

RESOLUTION No. 04.1-2020

**BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

UPON MOTION of Council President Fetzer, seconded by Councilman Begley, carried, that the following Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Sea Girt recognizes the right of any member of the public to address the Council on matters of public concern, and wishes to ensure the orderly conduct of Council meetings in an atmosphere of civility and decorum, the following rules are established.

1. Any person wishing to address Council must first be recognized by the Mayor or presiding officer.
2. Upon being recognized such person shall advance to the lectern facing the Governing Body and, using the microphone, state his or her name and address.
 - A. Persons addressing Council shall be limited to 7 minutes for Public Participation (on agenda items), and shall confine their comments to the issue at hand.
 - i. This time limitation may be extended by the presiding officer in exceptional situations, or where the Mayor or presiding officer determines that the topic or circumstances warrant allotting more time for the speaker.
 - B. Persons addressing Council shall be limited to 7 minutes for Public Participation on any Subject.
 - C. Person addressing Council shall be limited to 4 minutes for Public Hearing comments.
3. All statements or questions shall be directed to the Council as a body and not to any individual Council member. No person other than a member of Council shall enter into any discussion with the person having the floor without the express permission the presiding officer.
4. Persons addressing Council may not approach the Council table without first obtaining permission from the presiding officer and shall not leave the lectern to disseminate any material to other members of the Public in attendance.
5. All statements or questions shall be expressed in a non-belligerent and civil manner, and no person addressing the council shall conduct him or herself in a boisterous manner, nor shall a person engage in any other behavior which disrupts or otherwise interferes with the conduct of a meeting.
6. Violation of any of these rules may result in a direction that the offending person resume his or her seat so that the meeting can proceed in an orderly manner, except that if the speaker shall submit to proper order under these rules, permission for him or her to continue may be granted by a majority of the Council.
7. Refusal to comply with these rules may result in the expulsion of the offender from the meeting.
8. At the request of the Mayor or presiding officer, the Sea Girt Police Department shall designate a member of the Department to serve as sergeant-at-arms at Council meetings and he or she shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the Mayor or presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at such meetings.

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9. Each Council member shall cooperate with the Mayor and presiding officer in preserving order and decorum, and no member shall, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings of the Council, nor disturb any member, or fail to abide by the orders of the Mayor or presiding officer, unless granted permission to do so by the Mayor or presiding officer.

Recorded Vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilman Clemmensen	X			
Councilman Mastroilli	X			
Councilman Begley	X			
Council President Fetzer	X			
Councilwoman Giegerich	X			
Councilwoman Anthony	X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Lorraine P. Carafa, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt at their Reorganization Meeting held on the 8th day of January, 2020.

Lorraine P. Carafa, RMC
Municipal Clerk