

RESOLUTION NO. 2022.007

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION
2017.019 AND THE VILLAGE OF
BLANCHESTER PUBLIC COMMENT
POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester passed Resolution 2017-019 to adopt a Public Comment Policy for the Village of Blanchester's council meetings;

WHEREAS, the Village of Blanchester desires to revise the public comment policy pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 731.19.

WHEREAS, Resolution 2017-019 is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, Ohio, to revise the Public Comment Policy so that it may read:

Section 1.

VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

The Blanchester Village Council welcomes public comments at their meetings and sets aside time in the agenda for public comment. All meetings of the Council are open to the public, subject to Executive Session Privilege. In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such Public Comment, the Council shall provide a period for public participation at every regular meeting as follows:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Anyone attending the meeting may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Speakers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- D. Each statement made by a Speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration, unless extended by Council.
- E. Participants shall present their comments as a speech or monologue; participants are not to address or pose questions to any Council members, employees or officials individually.
- F. The presiding officer may:
 - i. Interrupt or terminate a participant's statement when the statement goes in excess of three (3) minutes and is not extended by the Council;
 - ii. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person's conduct causes a disruption to the Council completing and conducting business;
 - iii. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a person who causes a disruption to the Council completing and conducting business;
 - iv. Request a motion for recess or an adjournment to another time when a disruption prevents the Council from completing and conducting its business.

Section 2.

The Village of Blanchester finds and determines that all formal actions of this Village concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Village of Blanchester and that all deliberations of this Village of Blanchester that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3.

The resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the Village of Blanchester.

Section 4.

That the Village by at least a three/fourths vote hereby dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on three separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of the Resolution upon its first reading. That this Resolution shall be effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

Section 5.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Gephart moved the adoption and Mr. Brumbaugh seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr Brumbaugh	Yea
Mr. Garner	Yea
Mr. Gephart	Yea
Mr. Hopkins	Yea
Mr. McCollister	Yea
Mr. Parks	Absent

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2022.


John Carman, Mayor


Attest: Tamara S. May, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:

The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:
I, Tamara S. May, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals, and Records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Village, that the foregoing Resolution has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and has been posted as required by law. This Resolution has been duly published by posting in the following places: Blanchester Municipal Building, 318 E. Main St.; First National Bank, 121 E. Main St.; Blanchester Post Office, 115 S. Wright St.; Tom's Express Mart, 7529 Fairground Rd.; and at the Blanchester Public Library, 110 N. Broadway St., each for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on the 19th day of April, 2022.

Witness my signature this 19th day of April, 2022.


Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio

FISCAL OFFICER

TAMARA S. MAY

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