Public Participation Policy

The Village of Dalton is a public entity and therefore is here to serve the residents of the Village of Dalton. In the event that someone has information that they would like to present to the council to assist in the legislative process they may sign up to speak. They will be required to provide their name and topic of discussion. The Mayor will have the authority to determine if the topic is pertinent and pertains to the promotion of the wellbeing of the residents of the Village of Dalton. In the rare situation where someone is denied, the mayor will state for the record who the person was, what their request was and why the request was denied.

After the mayor is on public record, the Village Council has the ability to override the mayor’s decision to allow a person to speak by a simple majority vote.

Rules for public participation must be read prior to the beginning of any session where there will be public participation.

Rules include:
- Participants are to stay on topic and may not deviate to another topic area.
- Participants are only to address the council. It is not to be a question and answer session. In the event that the topic area is so significant that it needs to break with this stipulation it will require a motion to suspend the rules to be passed by council. This motion is only to allow the council to ask questions of the person making the presentation, not for the questioning of the council.
- It is to be understood that the topic cannot be discussed or acted on by council unless it is already on the agenda.
- No derogatory attacks on any private citizen, public or elected official.
- Profanity of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Time is limited to five minutes per person or 15 minutes per topic area if a group with the same topic would like to speak.

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