

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Egofske called the COW Meeting, which followed Village Board Special Meeting, to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were Trustees, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski and Stapleton. Also present were George Schafer, Jason Berry, Marc Maton, Christina Smith and Linda Molitor.

III. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of Proposed Referendum Questions for the April 2nd Consolidated Election

With the utilization of home rule authority no longer a current option, the Village once again being challenged to raise revenues needed to fund its capital needs and once again be over a million dollars in the hole in attempting to approve a new upcoming budget. As a result, the Board has authorized the questions to be put on the ballot for the April 2nd election. For the referendum, there will be three referendum questions recently approved by the Village Board, all related to the funding for infrastructure here in the Village. The first two questions are only advisory and the third is the binding question that would give authority to the Village to impose a 1% non-home rule sales tax to fund these needs. Home Rule was one option to address some of these issues, and the board has taken the step to present another option which also attempts to shift the burden to non-Village residents. If this referendum fails, the board will have to look at alternative options including increasing user and other fees for Village resident, or further cuts in infrastructure spending and other areas.

IV. Unfinished Business – None

V. New Business – None

VI. Audience Participation – None

VII. The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.