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**RESOLUTION #2205xx**  
**TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

This Code of Conduct applies to all persons attending public meetings of any Tyrone Township board or commission. This policy is intended to promote open meetings without disruptions and the performance of any board or commission's functions without obstruction, impairment, or hindrance, providing a welcoming debate of issues considered in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy and respect for differing points of view.

**1. Public Meeting Decorum**

- a. Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which disrupts a public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing, interrupting board or commission members or other members of the public, or engaging in any other activity that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b. Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact or verbal abuse.
- c. Persons in the audience will silence and refrain from using mobile phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d. Persons in the audience shall not use threatening, inappropriate, or abusive language toward members of any board or commission or other persons in attendance, or engage in any other conduct that disturbs, disrupts, or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.

**2. Addressing the Board or Commission**

- a. Persons wishing to address a board or commission on any item may do so by raising their hand when the Supervisor or Chairperson asks for public comments and waiting to be recognized.
- b. Each speaker should provide his or her name and address at the beginning of his or her remarks for the formal record. If a speaker represents an association or group, he or she should identify the entity he or she represents.
- c. Groups of attendees are encouraged to designate a single member to speak on behalf of the group.

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- d. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to speak, subject to extension at the discretion of the Supervisor or Chairperson.
  - e. Speakers' comments shall be directed to the board or commission, not to the audience.
  - g. If an individual wishes to submit written comments or handouts, he or she may submit it to the Supervisor or Chairperson, and the comments will be distributed to the board or commission members.

**3. Recording and Telecasting of Meetings**

- a. Attendees who desire to record or telecast any public township meeting is permitted to do so as long as recording is done from the designated south-east back corner of the meeting room, so as not to impede the flow of traffic, block exits or the view of attendees.
- b. No cables, microphones, cameras, tripods, cell phones being used to record, or other equipment will be allowed outside of the designated area.
- c. All recording and telecasting devices in the meeting room shall be under the control of a person who is physically present by the device at all time.
- d. There shall be no recording or telecasting at meeting locations before the meeting is called to order, during meeting recesses, or after the meeting is adjourned.

**RESOLVED BY:**  
**SUPPORTED BY:**

**VOTE:**

**ADOPTION DATE:**