

Village of Lombard

*Village Hall
255 East Wilson Ave.
Lombard, IL 60148
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Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026

6:00 PM

Village Hall Board Room

Village Board of Trustees

Village President Anthony Puccio

Village Clerk Ranya Elkhatib

*Trustees: Brian LaVaque, District One; Jessica Hammersmith, District Two;
Bernie Dudek, District Three; Patrick Egan, District Four;
Dan Militello, District Five; and Bob Bachner, District Six*

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 in the Board Room of the Lombard Village Hall was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Village President Anthony Puccio. Fire Chief Rick Sander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

8 - Anthony Puccio, Ranya Elkhatib, Brian LaVaque, Jessica Hammersmith, Bernie Dudek, Patrick Egan, Dan Militello, and Bob Bachner

Staff Present:
Village Manager Scott Niehaus
Director of Finance Tim Sexton
Director of Building Keith Steiskal
Assistant Director of Public Works Ray Hoving
Chief of Police Joe Grage
Fire Chief Rick Sander
Deputy Village Manager Nicole Aranas
Village Attorney Jason Guisinger
Executive Coordinator Carol Bauer

III. Public Hearings

IV. Public Participation

Brian Graber, Superintendent of School District #45, spoke regarding the referendum that will be on the upcoming ballot on March 17th. He noted the referendum would increase funding to the SD 45 school system, its educational support, and school-related transportation.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Bob Bachner, seconded by Trustee Bernie Dudek, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of February 5, 2026 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Brian LaVaque, Jessica Hammersmith, Bernie Dudek, Patrick Egan, Dan Militello, and Bob Bachner

VI. Committee Reports

Community Promotion & Tourism - Trustee Patrick Egan, Chairperson

None

Community Relations Committee - Trustee Jessica Hammersmith, Chairperson

None

Economic/Community Development Committee - Trustee Brian LaVaque, Chairperson

None

Finance & Administration Committee, Trustee Dan Militello, Chairperson

None

Public Safety & Transportation Committee - Trustee Bernie Dudek, Chairperson

None

Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee - Trustee Bob Bachner, Chairperson

Trustee Bob Bachner, Chairperson of the Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee, reported the following:

The Public Works & Environmental Concerns Committee had a demonstration of UrbanSDK software program. This demonstration has been making it around the committees showcasing the ability for the Village to quickly access information for traffic issues from volume, to speeding, to saving money on traffic studies.

The Committee received an update on the Villages tree planting program which showed how we have been getting caught up from our loss of trees due to the emerald Ash Borer on top of other annual losses due to safety, construction, age and other diseases. The Village is planning to plant 422 trees in 2026.

The Committee reviewed committee members roles and responsibilities. The Committee received an update on the Village's future road construction: 2026 plans for Concrete Roadway restoration; 2026 Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing Program and 2027 North Main Street resurfacing update.

Lombard Historic Preservation Commission - Village Clerk Ranya Elkhatib

None

VII. Village Manager/Village Board/Village Clerk Comments

Village President Anthony Puccio noted that it was the beginning of Ramadan and wished Clerk Elkhatib a joyous month of Ramadan. Trustee Brian LaVaque expressed his appreciation for the partnership and collaboration of all for their efforts in the Village of Lombard Strategic Planning process.

Village Clerk Ranya Elkhatib noted it was the start of Ramadan, and wished all who observe a valuable and fulfilling month.

Trustee Jessie Hammersmith wished Clerk Elkhatib a Ramadan Mubarak.

Village Manager Scott Niehaus introduced the newly appointed Assistant Director of Public Works Ray Hoving.

VIII Consent Agenda

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Payroll/Accounts Payable

- A. [260060](#) **Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending February 6, 2026 in the amount of \$2,574,497.98.
This Payroll/Accounts Payable was approved on the Consent Agenda
- B. [260072](#) **Approval of Village Payroll**
For the period ending January 25, 2026 in the amount of \$1,040,793.89.
This Payroll/Accounts Payable was approved on the Consent Agenda
- C. [260073](#) **Approval of Accounts Payable**
For the period ending February 13, 2026 in the amount of \$1,527,005.10.
This Payroll/Accounts Payable was approved on the Consent Agenda

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

- D. [260068](#) **Adoption of Official Zoning Map - 2026**
An ordinance approving a Village of Lombard Zoning Map pursuant to State Statutes. This maps does not change the zoning of any properties within the Village's Corporate limits, and is only a graphic depiction of past Zoning actions by the Village Board. (DISTRICTS - ALL)
This Ordinance was waived of first reading and passed on second reading with suspension of the rules on the Consent Agenda
Enactment No: Ordinance 8425

Other Ordinances on First Reading

- E. [260054](#) **Text Amendments to Title 15, Chapter 150 (Building Code) of**

the Village of Lombard Ordinances

Staff is proposing amendments to Title 15, Chapter 150 of the Building Code. The amendments include establishing fence construction standards to require a minimum post hole depth, increasing the fence permit fee, revising the permit renewal fee, and amending sprinkler requirements in residential properties. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the Consent Agenda

Ordinances on Second Reading

- F. [260019](#) **PC 26-03: 68 Eisenhower Lane North - Learning Center (Athletic Training Facility)**
The Plan Commission transmits for your consideration its recommendation regarding the above-referenced petition. The petitioner requests the Village grant a conditional use, pursuant to Section 155.420(C)(17) of the Zoning Ordinance, to allow for a Learning Center (indoor soccer training facility) within the I Limited Industrial District. (DISTRICT #3)
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda
Enactment No: Ordinance 8426
- G. [260024](#) **PC 26-01: Text Amendment to Chapter 155 - Pet Shops with Dogs and Without Dogs**
The Plan Commission transmits for your consideration its recommendation regarding the above-referenced petition. The petitioner, the Village of Lombard, is requesting approval of a text amendment to Chapter 155 of the Village Code (Zoning Code) to (i) define and distinguish pet shops that do not offer live dogs for sale or transfer from pet shops that do offer live dogs for sale or transfer, and (ii) revise the applicable Business District use regulations to classify pet shops without dog sales as permitted uses and pet shops with dog sales as conditional uses in the zoning districts where pet shops are currently allowed. (DISTRICTS - ALL)
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda
Enactment No: Ordinance 8427
- H. [260032](#) **PC 26-02: Text Amendments to Chapter 155 - Fence Materials and AC Setbacks for Single-family Residential Properties**
The Plan Commission transmits for your consideration its recommendation regarding the above-referenced petition. The petitioner, the Village of Lombard, is requesting text amendments to Village Code Chapter 155, Zoning Code, and any other relevant sections for clarity and consistency.
Proposed amendments include the following:

1. Amend Section 155.205 of the Village Code, Fences, wall, and hedges, to incorporate regulations for fencing materials.
2. Amend Section 155.212 of the Village Code, Permitted obstructions in required yards, to reduce the side yard setback for new central air-conditioning systems.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the Consent Agenda

Enactment No: Ordinance 8428

Resolutions

- I. [260071](#) **Village Manager Employment Agreement**
Resolution approving an Employment Agreement with Nicole Aranas effective June 19, 2026.
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Agenda
Enactment No: R 05-26
- J. [260074](#) **Resolution Authorizing Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) to Serve as Broker for the Village for Electricity Providers**
Resolution authorizing the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC) to serve as the broker for the Village in regard to obtaining bids from electricity providers and authorizing the Village Manager or Director of Finance to approve a contract with the lowest cost electricity provider.
This Resolution was adopted on the Consent Agenda
Enactment No: R 06-26

Other Matters

- K. [250289](#) **Village of Lombard Strategic Plan**
Motion approving the Village of Lombard 2026-2029 Strategic Plan identifying shared vision, priorities, initiative and operational strategies to guide Village operations.
This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda
- L. [260039](#) **Water & Sewer Systems Supplies Bid - Water Product Company**
Award of a contract to Water Product Company of Aurora, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder of six (6) bids received, in the amount not to exceed \$78,895.03. This is for the one-time purchase of water and sewer supplies, Categories III and X.
This Bid was approved on the Consent Agenda

M. [260070](#) Water & Sewer System Supplies Bid - Mid American Water, Inc.
 Award of a contract to Mid American Water of Wauconda, Illinois, the lowest responsible bidder of six (6) bids received, in the amount not to exceed \$81,201.55. This is for the one-time purchase of water and sewer supplies, Categories I, IV, V, VI.

This Bid was approved on the Consent Agenda

N. [260042](#) Historic Preservation Commission - 2025 Annual Report
 Request from the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission that the Village Board acknowledge receipt of the LHPC 2025 Annual Report.

This Request was approved on the Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Brian LaVaque, seconded by Trustee Dan Militello, to Approve the Consent Agenda The motion carried by the following vote

Aye: 7 - Anthony Puccio, Ranya Elkhatib, Brian LaVaque, Jessica Hammersmith, Bernie Dudek, Patrick Egan, Dan Militello, and Bob Bachner

IX. Items for Separate Action

Ordinances on First Reading (Waiver of First Requested)

Other Ordinances on First Reading

Ordinances on Second Reading

Resolutions

Other Matters

X. Agenda Items for Discussion

XI. Executive Session

XII. Reconvene

XIII Adjournment

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A motion was made by Trustee Patrick Egan, seconded by Trustee Bob Bachner, that the regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 in the Board Room of

the Lombard Village Hall be adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Brian LaVaque, Jessica Hammersmith, Bernie Dudek, Patrick Egan, Dan Militello, and Bob Bachner