

Town of Riverview

Resolution no. 2021 - #1

Resolution approving tools of civility and establishment of a harassment-free forum

Whereas the residents of the Town of Riverview place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community, and

Whereas the Town of Riverview supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion, and

Whereas the Town of Riverview may address controversial issues about which people often feel passionately and which at times leads to uncivil behavior, and

Whereas an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings., on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Riverview, Oconto County, Wisconsin as follows:

1. The Town Board recognizes nine tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face the Town, which are:
 - a. Pay attention
 - b. Listen
 - c. Be inclusive
 - d. Do not gossip
 - e. Show respect
 - f. Be agreeable
 - g. Apologize
 - h. Give constructive criticism and
 - i. Take responsibility
2. The Town Board shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting the business of the Town Board.
3. Town Board and Committee meetings shall be conducted in a courteous manner. Citizens, Board members and committee members shall be allowed to state their positions in an atmosphere free of slander, insults, obscene remarks, threats of violence or for use of Board or Committee as a forum for politics. Sufficient

warnings may be given by the Town or Committee Chair at any time during the remarks and in the event that any individual shall violate the rules of decorum heretofore set forth such person may then be cut off from comment or debate.

Adopted and approved this Day of January 2021



Ann Hogan, Town Chairman

Countersigned:



Beth Hartman, Clerk

It was moved by James Z. Hlaw and seconded by Dick Booth that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call vote, the following vote aye 13 no 0

The Town chairman declared the resolution adopted.