'Not a policing issue'

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It is outrageous that taxpayer dollars are now being spent to station police officers at ordinary township meetings – not because of any real threat, but because not even a basic level of control can be maintained over a room of residents.

When a public meeting falls apart, that is not a policing issue. That is a leadership issue. Residents, many of them seniors, simply trying to participate in their local government, are not the problem.

Instead of learning how to manage discussion and enforce rules consistently, our [Lake Township] supervisor has been calling the police. This is a misuse of public resources and an insult to both taxpayers and the community.

Lake Township deserves a supervisor who can run a meeting without turning it into a spectacle. Taxpayers should not have to foot the cost of failed leadership.

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