

RESOLUTION 2018-28

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RULES OF CONDUCT FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL OF MINERVA PARK, OHIO

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Minerva Park is required by Ohio Revised Code Section 731.45 to establish its own rules and keep a journal of its proceedings.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Minerva Park has established Rules of Order for proceedings and maintains a journal of its proceedings.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, in response to requests by citizens of the Village of Minerva Park, and of its own accord desires to enhance the accountability and conduct of its members.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved:

SECTION 1: The Minerva Park Village Council adopts the Rules of Conduct attached hereto as ATTACHMENT A and incorporated by reference and is hereby adopted by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park, to be in place and adhered at all times by members of the legislative authority.

SECTION 2: The adoption of this resolution is permitted under Ohio Revised Code Section 731.45 and is in the best interest of the Village of Minerva Park and its citizens; and therefore, shall go into effect at the earliest date possible upon adoption by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park.

SECTION 3: it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the Resolution were adopted in a n open meeting of the Council and that any and all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio.

/S/ Lynn Eisentrout

Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

First Reading: December 10, 2018

Second Reading December 17, 2018

Third Reading January 14, 2019

Passed: January 14, 2019

ATTEST

Approved at to Form

/S/ Kim Pulley

Kim Pulley, Fiscal Officer

/S/ Eugene Hollins

Solicitor

ATTACHMENT A

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF MINERVA PARK, OHIO

January 14 2019

2.1 All members of the Village Council have equal votes. No Council member has more power than any other, and all members shall be treated with equal respect.

2.2 As a Council member it is important, at all times, to act in a manner that enhances community confidence.

2.3 These Rules of Conduct do not prohibit or infringe on any member's right to freedom of speech or expression of an opposing viewpoint. Members are entitled and encouraged to share their viewpoint(s), provided it is done in a professional manner, and with the utmost respect for others.

2.4 No member of the legislative authority, especially when acting in his/her official capacity or in dealing with the public, shall commit any act or utter any comments which would bring embarrassment to the Village of Minerva Park.

2.5 Members should, at all time, ensure their actions and statements provide a positive image and public perception of the Village and work to enhance and improve the Village, other members of Council, and Village employees. At no time shall a member of the council commit an act or make remarks, which are derogatory, degrading, belittling, sarcastic or malicious toward another member of Council, the Village, Mayor or Village employees. Opposing viewpoints of Council members, the Mayor or Village employees may be shared, provided they are not presented in a manner violating these rules of conduct or any other laws of the Village or State of Ohio.

2.6 Members of the Village Council shall conduct themselves in accordance with all aforementioned sections and the following:

2.6.1 Act properly, professionally, and in accordance with the requirements of the law and the terms of these Rules of Conduct.

2.6.2 Fully participate in Village Council meetings and other public forums, while demonstrating respect, kindness, consideration, and courtesy to others.

2.6.3 Act in good faith; honestly, for the purpose of the community and not one's personal agenda. Always acting in the interest of the community and Council, without exceeding their lawful powers.

2.6.4 Make no allegations which are unseemly or derogatory in public forums pertaining to matters of Village business, employees, or other Council members.

2.6.5 Refrain from any form of conduct, especially in performance of their official duties and while in public forums, which may cause any reasonable person unwarranted offense or embarrassment; or bring embarrassment to the Village.

2.6.6 Observe the highest standards of honesty and integrity, and avoid conduct which may suggest any departure from this standard.

2.6.7 Ensure confidential information is guarded and handled with the utmost sensitivity.

2.6.8 Always act in accordance with their obligation of loyalty to the Council and Village; serving as a model of leadership and civility to the community.

Enforcement

3.1 Violation of these established rules may be considered malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance; and is a violation of rules established under Ohio Revised Code Section 731.45. (1)

3.2 Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action in accordance with provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 731.45.

3.3 These rules shall be enforced by the Council of the Village of Minerva Park as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 731.45.

3.4 These Rules are hereby incorporated in the Rules of Council by reference.

(1) LAW Writer® Ohio Laws and Rules

Revised Code » Title [7] VII MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS » Chapter 731: ORGANIZATION

731.45 Rules - journal - expulsion of members.

“The legislative authority of a municipal corporation shall determine its own rules and keep a journal of its proceedings. It may punish or expel any member for disorderly conduct or violation of its rules and declare the seat vacant for absence without valid excuse, where such absence has continued for two months. No expulsion shall take place without the concurrence of two thirds of all the members elected, and until the delinquent member has been notified of the charge against him and has had an opportunity to be heard.”