

**COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY DURING A PROPERLY
NOTICED BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING**

RESOLUTION 080214-02

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Coventry Township Town Hall, 68 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, Ohio with all Trustees present.

All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were made at an open meeting of the Board and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Brenda Patterson presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, A properly noticed meeting of any Township Board is solely to conduct the business of the Township

WHEREAS, The Public's Rights section of the 2008 Ohio Sunshine Law, Open Meetings Act states: "A person is guaranteed the right to attend and observe a public meeting, not the right to be heard at that meeting. A disruptive person waives the right to attend and may be removed from the meeting."

WHEREAS, the following is hereby established as policy and shall apply to residents and non-residents wishing to be heard by the Board.

1. Comments will be addressed to the Board of Trustees.
2. Residents will be heard before non-residents.
3. All who wish to address the Board *must* be recognized by the Chair prior to speaking.
4. Once recognized by the Chair, the addressee must deliver his/her comment from the podium and must further identify themselves by name *and* address prior to addressing the Board. Failure to do so will forfeit recognition by the Chair to address the Board.
5. Comments will be restricted to five (5) minutes. Comments beyond the five minute restriction will occur only at the absolute discretion of the person chairing the meeting.
6. Comments from the audience not recognized by the Chair will not be part of the official meeting minutes and could, at the discretion of the Chair be declared disruptive.
7. Anyone not granted an extension by the Chair who does not yield to the time granted by the Chair, will be declared disruptive and asked to leave.
8. Non-residents wishing to address the Board must register with the Township offices at least five (5) business days prior to the next scheduled meeting date.

Non-residents wishing to address the Board shall adhere to all requirements defined above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the above, Coventry Township, by and through its Board of Trustees does hereby adopt as policy this Resolution in its entirety.

Dave Bulgrin seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. David W. Bulgrin, yes, *David W. Bulgrin*

Mrs. Brenda Patterson, yes, *Brenda Patterson*

Mr. Robert Wilson, yes, *RM*

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2008.

James H. [Signature]
Fiscal Officer, Board of Trustees