

Lemont Township Board Meeting – May 12, 2026

The Lemont Township Board meeting was called to order by Michael Shackel on May 12, 2026, at 7:03 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, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel - present.

A motion was made by Lemming, 2nd by Wilk to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 board meeting. On roll call: Lemming, Wilk, Shackel - ayes. Blatzer and Molitor abstained. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public:

Ken Chlebick, 11801 Hillcrest Dr. Shared pictures of April 3rd rain with leaves covering drains. When it floods, it goes onto property, causing up to 37 feet of washout. Mark Labno said he would look at it. Resident also needs highway markers on property and Mark agreed.

Tim Banks, 13535 Oak Ct. drainage issues. Previous owner was Bruce Biwer. Drainage pipe was installed in 1987 when development was built by developers and didn't work properly. Previous Highway Commissioner Sig Vaznelis supposedly rerouted the drainage and it worked for a long time but no longer. Banks asked for a diagnostic scope to look at what could be causing the drainage issue. Because this issue is in an easement and it is private property, Mark wants to go through the proper protocols for next steps. He is reaching out to our township attorney to create documents to be allowed on the property in case work needs to be done. Drainage is in the 135th St easements, which complicates matters. Residents will provide a plat of survey to give authority to look at. Additional resident, Terry Anseo, 14259 Hawthorn Drive confirmed this area floods 2-3 times a year and the water takes a considerable amount of time for it to recede.

Approval and Payment of Bills and Salaries:

General Fund	\$	59,222.20
Road & Bridge	\$	31,686.96
General Assistance	\$	6,431.73
Family Assistance	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	91,559.16

Motion to approve payment of bills made by Blatzer, 2nd by Molitor. On roll call: Blatzer,

Lemming, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -ayes. Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Road & Bridge Commissioner (Mark Labno) –

Bid opening for 132nd St project was today but no bidders. Putting it back out for bid. Johnny Earnest worked for the highway department; he recently passed away. Mark is asking for a donation in his name to TLC Animal Shelter from Township. The Board agreed.

Clerk (Christine Zielke) – 3 voter registrations this month and 6 FOIA requests. A reminder for new residents who need to register to vote that they can come to the office and we will help them get registered.

Assessor (Mario Mollo) – They have been very busy – an 18% increase from last year. 2nd tax installment is most likely to be delayed. This does delay property tax revenue for the township. See Report for Additional Information.

Human Services (Diana Kunickis - absent) See attached monthly report.

Mike reported that Diana is doing a great job and that her ability to speak more than one language is very helpful.

Facilities (Cindy O'Malley) – Listed some larger May events. It's been busy with a variety of clients renting our spaces. Installed new dog park signs with a QR code to register on the spot. Garden Club had a great turnout for their event. Landscaping and bed cleanup is coming along nicely. Dave Molitor asked about the dog park revenue and if we have a combo registration with the Village because of Athens Park dog park. We do not have a combo agreement in place at this point, per Cindy. See Report for Additional Information

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

Administrator (Mario Mollo) -Ran down the various meetings he attended. Discussed the open Human Services role and the Board suggested to have this position required to report at Board meetings. Bingo continues to be a huge success with our guest bingo callers. Working on a compliance process to accept credit cards. Auditors are scheduled to come next week to begin their audit.

SALT Update (Terry Lemming) – Last month Sam Forzley presented for the April SALT Meeting with eye care and hamburgers. Tuesday, May 19 will be hosted by Mike Shackel with Rustic Knead.

Woodland Sanctuary Advisory Committee - (Jeanette Virgilio) – Had a great cleanup event last month with over 30 volunteers and kids and Butterfly Garden is ready to plant. Concept plan/site design for 30 acres shared with Board. Kathy and Jeanette gave an update on what they shared at the Village’s Planning and Zoning committee meeting. At this meeting, they presented many of the concerns with one of them being a pipe that will be placed across the acreage and wanting to minimize the damage. Kathy also shared her concerns about new developments not providing adequate impact fees for the township, which is directly impacted by these new developments.

Supervisor (Mike Shackel) – 1115 Warner Building has closed. Buyer Lina Embroidery is very happy and excited. The Village is happy the building has closed successfully. Supervisor Shackel discussed the concept design for the Village of Lemont owned 30 acres.

This property would be incorporated into the Woodland Sanctuary property and include walking paths and other amenities. Supervisor Shackel continues to have discussions with the Village of Lemont about transferring the 30 acres to the Township for incorporation into Woodland Sanctuary. Supervisor Shackel also attended the Copper Ridge West planning and zoning meeting. Shackel expressed Township concerns and additions to Copper Ridge West design. Supervisor Shackel has had several conversations with Beechen and Dill about the Copper Ridge West development in the event the Village allows its development.

New Business –

- A. Tentative budget has been set by Mario and Mike. Mike walked through the budget process. Mike suggested moving money to Family Assistance to use at our discretion. General Assistance guidelines are very strict, and this would help people who need help but don’t necessarily qualify. Mike will make a recommendation at the next meeting on how this may look.

Motion to move to closed session made by Blatzer, 2nd by Molitor at 8:27 pm. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to end closed session made by Lemming, 2nd by Molitor at 9:07 pm. On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -ayes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Christine Zielke, Clerk



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From: Jocelyn Painter <jpainter11@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2026 7:57 AM**To:** Clerk <clerk@lemonttownship.org>; Mark Labno <mark-labno@lemonttownship.org>; Mike Smollen <mike-smollen@lemonttownship.org>**Cc:** tjbanks@yahoo.com**Subject:** May 12th, 2026 Minutes

Good morning -

I was looking at the approved minutes from the May 12th meeting. Since I attended that meeting to hear the discussion about the drainage area behind our property I wanted to go back and see what was documented from that night. I noticed two errors pertaining to our situation.

1) "Tim Banks, 13535 Oak Ct. drainage issues. Previous owner was Bruce Biwer." **Correction: Bruce previously lived in my house at 13527 Oak Ct, not at Tim's house.**

2) "Additional resident, Terry Anseo, 14259 Hawthorn Drive confirmed

this area floods 2-3 times a year and the water takes a considerable amount of time for it to recede."

Correction: Terry's last name is AnCel, not Anseo.

I just thought those should be corrected. I cannot speak to the accuracy of the rest of the minutes. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I look forward to the township's prompt update on the attorney's agreement, which has been under review for over two months, so we can start to correct this issue.

Thank you,

Jocelyn Painter

13527 Oak Ct

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