

Resolution No. 2022-003

A Resolution Adopting Rules of Conduct and Participation

at Public Meetings of the Stookey Township Board and other official bodies

WHEREAS, Stookey Township is a unit of local government and political body located in St. Clair County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, meetings of the Stookey Township Board and other official bodies are subject to the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act was amended requiring public bodies to adopt rules providing for public participation at their meetings, 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (g), and

WHEREAS, Stookey Township has always provided for Public Participation at its meetings, and desires to adopt rules providing for public participation in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STOOKEY TOWNSHIP, St. Clair County, Illinois, that the following rules and procedures are adopted for public participation at its open meetings:

RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. The agenda for all Public Meetings of any body of Stookey Township government will include an agenda item for public participation.
2. The Chairman of the meeting may change the order in which agenda items are called during the meeting, including agenda items for public participation.
3. Each member of the public who wishes to speak, when called on, will give name and address for inclusion in the meeting minutes.
4. The Chairman of the meeting will call on individuals to speak.
5. Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes to speak during the public participation period. The Chairman (at their discretion) may extend the speaking period. Speakers will not be allowed to transfer unused time to another speaker. Repetitive public comments should be avoided to the extent possible through adoption of prior public comment (e.g. agreeing with a prior speaker).
6. The Chairman of the meeting has the right to terminate any discussion that falls outside of Stookey Township business.

7. The Chairman of the meeting may stop any speaker from speaking further during public participation or open session: if the speaker uses foul or offensive language; becomes abusive toward Township officials or members of the public; or attempts to disrupt the meeting.
8. The Chairman of the meeting may direct any Person who is disrupting the meeting to leave the Township premises. Any Person who, after being directed to leave the premises, refuses to leave, shall be guilty of Criminal Trespass to real estate. The Chairman of the meeting shall immediately adjourn the meeting and call police to arrest the obstructing party before resuming the proceedings.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and shall repeal and supersede any previous Guidelines or Resolutions that may conflict with the terms hereof.

Passed by the Stookey Township Board of Trustees this day of March 7, 2022

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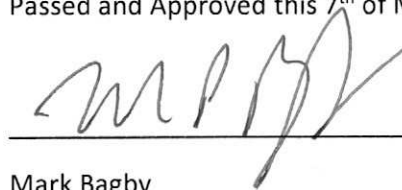
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Township Clerk

Passed and Approved this 7th of March, 2022



Mark Bagby

Township Supervisor