Lemont Township Board Meeting – August 11, 2026

The Lemont Township Board meeting was called to order by Michael Shackel on August 11, 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, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -present.

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

Matters from the Public:

Ken Chlebicki, 11801 Hillcrest Drive, thanked the highway department for opening the street but the ditch is growing on the washed-out roadway on his street is being taken care of. Mark Labno assured him that they will be out next week, in addition need road markers at 118th and Center St. Mark's team will put them out as well.

Tim Banks, 13535 Oak Ct, would like a more non-invasive approach rather than ripping everything up. Expect a response from the attorney to enter the property. Mark wants to install a catch basin since it is an open pipe and impossible to keep clear.

Jocelyn Painter, 13527 Oak Ct, is concerned about giving up rights on property around the drainage area and the sign off in case she wants to sell her home in the future. Mark spoke with the Township Attorney to revise the language.

Dave Wilkes, 451 High Rd, gave encouragement to the Township.

Kathy Henrikson, 1321 Chestnut Crossing, wants to thank Shackel on behalf of open space regarding the meeting on Monday, August 10 and that it was inappropriate for the Village to disrespect him.

Terry O'Connor, 16532 132nd Street, Attended a Friends of DesPlaines meeting, they got a grant from Constellation Energy, Dressen Power for maintenance of their conservation area, look into that.

George Mendenhall, 15718 132nd St, wants to know if cleanup, trees and sod, is going to happen in front of his house. He is also wondering why/how his easement was changed, right of way. Tony told him to FOIA the Village of Lemont or Cook County for the Subdivision plans.

Approval and Payment of Bills and Salaries:

General Fund	$	76,690.59
Road & Bridge	$	39,909.69
General Assistance	$	4,404.76
Family Assistance	$	2,608.09
Total:	$	123,613.13

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) –

Commissioner Labno said the crew was busy with the recent storm damage. He gave kudos to his team, and we have an end date of this week for the cleanup from the storm on 7/27/26. 132nd Street is getting rolling. The schedule was received this afternoon, staking and silt fence. October 5 is the tentative completion date, which Mark thinks is feasible. The next pavement improvement project is being discussed with Tony from Strand Associates. Bidding will open in the next 10 days and will be bid out in September.

Clerk (Christine Zielke) – no report.

Assessor (Mario Mollo) Property tax appeals are still delayed for 2 months. Cook County Assessor's Office is still behind, processing applications submitted in 2025. Appeals are pushed back until September. The Assessor's office will share more once they have more information.

Human Services (Diana Kunickis - absent) – See Attached Report. The New Human Services employee, Melanie Grzesik-Duffy is still onboarding in her new role. Terry wanted to know why Melanie is not in attendance, she is a Library trustee, and the meetings are same time as ours. Terry also wanted to know if there is follow-up on applications for assistance and Cindy and Lisa assured him Diana and Melanie are taking care of that.

Facilities (Cindy O'Malley) – See Attached Report for additional information.

Transportation (Marybeth Nunzio - absent) – See attached report.

Administrator (Mario Mollo) – Kudos to the Road and Bridge team for weather clean-up and to admin for answering the calls, and thanks to the front desk for explaining what is happening with the assessments and appeals. Audit results will be presented at the September Board Meeting, but there are no issues. Staff Meeting is August 26. 3 year contracts are expiring with BTS (phone), Comcast and the copier so Mario is looking for best price. Rich is the best bingo caller, much to his and Debby's chagrin. 😊

SALT Update (Terry Lemming) – The SALT picnic went well, next meeting is . All welcome. Pat Crowley is stepping down due to health issues and Diana K is stepping in to help.

Woodland Sanctuary Advisory Committee - (Jeanette Virgilio) –

Supervisor Update (Mike Shackel): Supervisor Shackel said the Village negotiates rates with Waste Management and found that the unincorporated rates are higher. It's a referendum process to make things more even for the unincorporated township residents. Should we put something on the November ballot since the school district will be asking for a $30mil referendum for residents. Dave Molitor asked if we could add something informational to the newsletter.

Board will meet early to discuss the General Assistance Fund before September's Board Meeting.

New Business –

A. Motion to move November Board Meeting to November 17 because of TOI conference made by Blatzer, 2nd by Wilk, On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -ayes. Motion passed.
B. Motion to revise May Board Meeting minutes made by Lemming, 2nd by Wilk, On roll call: Blatzer, Lemming, Molitor, Wilk, Shackel -ayes. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Christine Zielke, Clerk