

With regard to the unfortunate incident that occurred at the Township Board meeting on October 28, 2025, Open Meetings Act Section 3(5) provides that “[a] person must be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body.” No member of the public in attendance at a meeting of the Township will be permitted to interfere with or deny another person’s right to public comment or to exercise their right to do so. Section 3(6) of the Open Meetings Act provides that a person may be excluded from an open meeting in the case of a breach of the peace which actually occurs at the meeting. So, in the event that a similar incident should occur at any future meeting of the Board and an individual attempts to deny a person’s right to public comment time, the meeting will be paused until the person disturbing the meeting voluntarily removes themselves from the meeting or until such time as a Sheriff’s Officer can be summoned to remove the person for the breach of the peace. Finally, contrary to what was suggested, the moratorium established by the Board does not in any way address denial of rights under the Open Meetings Act and has no effect whatsoever on the right of a person to comment or address the Board during public comment time at a Township Board meeting.