

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2020 – 122 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY CITING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF PUBLIC CIVILITY

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford has agreed to pass a resolution listing guidelines to follow while representing or acting on behalf of the Township of West Milford; and

WHEREAS,

1. Thou shalt not rudely interrupt a colleague midsentence nor speak over a colleague while she/he is speaking; and
2. Thou shalt not assume that shrillness of tone is a substitute for substantive dialogue; and
3. Thou shalt treat the members of the public with the same courtesy as you would if they were members of your body and perhaps more importantly, require that they treat you and your colleagues the same way; and
4. Thou shalt not resort to zingers designed solely to embarrass your target; and
5. Thou shalt, where possible, explore areas of common ground where legitimate disagreements exist in an effort to move forward on matters of public importance; and
6. Thou shalt not allow legitimate critique of policy and practice to become a personal attack aimed at the person who devised the policy or implements the practice; and
7. Thou shalt always recognize that your colleagues were also elected, just as you were, and deserve the same level of respect for having run and won; and
8. Thou shalt not ridicule or belittle a colleague or a member of the public simply because he or she disagrees with you on an issue; and
9. Thou shalt not pretend something is much more important than it really is simply to score points with an audience; and
10. Thou shalt always remember that it is okay to agree to disagree, and that reasonable people can indeed disagree reasonably.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the posting of The 10 Commandments of Public Civility in Town Hall, located at 1480 Union Valley Road, West Milford, New Jersey.

Adopted: March 4, 2020

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2020
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk