

VILLAGE OF HARRISON
RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings

A. Regular Meetings

1. Village of Harrison Board Meets in the Community Room at the Harrison Municipal Building W5298 State Park Road at 6:00 PM.
2. Regular meetings of the board shall be held on the last Tuesday of the Month, (and the Second Tuesday of the month as needed).
3. Meeting dates and times may be changed by a majority vote of the board.
4. All meetings require an agenda.
5. All motions need to be based on agenda items.

B. Special Meetings

1. Any two trustees or President may call a special meeting by filing a written notice with the village clerk. The clerk, in turn, shall immediately notify each village board member of the date, time and purpose of the special meeting.
2. A special meeting may be called, without notice, at regularly convened board meetings if a quorum is present. A special meeting may also be called if all members consent to the hold of such meeting.
3. Special meetings shall be deemed regular meetings for the purpose of transacting any business that may be permitted by law.

Preparation of Agenda

The Village President along with Village staff shall be responsible for determining those items which shall be placed on the agenda for each board meeting. Any two board members may request in writing that the Village President include any item appropriate for Village Board action on the agenda for any meeting. The request must be made at least five business days prior to the meeting.

Presiding Officer

The presiding officer shall preserve order, conduct the proceedings of the board, and be its parliamentarian. If a board member does not follow the board's rules, the presiding officer may, on his or her own motion, or shall, at a member's request, call the offending member to order. The board, if appealed to, shall decide the matter. The presiding officer may speak on any question, make any motion, and vote on all matters submitted to the board for consideration.

Quorum Required

A quorum is necessary for the transaction of any village board business. A majority of the members elect shall constitute a quorum.

Call to Order

The village president shall at the hour appointed call the trustees to order. The village president shall preside at all meetings of the board. If the village president is absent, the clerk shall call the board to order and reside until the board selects another trustee to preside at the meeting.

Absence of Members

If a board member for any reason cannot attend a regularly scheduled meeting, he or she shall notify the clerk or Village President.

Reading of Ordinances

All proposed ordinances shall be read before the board may vote on them. Each ordinance shall also be read:

1. At the time of its initial introduction (title only);
2. Immediately prior to the board's actual vote on it (title only).

Point of Order

Any board member may raise a question or point of order. The point of order must be raised at the time of the alleged breach of order occurs. The presiding officer shall, in turn, immediately rule on the question of order, subject to an appeal to the board. The appeal may be sustained by a majority vote of the members present, exclusive of the presiding officer.

Adjournment

Any board member may move to adjourn a meeting. If any agenda item is not considered before a motion to adjourn is adopted, it shall automatically be referred to the board's next regular meeting, unless the motion provides for a specific date and hour.

Reconsideration of Question

Any member who voted with the prevailing side on any question may move for reconsideration of the vote immediately after the vote at the same meeting.

Mail Correspondence

Mail correspondence addressed to the Board is to be opened by the Village President with another Trustee as a witness. Mail addressed to an individual board members are to be given to them to open.

Order of Business

The business of the board shall be conducted in the following order:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Village Board
4. Public Hearing (if any)
5. Correspondence or Communication from Board or Staff
6. Public Comments
7. Reports
 - a) Harrison Fire and Rescue
 - b) Calumet County Sheriff's Dept.
 - c) Village Manager
 - d) Planning and Zoning
 - e) Parks and Trails
 - f) Public Work Department / Engineering
 - g) Harrison Utilities
 - h) Clerk-Treasurer (Statement of Income and Expenses)
8. Corrections and Approval of the Previous Meetings Minutes
9. Payment of Bills and Claims
10. Appointments
11. Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings
12. New Business for Consideration or Action
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Closed Session (if any)
15. Adjournment

Order of Action

1. Introduction
2. Opening Discussion
3. Motion
4. Final Discussion
5. Clerk to repeat the Motion
6. Vote

Introduction of Business

A. Introduction of Requirements

All ordinances, resolutions, memorials or other communications shall be in writing, contain a brief statement of their content, indicate the name of the presenting member and prior to their consideration by the board, be delivered to the clerk. Any trustee may require at any time the reading in full of any matter while it is before the board.

B. Filing

Each proposed ordinance or resolution shall be filed in the office of the clerk at least 5-business days prior to the scheduled board meeting at which the measure is to be introduced. If for good cause this pre-filing is impractical, the board may waive this requirement. The Village Clerk is responsible for postings, minutes and records.

C. Reintroduction Restricted

No proposed ordinance or resolution, having once been defeated, may be introduced in the same or in the substantially same form until 90 days after the date when the ordinance or resolution was defeated.

D. Availability to the Board

Agenda and Packets are to be made available to the Board at least 4 Business Days prior to the meetings.

E. Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Board and/or Staff are not to publicly disclose any items of a Village Board Meeting until the meeting minutes are approved and published, outside of normal business.

F. Meeting Minutes

Village Clerk or Designee is responsible for recording and maintaining all regular meeting minutes. Minutes are to be presented and approved at the following regular meeting and posted as timely as possible.

Voting

A. Termination of Debate

Any member wishing to terminate the discussion can ask to move to a vote if the majority of the members present agree. The board would then vote on any pending amendments and then on the main question.

B. Majority Vote Required

A majority vote shall be necessary for passage or approval, unless a larger number is required by law. In all other cases, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for board action, provide a quorum has voted.

C. Abstentions

1. A board member shall not vote on a proposed ordinance, order, resolution or proposition in which he or she has a direct pecuniary or personal interest not common to other board members.
2. A board member who abstains from voting shall not be counted for determining members present.

D. Vote Change

A board member may change his or her vote on a matter up to the time the next item is introduced.

Manner of Deliberation

A. Method

No board member shall address the board until recognized by the presiding officer. The board member shall then address the presiding officer and keep all remarks to the question under discussion. The trustee shall also avoid personal confrontation when speaking.

B. Recognition of Board Member

When two or more members simultaneously seek recognition, the presiding officer shall name the member who spoke first.

No motion shall be withdrawn without the consent of the trustees making and seconding the motion.

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Suspension of Rules

These rules or any part of them may be suspended in connection with any matter under consideration by a recorded vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

Amending of Rules

By a record vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the board, these rules or any part of them may be amended.

Robert's Rules of Order to Govern Board

In the absence of a standing rule, the board shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, unless contrary to state law.

Approved

2-23-2021

Village President

Kenneth M. Heppner

Village Clerk
