

ORDINANCE 2017 -

REGULATION OF NON-MEMBER ADDRESS
TO THE PECATONICA TOWNSHIP BOARD

WHEREAS the Pecatonica Township Board hereby wishes to codify the rules regarding addresses to the Board by members of the public; and

WHEREAS the Pecatonica Township Board desires to enact reasonable regulations to govern public addresses to the Board; and

WHEREAS the Pecatonica Township Board wishes to make certain that its regulations for addressing the Board limit such addresses to legitimate policy questions, and avoid personal animus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Nonmembers may address the Pecatonica Township Board if a written request is submitted to the Pecatonica Township Board for the meeting the person requesting to speak no later than ~~30~~ minutes prior to the start of the regular Pecatonica Township Board.

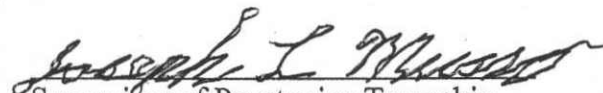
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2. Any such request shall identify the name of the speaker, specify the subject matter the speaker will address and indicate the speaker's interest in the subject.

3. Each member of the public will be limited to three minutes speaking time.

4. There shall be a maximum of thirty minutes for nonmembers to address the Pecatonica Township Board. If the Supervisor deems an item is controversial the Supervisor shall strive to allow all sides an equal amount of time to speak at the meeting subject to the ~~thirty~~ minute time limit. The Supervisor will determine the sequential order of the speakers to the Board accordingly.

5. The issues that may be addressed by the public shall include questions of public policy in national, state and local government including, but not limited to Pecatonica Township government. The issues shall not include personal attacks, accusations of wrong-doing, disparaging remarks, grandstanding or other inappropriate comments. The Supervisor, or the acting chairman of the board in the Supervisor's absence shall determine when such comments are made. Any member of the public who does not defer to the chair and cease and desist such comments shall be ruled out of order. At that time the public speaker shall be required to leave the meeting for its duration. The chair's ruling shall be final.

Approved this 19 day of September, 2017..


Supervisor of Pecatonica Township
Joseph Musso

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ATTEST:

Dorothee McAviff

Clerk of Pecatonica Township

~~Lori Kay Finley~~

Dorothee McAviff

Joseph L. Musso

Supervisor

TRUSTEES:

B. J.
Richard [unclear]

Ayes: 3

Nays: X James W. Anderson

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____