

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Resolution: Resolution No. 007-2018 : Resolution to Adopt Public Meeting Participation Rules for All Public Meetings in Vernon Township.

WHEREAS, Vernon Township welcomes the participation of its Citizens, Taxpayers and the Public in General, and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township conducts various meetings of its elected and appointed officials to fulfill the duties required and business of the Township, and

WHEREAS, Vernon Township wishes to provide its Citizens, Taxpayers and the Public in General the opportunity to speak to the Township during any meetings in an orderly and timely fashion while maintaining the decorum, purpose and duties required of the meeting, then

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vernon Township Board authorizes the following Public Meeting Participation Rules Document be enacted of even date:

**Vernon Township
Public Meeting Participation Rules**

The Vernon Township Board welcomes you to participate in all Township Meetings and appreciates your interest in the Township.

Each Vernon Township meeting is established to conduct the official business of the Township Board or any Township Commissions or Committees in place, hereafter indicated as "Board". These rules are presented to provide the Public with opportunities to address a Board in an orderly and reasonable fashion while maintaining the decorum, purpose and duties required of the meeting.

Please note that a meeting agenda will indicate a point in the specific meeting when it is appropriate for the public to address the Board. Persons wishing to do so at the appropriate place in the meeting agenda shall be subject to the following:

1. Each person wishing to address the Board shall identify themselves by name and address. Persons representing an organization or group shall indicate whether their comments represent the official view of the organization or group.
2. Persons addressing the Board shall observe rules of common courtesy. Complaints should first be considered through proper channels before being considered by the Board. Personal attacks against a Board member or township employee unrelated to the Board member's or employee's performance of duties shall not be permitted. Board members or employees may request a closed hearing to hear complaints related to the performance of their official duties.

3. A person shall be allowed to speak at the appropriate Public Comment time indicated on an agenda, for up period not to exceed three minutes. An extension of time may be granted by the chairperson if the extension will not interfere with conduct of board business or with other persons who also wish to address the Board. All persons wishing to address the Board on agenda and general issues are encouraged to do so at this time as your recognition cannot be guaranteed at other times.
4. If a large delegation wishes to address the Board, the delegation will be required to select up to five representatives to speak on its behalf, for a total time of not more than 20 minutes.
5. A person may be allowed to speak on an agenda item at the time the agenda item is being considered, at the discretion of the meeting chairperson.
6. The Board shall be provided by the Clerk or by the speaker with copies of all written comments submitted.
7. Board members may question speakers, but are not obligated to answer questions or make statements or commitments in response to issues raised by the public. In general, such issues will be referred to the Supervisor for investigation, study, and recommendation or designated as a future agenda item.

Citizens and Taxpayers may request to be on a township body's agenda by contacting the Township Supervisor in writing to 6675 N. Whiteville Road, Rosebush, MI 48878, by phone to 517-202-9421 or by email to supervisor@vernontownship.org. The Supervisor retains the authority to approve or reject any such request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is properly adopted by the Vernon Township Board at its regular monthly Board Meeting held on this 1st day October, 2018.

Moved by Board Member, Browning
 Supported by Board Member, Lee Cole

Upon a Roll call vote, the following voted:

J. Bean (Supervisor)	<u>4</u>
L. Cole (Clerk)	<u>4</u>
S. Allen (Treasurer)	<u>4</u>
B. Browning (Trustee)	<u>4</u>
Lee Cole (Trustee)	<u>4</u>

Aye votes cast: 5
 Nay votes cast: 0

The Supervisor declared this Resolution Passed

Loren Cole, Clerk Loren Cole