

MAINE TOWNSHIP

RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Maine Township Board recognizes the value of public comment and regards the opportunity for expression of public views on matters of community interest and issues before the Board as an important part of its deliberations. The following rules shall apply to any and all public comment during Maine Township's open public meetings.

1. Members of the public shall be permitted to address the Maine Township Board during the portion of each regular meeting designated as "Public Participation". Comments may be made on any subject matter concerning the Township after approval of the expenditures, and before discussion and possible vote on any Old Business and New Business.
2. Members of the public shall be permitted to address the Maine Township Board during the portion of each special meeting designated as "Public Participation", but comments from the public shall be limited in scope to only those matters of business then under immediate consideration by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees at each special meeting.
3. Speakers are required to state their name for the record before making any comments.
4. Each member of the public addressing the Township Board shall be limited to a five (5) minute duration. At the discretion of the Township Board, the person providing public comments may be allowed to speak beyond the allotted five (5) minutes, or the Supervisor may direct the person to submit further comments, in writing, to the Supervisor for distribution to the Trustees. Comments provided in writing should be sent to: Maine Township, Attention: Supervisor, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068.
5. To ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to one topic. Public comments should not be repetitious.
6. Public participation is generally not a question and answer period. It provides individuals with an opportunity to express their comments regarding any subject matter concerning the Township. The Township Board reserves the right to immediately address the comments provided at the public meeting. Fair consideration will be given to the public comments and further research may be required before the Township Board takes any action regarding the public comments.
7. Members of the public shall not make inappropriate or offensive comments at a Board Meeting and are expected to comply with the rules. All comments must be civil in nature. Any person who engages in threatening, slanderous or disorderly behavior when addressing the Township Board shall be deemed out-of-order by the Supervisor and his or her time to address the Board at said meeting shall end. An individual who violates these rules may be removed from the meeting at the discretion of the Supervisor.

(Modified and Adopted by the Maine Township Board on October 27, 2020)