



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: MAY 4, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNSHINE LAW

Introduction as required under the Sunshine Law: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the adoption of a Resolution by the Mayor and Council on the fifth day of January 2021 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 5, 2021 were set forth. Notice of same was delivered to the Asbury Park Press the Coast Star and TAPinto and a copy of the notice was posted on the borough website at www.lakecomonj.org and on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte	Present
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice Lake clean up thanked everyone who came out to help and DPW, not much to clean up thanks to DPW. He reported that the Shark River sailing and science academy offering class starting 6/28 and scholarships for those classes are available. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman DeMauro reported that he is still working with Trishore Little League going back and forth with them and will give an update when he has one. For the Board of Education, Councilman DeMauro reported on the situation with their budget and cost issues arising with their budget. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the seasonal one-way streets and the restricted parking on 18th Avenue goes into effect on May 15th. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that he attended the Community Policing meeting tonight and will be discussing some issue that arose from the meeting that he will be discussing with Chief Scott. Councilman Witte reported that the budget will be introduced later tonight. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that Ms. Mekosh has reached out to both the County and the State and they do not do the traffic studies we are looking for so our engineers will be starting the steps to do a traffic study. They will measure the streets with cars parked on them and compare them to state laws and determine whether standards are met. Funds will be added to the next budget to add speed bumps and speed radars to streets in town. The data from the speed radar on 17th Avenue has come back, the average speed was 14 MPH which shows that those radar detectors do work at slowing down traffic. We are going to be having a memorial day service at the lake, unable to have it last year. More details at next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeMauro, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolution 2021-84
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Application
Kilt Run

- Chip Cavanagh came before the Council asking for approval for the Kilt Run with an altered course only in Lake Como. Chief Scott stated that Mr. Cavanagh has been in contact with the Police Department and everything is in order.

Roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2021-82

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2021-83

Payment of NJNG Bills

Offered by Councilman Witte seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-957

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Bamboo Ordinance Amendments

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilman Witte.

No public comments on this ordinance

roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: Councilman DeMauro
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Introduction of CY2021 Municipal Budget

1st Reading and Introduction

Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Allison Weideman of Parkway came before the Mayor and Council and asked if restaurants and bars are required to have a certain number of parking spots for customers and Mayor Higgins responded that they are per zoning but during the pandemic, that has been suspended to allow for outside dining. Ms. Weideman also expressed her concerns on the impact that Belmar's new paid parking will have on the streets of Lake Como and asked about resident only parking. Mayor Higgins responded that resident only parking is unconstitutional but zone parking is something we can have conversations about.

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Deputy Borough Clerk

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