

HOPKINS, MICHIGAN
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

(RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03)

TOWNSHIP MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, MCL 15.263 et seq being Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended (“Open Meetings Act”), provides that a person must be permitted to address a meeting of the Township Board under rules established and recorded by the Township Board:
and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for rules to address the issue of public comments during the Public Comment portion of meetings, including public hearings, of the Township, and the Open Meetings Act provides the means to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Board requires if an individual wishes to speak during Public Comment that such individual must state their name and address to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. 2. The Township Board limits the length of public comment to the Board made by an individual to three (3) minutes in duration during each period of Public Comment.

3. At those meetings where significant Public Comment is anticipated, the Township Board shall require that any persons wishing to address the Board identify themselves and make it known ahead of time that they wish to address the Board, in order to facilitate the planning of the agenda.

4. The Township Board authorizes groups to designate one individual to speak on their behalf during a Public Comment period to avoid cumulative comments. This individual, however, is still limited to the specified time duration, being three (3) minutes, during each period of Public Comment.

5. The Township Board limits each individual to one period of public comment during each period of Public Comment.

6. In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Township Board will not respond to comments made during a Public Comment period unless it becomes necessary to ask a clarifying question, correct a factual error, or provide specific factual information. All Public Comments shall be directed to the Township Board.

7. At every public meeting, the Township Board shall provide at least one period of Public Comment, exclusive of scheduled public hearings.

A. The public shall not approach the board table before, during or after the meeting without permission of the board.

8. The Township Board authorizes the Township Supervisor to:

A. Interrupt and terminate an individual's Public Comment when the comment exceeds the allotted time limit;

B. Request that any individual leave the meeting and/or request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of such individual, when such individual's conduct is a breach of the peace by interfering with the orderly progress of the meeting.

C. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded, but only to the extent of any such conflict.

Motion made by Modreske, seconded by Wamhoff, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Stacey Timmer, Clerk, Hopkins Township

Adopted Effective date: 02/09/2026