

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
Council Retreat**

**At the YS Country Bed and Breakfast @ 9:00AM  
1570 Hilt Road**

**March 15, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Village Council processes and functions agenda:

1. Review agenda/ time frames
2. Review Ground Rules
  - A. Suggested rules: We will follow rules of discourse similar to those used at Council Meetings. We will have go-arounds of discussion. Each Council member speaks once each round of conversation. This will ensure that everyone gets equal opportunity to express their thinking. This adds a little formality, but is a rule which ensures no one dominates and everyone gets a turn. If we choose to we can also add time limits. I have designated general time frames for discussion to make sure we don't get bogged down in one area. We can decide as a group to extend a discussion with a majority vote or if we get finished ahead of time great.
3. Agenda;
  - A. Political Issues.
    1. Council-Manager Form of Government (45 min)
      - A. Roles of Council, Manager, Citizens
      - B. What does it mean to be a representative
      - C. Democratic discourse/debate; openness to new ideas/how do we frame issues
      - D. Partisan and non-partisan
      - E. Philosophy of majority and minority views vs. consensus
    2. More on Sunshine/ what about email discussions (10)
    3. The Press (10)
  - B. 10 minute break
  - C. Village Council Meetings
    1. Civil discourse (30)
    2. Robert's Rules and time limits- some role playing (30)
    3. How we receive recommendations from staff (20)
    4. Role of the president (15)
  - D. Council Commissions, Independent Organizations, Volunteers (30)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel-Employment/Evaluation-Village Manager

**ADJOURNMENT**

