

NEHAWKA RESOLUTION 2023-4

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS AND ORDER AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Village of Nehawka, Nebraska recognizes that the Nehawka Board of Trustee meetings require constant order which is necessary for efficient Village of Nehawka Trustee meetings and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nehawka Board of Trustees has determined that the following Meeting Rules of Decorum and shall be adhered to during Nehawka Board of Trustee Meetings.

1. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statutes 84-1412 (2) of the Open Meetings Act a public body is not required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings. This is a meeting held in public: not a public meeting. The Board is meeting to conduct Village business, and off-topic discussion is in violation of the Open Meetings Act.
2. Members of the public shall not speak at meetings without express consent of the Chairman.
3. At the discretion and with approval of the Chairman, participants may be allowed to comment on an agenda item with comments limited to three (3) minutes. Only one person will be recognized to speak at one time. No person will be permitted to address the Board more than once during discussion of a particular agenda item. No discussion shall take place after the citizen's comment.
4. Comments or questions are to be directed to the Board as a whole, not singling our the Chairman, board members or village staff. Board members are not required to answer questions but may respond to the speaker's questions at a later time.
5. Rebuttal comments or audience member conversations are not allowed. Profanity or raised voice is not permitted. Applause, booing, or other indication of support or displeasure is not permitted. Any person violating these rules may be removed from the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman, or presiding Trustee in the absence of the Chairman, or Village Clerk shall ensure Nehawka Board of Trustee Meeting Rules of Decorum are being adhered to during Nehawka Board of Trustee meetings.


PASSED and APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

  
June Bennett, Chairman

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of

October, 2023.

ATTEST

  
Chris Lowther, Village Clerk

(SEAL)