

PUBLIC COMMENT

Purpose: The Beulah Village Council is a public policy setting body and subject to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976). It continually strives to receive input from the residents of the village and reserves two opportunities during the monthly scheduled meeting for you the public to voice opinions, concerns and sharing of any other items of common interest. There are however, in concert with meeting conduct certain rules to follow.

Speaking Time: Agenda items may be added or removed by the board but initially at least two times are devoted to Public Comment. Generally, however, attendees wishing to speak will be informed how long they may speak by the President. All speakers are asked to give their name, residence and topic they wish to address. This and the summarized statements/comments will be entered into the public record (minutes of the meeting). Should there be a number of speakers wishing to voice similar opinions, an option for a longer presentation may be more appropriate for the group and one or more speakers may talk within that time frame. The Council will not be accepting public comment via zoom/online.

Group Presentations – 10 minutes
Individual Presentations – 2 minutes

Board Response: Generally, as this is a “Comment” period, the council will not comment or respond to presenters. Silence or non-response from the council should not be interpreted as disinterest or disagreement by the council. However, should the council individually or collectively wish to address the comments of the speaker(s) at the approval of the President and within a time frame previously established, responses may be made by the board. Additionally, the presenter may be in need of a lengthier understanding of an issue or topic and may be referred to a committee appropriate to address those issues.

Public Comment is very important in public policy settings and is only one means for an interchange of information or dialogue. Each trustee represents the village and he/she may be individually contacted should greater depth or understanding of an issue be sought. Personal contact is encouraged and helpful to both residents and the board.

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