RESOLUTION 20-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAIDENCREEK, BERKS COUNTY PA ADOPTING RULES OF DECORUM FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Township of Maidencreek Board of Supervisors meetings is to afford elected officials the opportunity to conduct township business; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the following rules is to assure an orderly framework within which the business at hand can be conducted by setting basic ground rules for public participation; and

WHEREAS the authority to establish these rules are pursuant to the laws governing open meetings, 65 Pa.C.S section 701 the "Sunshine Act".

NOW THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township of Maidencreek as follows:

Every township meeting that is required by law to be open to the public shall include an opportunity for residents and taxpayers to be heard. The following rules shall apply to the public meeting:

1. Individuals addressing the Supervisors must state their full name and address for the purpose of accurately recording the minutes.
2. Public comment is intended to give citizens an opportunity to address items on the agenda as well as to comment on other topics related to township services. It is not intended to be a question-and-answer period. The Supervisors response to public input at a meeting is at the Supervisors' discretion.
3. Township officials and members of the public are expected to conduct themselves with civility and to accord each other a measure of dignity and respect. Shouting, personal insults, and attacks or any conduct that disrupts the flow of business is considered to be out of order. At the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, disruptive individuals shall be subject to removal from the meeting room unless they agree to maintain civility and decorum.

4. It is the intent to provide each participant a fair and equal opportunity to be heard. In order to be fair to all persons desiring to speak, comments should be kept to three (3) minutes. The Chair may interrupt a participant's statements if he/she becomes too lengthy, or ask a participant to leave if he/she does not observe reasonable decorum.

Duly adopted this 10th day of December, 2020.

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP

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