clerk