

Lemont Township Board Meeting – March 10, 2026

The Lemont Township Board meeting was called to order by Michael Shackel on March 10, 2026, at 7:01 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, Molitor, Shackel -present.

A motion was made by Lemming, 2nd by Blatzer to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 board meeting. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Molitor, Shackel -eyes. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public:

Terry O’Connor 15632 132nd St, would like an update on the road construction project from Labno said tentative out for bid on April 13 for 132nd St project. Project will start in May pending.

Approval and Payment of Bills and Salaries:

General Fund	\$	67,371.32
Road & Bridge	\$	99,773.32
General Assistance	\$	1,438.83
Family Assistance	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	168,583.47

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

Staff Reports:

Road & Bridge Commissioner (Mark Labno) –

Had to fix one of the trucks. 400 tons of salt is on order. 132nd Street project is going out to bid on April 13, starting project May 5. Hickory and Maple Avenue project is slated for paving. Pavement evaluations will be done again to make sure things are on track in July or thereabouts depending on Tony. No notification on MFT reimbursement funds that Mark is hoping to apply to 132nd St project. Hopefully snow is done for the season so the team can begin working on the mowing equipment. Received a good number of applications for the Highway Department maintenance worker position. Mike and Mark will be reviewing those candidates.

Clerk (Christine Zielke) – Early Voting is happening now through March 16th, thanks to the election judges for their time and effort. We are in planning stages for the for the Annual Town Hall meeting. A reminder to all elected officials to complete their Statement of Economic Interest forms.

Assessor (Mario Mollo) – See Report for Additional Information

Exemptions opened on Monday. The Assessor’s office has been very busy helping residents.

Human Services (Stephanie Katopodis – on maternity leave, Diana Kunickis in her absence)
See attached monthly report. The board thanked Diana for her assistance while Stephanie wis out on leave. Mario highlighted the number of hours Diana has been working on Human Services for the township.

Facilities (Cindy O’Malley) – See Report for Additional Information

A list of recent past events was shared. Mentioned Township will be a site for early voting. Still in the queue for an upcoming burn. Shared the Sanctuary Clean Up days beginning in April. Plans are underway for the Township, Park District and Village to collaborate on our country’s 250th anniversary. Working with Ruby Whiskers to host an Easter biscuit search for the dogs at the dog park. Woodland Sanctuary Committee Meetings are starting again this Saturday.

Transportation (Marybeth Nunzio - absent) – see attached monthly report. Pace had an audit meeting and Marybeth got high regards and Pace would like to use Lemont Township as an example.

Administrator (Mario Mollo)

The General Fund budget line is currently under budget by \$250,000. Trustee Molitor inquired about the reason for this variance. It was noted that the primary factors include the parking lot project coming in under budget, along with ongoing efforts to remain strong stewards of resources. OPUS training will be taking place soon, which focuses on the government’s “Amazon”-style ordering system. A meeting with Omnia Partners regarding copier services is also forthcoming. Mario is currently conducting business reference checks on the final four candidates. First Amendment auditors continue to operate throughout Cook County. The team is working with the Lemont Police Department on safety planning for the township office, and CPR training for staff will be scheduled in the near future. Additionally, a meeting in Palos Park regarding the Cog Hill property is set for February 19, and representatives will be in attendance.

SALT Update (Terry Lemming) – The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 17th at Franciscan Village for an Irish Breakfast.

Woodland Sanctuary Advisory Committee - (Jeanette Virgilio) – no report.

Supervisor (Mike Shackel) – The April meeting will serve as the budget review meeting. The budget has remained fairly consistent, with only minor modifications. Toirma issued a check for \$5,600 as part of a distribution dividend. There is also preliminary consideration being given to acquiring a generator for the building, or select areas of the building, to ensure emergency preparedness, updates will be provided as this progresses. Additionally, Copper Ridge has expressed potential interest in donating a portion of land to the town/township, though discussions are still in the early stages.

Unfinished Business –

- A. 1115 Warner Building - Local residents, submitted a petition to waive parking requirements. The Village Planning and Zoning Commission approved the variance, contingent upon the next owner appearing before Planning and Zoning to address the parking situation. The Village of Lemont is in the process of passing an ordinance to allow on-street parking. The closing date is currently being determined.

New Business –

- A. Lemont Township Annual Meeting Agenda 2026 approval. Motion to approve Annual Township Annual Meeting Agenda with the addition of Disposal of Tractor under New Business, Lemming 1st, Blatzer 2nd. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Wilk, Molitor, Shackel-eyes. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Christine A Zielke, Clerk