

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-106 AND ADDING SECTION 2-107.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, A HOME RULE UNIT OF GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipality in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to allow the public to speak at its regular and special meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Village has deemed it necessary to establish procedural guidelines for public participation at Village meetings in order to ensure that meetings are conducted in an efficient, safe and coherent manner; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Section 1. Recitals. The facts and statements contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Adoption. Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Stickney shall be amended by the amendment of Section 2-106, and adding Section 2-107 which will read as follows:

Sec. 2-106. Public Comment at Village Board Meetings.

Public comment shall occur during Village meetings where the meeting agenda schedules time for public comment. The public shall be allowed to make comments during a Village meeting at the time designated on the meeting agenda, subject to the following procedures and guidelines:

- (a) Prior to meetings the Village will make available a sign-in-sheet, where prospective speakers must print their names and addresses, and indicate the subject matter upon which they wish to address the Board;
- (b) Speakers will be recognized for comment during the public comment session only if they have completed the required portions of the sign-in-sheet, and will be called in the order in which they have signed in;
- (c) When recognized to comment, each speaker must begin by stating his or her name and address, and shall be permitted three minutes to speak;
- (d) Speakers will be recognized to speak only once per board meeting.

The public comment portion of Village meetings is designed to allow the public the ability to address the public body pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and the procedures set forth in this Code. Public officials are not required to engage in debate, make themselves available for abusive or harassing behavior by a member of the public, or to provide on-the-spot answers to members of the public on the topics that are raised by the public during the public comment portion of Village meetings.

Sec. 2. 107 Rules of Decorum at Village Meetings

(a) Addressing the Board. Each person who addresses the Board and/or the President shall refrain from making personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to any member of the Board and/or the President, the Village staff, or the general public. Any person who makes such remarks, or who utters loud, threatening, personal or abusive language, or engages in any other disorderly conduct, which disrupts, disturbs or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of any Board meeting shall, at the discretion of the presiding officer, or a majority of the Board, be barred from continuing to attend that meeting.

(b) Enforcement of Decorum.

(1) Warning. The presiding officer shall request that a person who is breaching the rules of decorum be orderly.

(2) Removal. If after receiving a warning from the presiding officer, a person persists in disturbing the meeting, the presiding officer shall order him to leave the Board meeting. If the person does not remove himself, the presiding officer may order any law enforcement officer who is on duty at the meeting to remove that person from the meeting hall.

(3) Penalty. Any person who refuses to comply with an order to leave a Board meeting given pursuant to this Section shall be guilty of a violation of this Section and subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1-09 of the Village Code, and may be charged with an act of disorderly conduct under Illinois law.

Section 3. Home Rule. This ordinance is enacted under the Home Rule powers of the Village as set forth in the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. Conflicts. This Ordinance supersedes all ordinances or parts of ordinances directly conflicting with the terms and provisions contained herein, but only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 7. Certification and Publication. The Village Clerk of the Village of Stickney shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published in pamphlet form.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney, Illinois this 17th day of January, 2012

AYES: Trustees Mares, Walik, White

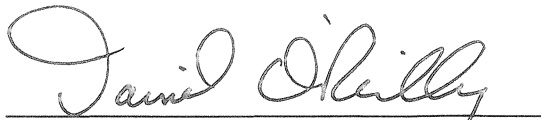
NAYS: Trustees Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____


PRESIDENT VOTE: President Daniel A. O'Reilly

APPROVED by me this 18th day of January, 2012



President Daniel A. O'Reilly of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED, Filed in my office,
and published in pamphlet form
this 18th day of January, 2012



Audrey McAdams
Clerk of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois