

VILLAGE BOARD
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 8, 2019 – 6:30 PM
Lemont Village Hall – Village Board Room
418 Main St., Lemont, IL 60439

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Discussion of Proposed Referendum Questions for the April 2nd Consolidated Election
(Administration)(Egofske)(Schafer)
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Audience Participation
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjourn

TO: Village Board
FROM: George J. Schafer, Village Administrator
SUBJECT: Discussion on Proposed Referendum Questions for the April 2nd Consolidated Election
DATE: January 4, 2019

SUMMARY/ BACKGROUND

With the utilization of home rule authority no longer an option, the Village will once again be challenged to raise revenues needed to fund the capital and operating budget. Staff has begun formulating the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget. In reviewing the preliminary budget, the Village will be once again short and thus capital improvement will be limited. As a result, options for raising revenue utilizing non-home rule authority should continue to be discussed. At the November and December Committee of the Whole meetings, the Board discussed several options for raising revenue including a business development district tax, non-home rule places to eat tax, non-home rule sales tax (referendum required), increased vehicle sticker rates, increasing water bills, and other options. It was determined at the meeting that while other options may need to be considered in the future if a referendum fails, the Board would like to proceed toward placing a new referendum question on the ballot for a non-home rule sales tax.

The Village Board has the option of placing up to (2) two additional questions on the ballot as well. The other two questions may be solely advisory, meaning no action will automatically be taken, regardless of response. While the results are not legally binding, they have the potential to provide the Board with key insight into the next steps in each area polled. The deadline to approve all referendum questions for the April 2nd Consolidated Election is January 14th. As a result, the board should discuss the verbiage of the questions at the January 8th Special Committee of the Whole and recommend the precise verbiage to be voted on at the Special Village Board Meeting to follow. Staff will present several options for the question at the committee of the whole meeting.

REFERENDUM QUESTION CATEGORIES

Binding Referendum - Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Increase: A 1% sales tax can be placed on the Village's portion of the sales tax imposed on most goods sold within the Village except for groceries and medical. This tax can be imposed over the entire town and requires a referendum passage by most residents of the Village. Options for the precise verbiage of the question will be presented at the meeting for discussion.

Non-Binding Referendum - Other Referendum Questions – The Village Board may want to consider presenting additional questions to the public to provide insight into various topics. Options for the non-binding questions will be presented at the meeting for discussion.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

The item is up for discussion purposes only at the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting. If supported and agreed upon, staff will present the chosen three questions to the board for formal approval at the Special Village Board Meeting to follow.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

