

Minutes
TOWN HALL MEETING
Village Hall – Village Board Room
418 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439
October 15, 2018 – 6:30 PM

A special meeting of the Lemont Village Board was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor John Egofske presiding.

ROLL CALL: Blatzer, Kwasneski, Maher, McClafferty, Sniegowski and Stapleton; present.

III. HOME RULE REFERENDUM DISCUSSION

Mayor Egofske presented a Home Rule presentation and opened the floor for questions and answers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Judith Apke – Stated that she has lived in Lemont for 20 years and is opposed to home rule and feels that it is a quick solution to the problem rather than investigating the other resources. Development of commercial and businesses that would bring financial support to our community is not happening fast enough. There is excess of residential development with very little revenue and it negatively impacts our resources, home values, utilities and schools. Our aging population cannot afford or support added dollars on our taxes. Find new ways for complete revenue and keeping things that work is what makes sense. Most people leave town for their necessities; they are going elsewhere. Ask your community what we need and then we will work on how to fix the problem.
2. Dennis Schubert – Stated he has lived in town since a little kid and recalls a time when the population was 4,000. The town has grown in leaps and bounds and we paid for it by our vote. Stated he does not believe in home rule, and multiple groups that say they don't want it, because we are one of the highest states in the country with our taxes, which is the state's fault. We need to try not to keep letting people go by raising taxes here. If we need to raise something, we will pay for it and be done with it. Let us have accountability in every form of government that we have. Stated he is not going to vote for home rule because of this reason.
3. Rich Lighthart – Stated he has been in Lemont 25 / 26 years now and has always found that when you need something, you ask your neighbor. Hoping that the board understand that the people that are here tonight saying, yea, I like my Lemont Village sticker-I'll pay more for that. What you're learning here is these people don't want it. Asked that the board rescind this for the vote this coming November 6; to take it off (the ballot) because he thinks it is going to be defeated, and hopes it is defeated, but does not want the Village to be defeated. Then the board will have to figure out their options; may have to let some people go, may have to increase water; there are other options. Would like to have the Village Board solve these issues without home rule.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion Mayor Egofske adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.