

Lemont Township Board Meeting – January 13, 2026

The Lemont Township Board meeting was called to order by Michael Shackel on January 13, 2026, at 7:02 p.m. at the Township offices at 16300 Alba Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll was called by clerk Christine Zielke; Blatzer, Labno, Lemming, Wilk, Shackel-present. Molitor- absent.

A motion was made by Lemming, 2nd by Blatzer to approve the minutes from the December 9th, 2025 board meeting. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Shackel-eyes. Molitor- absent. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public:

Diana Cruz, 16350 New Avenue, asking for guidance on next steps because she and her neighbors are experiencing substantial water damage due to potential drainage and water issues coming from the Copper Ridge subdivision retention pond overflowing.

Dave Wilkes, 451 High Road, asked if we had information on the next Palos Park annexation meeting regarding property around Cog Hill. The next meeting is on February 19th at 7 p.m.

Approval and Payment of Bills and Salaries:

General Fund	\$	157,872.42
Road & Bridge	\$	54,271.36
General Assistance	\$	1,028.47
Family Assistance	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	213,172.25

Motion to approve payment of bills made by Wilk, 2nd by Blatzer. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Shackel-eyes. Molitor- absent. Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Road & Bridge Commissioner (Mark Labno) –

The 132nd bridge project is substantially complete. Have a few items left to complete. After this is completed, the 132nd St. road project will start in Spring once the design is finalized. After this large project is finished then the next round of paving projects can begin.

Flooding issues are being addressed within the township. Used 600 tons of salt and purchased more in preparation of this winter.

Clerk (Christine Zielke) – We had two FOIA requests. Levies have been successfully submitted into the Cook County tax portal and the levies have been accepted.

Assessor (Mario Mollo) – Very busy November and December. Will be hosting two upcoming meetings, one for the Main Street Realtors Association and one for Cook County Assessor's Office meeting. There are over 8,000 Certificate of Errors, this in turn is delaying refunds. Additional information in the submitted report.

Human Services (Stephanie Katopodis - absent) See attached monthly report.

Facilities (Cindy O'Malley) – A list of recent past events was shared. More event rentals due to Park District renovations. Still in the queue for an upcoming burn. Dog park has included straw for the muddy areas. The dog tag fees will be increasing. See additional information in submitted report.

Transportation (Marybeth Nunzio - absent) – see attached monthly report.

Administrator (Mario Mollo) – Pace is undergoing a scheduled audit. This happens every 10 years. Attended a Forge meeting with Village and Forge representatives. 1st Amendment auditors are making visits at various township offices. We are prepared and have all our documents on display. Hoping to have a copier resolution in the upcoming months. We received high compliments from Meals on Wheels because of our great relationships with all of our other community partners. We will also be a meeting place for TOI for their northern IL programs.

SALT Update (Terry Lemming) – The party was well attended. The next meeting will take place on January 20th at the police station.

Woodland Sanctuary Advisory Committee - (Jeanette Virgilio) – The committee took an inventory of signs and trash cans and submitted a proposed maintenance budget for the Township board to consider. A landscape architect firm can provide a draft plan that can be shared with the Village in discussing the open 32 acres. On the high-end this would cost around \$5,000.

Supervisor (Mike Shackel) – Shackel attended the TOCC board meeting and supervisor meeting and encouraged the Trustees to attend the upcoming Trustee meeting for TOCC.

Unfinished Business –

- A. 1115 Warner Building – will be discussed in closed session

New Business –

- A. Updated Lemont Township Employee Handbook Approval

- a. Discussion took place and the handbook approval was delayed. Approval will be considered at the next meeting.

A motion was made to go to closed Session made by Lemming, 2nd by Blatzer. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Shackel-eyes. Molitor- absent. Motion passed.

Closed Session 7:56 pm to 8:18 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting made Lemming, 2nd by Blatzer. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Shackel-eyes. Molitor- absent. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Christine A Zielke, Clerk