

Resolution # 963

Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

A resolution of the Board of Supervisors, Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, to permit and regulate public comment at public meetings.

Any member of the public who wishes to comment at meetings of the Board of Supervisors shall be afforded such right or privilege consistent with the following regulations for the conduct of the meeting and maintenance of order:

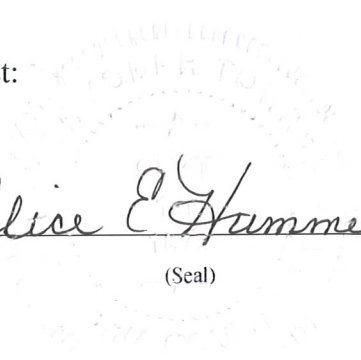
1. Persons shall note their intent to speak on sign-in sheet prior to meeting commencement.
2. Comments may be limited to residents and/or taxpayers of Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County or the persons/entities who have dealings with Upper Yoder Township (interested parties).
3. A resident and/or taxpayer of the Township or an interested party may request to be placed on the agenda for the public comment period of a regular meeting or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Such request must be made directly to the Board Secretary a minimum of three (3) business days prior to the date of the meeting.
4. Persons making comment shall state his or her name and address and the specific subject of the comment.
5. Comments shall be limited to Agenda items or to matters that are or may be before the Board or are otherwise permitted by the Board of Supervisors.
6. Comments which make statements of personal attacks or statements that could be construed as libelous, slanderous, or that defame the character of any Upper Yoder Township elected or appointed official, employee or any member of the public shall be avoided.
7. Oral comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes, unless extended by the Chairman to allow reasonable opportunity to comment.
8. Persons shall abide by the directive of the Chairman with respect to maintenance or order and conduct of the meeting.
9. All comments should be made in a respectful manner without obscenity or threat of violence.
10. All comments shall be directed to the presiding officer who may or may not refer them to another Supervisor for comment. The presiding officer may rule out-of-order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comments, or comments for discernible purpose or effect of which is to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting and which would otherwise violate 18 PaCS 5505,5508 – Disorderly Conduct.

11. If the presiding officer determines that there is not enough time at a meeting for Residents/Taxpayers of the Township or interested parties to comment, the Supervisor may defer the comment period to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring in advance of the next regular meeting. Except as otherwise precluded by law, such deferral does not preclude the Supervisors from officially deliberating or acting upon matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Supervisors.
12. All video recording equipment shall be stationed in the rear of the meeting room, so as not to obstruct the view of any audience member.
13. Supplementary lighting devices shall not be used in a manner that would obstruct the vision of the Supervisors or Staff.
14. Audio and stenographic recording devices shall be operated in the public seating area and may not be placed on the Supervisors' table without prior consent of the presiding officer of the meeting.
15. Those using audio and/or video recording equipment must refrain from moving about the room with the equipment during the meeting.

Any Resolution inconsistent with the terms herein is hereby repealed.

Adopted this 18th day of January 2024, by the Upper Yoder Township Board of Supervisors.

Attest:


Alice E Hammel

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Paula Bush

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Susan McConaha

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Ed Hayes