

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 472023)**

**TOWNSHIP MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION**

Minutes of a meeting of the Green Charter Township Board, Mecosta County, Michigan,  
held in the Township Hall, 21431 Northland Dr., Paris, MI 49338 on April 7, 2023 at 9 a.m.

PRESENT: Members D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clerk, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane.  
G. Todd, R. Carroll

ABSENT: Members: None

The following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member

D. MacFarlane supported by Township Board Member G. Todd:

**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. In cases where more than 60 members of the public are present at a meeting and wish to provide public comment, the Township Board limits the length of public comment to the Board made by an individual to two (2) minutes in duration during each period of Public Comment.

4. 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.

5. 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) or two (2) minutes, during each period of Public Comment.

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

7. 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.

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

9. 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.


10. 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.

YEAS: 7 Members D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

NAYS: Members None

ABSENT: Members None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Janet Clark  
Green Charter Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
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COUNTY OF MECOSTA    )

I, Janet Clark, Green Charter Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Green at a special meeting held on April 4, 2023 in compliance with law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed by official signature this 10 day of April, 2023.

  
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Janet Clark  
Green Charter Township Clerk