

RESOLUTION 2019- 103

**RESOLUTION BARRING ROGENE HAMILTON FROM ATTENDING
PECATONICA TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogene Hamilton has engaged in a course of disruptive civil disobedience during the tenure of this elected Pecatonica Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Pecatonica Township Board has duly passed an Ordinance Regulating non-member addressing the Pecatonica Township Board and Amendments thereto contemplated by the Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS 120/2.06; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance Regulating Public Comment has certain requirements, i.e. those citizens wishing to make public comments must sign up fifteen minutes in advance, citizens making public comments are restricted to a three minute time limit to make comments, and the comments are not to consist of personal attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Pecatonica Township Supervisor has on two occasions had to call 911 for a police presence because Ms. Rogene Hamilton stated she was not going to be limited to the three minute time limit and continued to talk and refused to leave the building after she was told her time had expired and after being told first to sit down and stop speaking, and then to leave the Pecatonica Township Hall where the Pecatonica Township Board meeting was ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogene Hamilton, at the July 16, 2019 Pecatonica Township Board meeting, failed to sign up by the ordinance deadline of 6:45 p.m. i.e. 15 minutes in advance of the 7:00 p.m. meeting; and

WHEREAS, Rogene Hamilton announced that she was going to speak regardless and she began to talk over the normal discussion of Pecatonica Township Board business thereby disrupting the board by so doing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogene Hamilton had to be removed by the police and insisted to the police that she had documents from the Attorney General of the State of Illinois which gave her the right to speak, which was not true; and

WHEREAS, short of pursuing criminal charges against Ms. Rogene Hamilton the Pecatonica Township Board finds it can only enforce order and decorum at its meetings if Ms. Rogene Hamilton is banned from attending its meetings for a set period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Pecatonica Township Board finds that a reasonable period of time for the ban to be enacted is the next three regular Pecatonica Township Board meetings; and

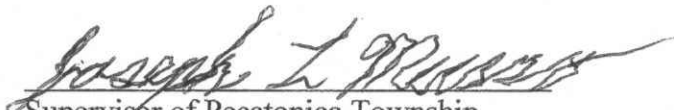
WHEREAS, the Pecatonica Township Board believes a three regular meeting ban will be sufficient to send the message that orderly, ordinary compliance with the Pecatonica Township ordinances and laws is necessary for order and decorum at its meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Ms. Rogene Hamilton is barred from attending the next three regular Pecatonica Township meetings, to-wit:

1. September 17, 2019
2. October 15, 2019
3. November 19, 2019.

Approved this 20th day of August, 2019.


Supervisor of Pecatonica Township
Joseph Musso

ATTEST:


Clerk of Pecatonica Township

TRUSTEES:

James Anderson No
Verni SARVER No
Richard Zimmerman YES
B-B yes

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Abstain: _____