

ORDINANCE 2013-08

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-106 of the Village of Stickney Municipal Code

Be it Ordained by the President and 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 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to change and clarify the requirements of citizen participation at Village meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to clarify and amend Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-106 of the Village of Stickney Municipal Code; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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, Section 2-106 of the Village of Stickney Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows (Strikethroughs = Deletions, Underlining = Additions):

"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:

- (1) 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;
- (2) 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;
- (3) When recognized to comment, each speaker must begin by stating his or her name and address, and shall be permitted ~~three minutes~~ a reasonable amount of time; and
- (4) 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 on government affairs 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.”

Section 3. Home Rule. This Ordinance is enacted under the Home Rule powers of the Village as set forth in the Illinois 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 ____ day of _____, 2013.

AYES: Trustees De Leshe, Lazansky, Gomez, Savopoulos, Walik, and White

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

PRESIDENT VOTE:

APPROVED by me this 7th day of May, 2013.

President Deborah E. Morelli of the
Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

ATTESTED, Filed in my office and published in pamphlet form this 8th day of May, 2013.

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