

RESOLUTION R-28-2026
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK
TO PROVIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, under the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (Act), NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., all public meetings are open to the public;

WHEREAS, the Act does not limit the discretion of a public body to permit, prohibit or regulate the act of participation of the public at a meeting;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has historically allowed members of the public to address the Committee in order to permit and encourage public participation at such meetings;

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that the enactment of rules and regulations for the conduct of such meetings and public participation would help clarify the process and encourage the public to participate in Township business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Elk, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that the following rules shall be applied to all public comment portions of the meeting:

(1) The public is invited to attend and observe all public meetings of the Township Committee. Persons shall be heard at any public meeting as provided herein.

(2) At any public meeting for which a member of the public has properly requested to address Committee, such person may address the Committee as to the purpose set forth in the request to speak. After acknowledgment from the Mayor, each person to address Committee must state his or her name and residence or business address. Members of the public are limited to a three minute time limit to address Committee. The time limit does not apply (1) to persons invited by the Committee to address the respective governing body, or (2) to the extent said person is responding to a question posed by Committee member. The Mayor may restrict or limit the time allotted to a person whose remarks are repetitive or not germane to the matter under consideration by Committee. At meetings with unusually large attendance, the Mayor may impose such additional rules or time limitations as are deemed appropriate from time to time based on business before the Committee and the number of persons wishing to speak.

(3) Members of the public are not permitted to ask questions of, or debate with, Committee unless permitted to do so by the Mayor. All remarks shall be addressed to the Committee as a body and not to any member thereof.

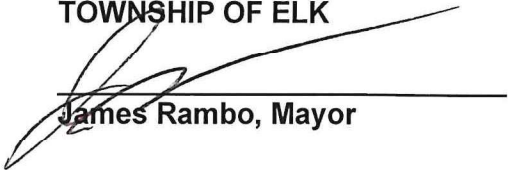
(4) No member of the public, or any other person in attendance at a meeting of Committee, shall engage in any personally offensive or abusive remarks or conduct. No person shall behave in any manner that is unruly, disruptive, or may endanger the health, safety, or welfare of said person or other members of the public, or otherwise act in a manner not in compliance with these rules. Any person violating the rules herein is subject to removal from the meeting if he or she refuses to comply after being advised to do so.

THIS RESOLUTION IS DULY ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Elk held on this the 3rd day of January 2026.

ATTEST:


TIMOTHY J. PINE, Acting Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF ELK


James Rambo, Mayor