

Chairman Letter

Read at June 24, 2025 and July 14, 2025 Board Meetings

When we were elected in April we have been very open with communication by allowing individuals to speak on the agenda items. All they had to do was raise their hand and they would be called on.

Unfortunately this did not work and the meetings have been out of control and progressively worse.

The past meetings there have been individuals who have been disruptive, disrespectful and inconsiderate at the board meetings. We cannot have this and this behavior will not be tolerated. The board needs to be productive and conduct the town business.

The board represents the entire township and not a specific group of individuals who have become very disruptive. We do not want to do this but a certain group of individuals have left us no choice.

The board will conduct the meetings according to the open meeting law for governments which is a requirement. The open meeting law requires meetings to be open to the public to listen and view the meetings. It does not require public comments.

Moving forward we will allow public comments in meetings where designated as Public Comments on the agenda. No comments are to be made on other agenda items unless an individual is specifically asked to speak. If this were to occur I will call on that individual to speak. Only that individual speaks.

There is no limit on the number of meeting we have outside of the monthly meeting and whether they do or do not have public comments as has been done in the past with previous boards. This is determined by what gets accomplished in the prior meeting and new items that arise that need to be addressed. Keep in mind public comments are statements regarding town business or new items that may arise concerning town business only. We allow 3 minutes per person for a total time for all people of 30 minutes.

If people decide to continue to be disruptive, disrespectful and inconsiderate the board will inform them to be quiet, order or state no public comments. If they continue to be disruptive or disrespectful they will be asked to leave the premises. If they refuse to leave we will contact the Rusk County Law Enforcement and have them removed from the meeting. We really do not want to do this but certain individual have left us no choice as they are disruptive, inconsiderate and disrespectful to elected officials when conducting town business.

The clerk and treasurer are members of the public and are held to the same standard as the public. The treasurer is to provide information regarding financial updates. The clerk is take notes and if there is a question on the notes can ask for clarification. They are not to make comments, talk or look up information while the board is in session unless asked by the board.