



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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(732) 681-3232
MINUTES**

DATE: JULY 20, 2021

REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

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	Excused Absence
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman Witte, Councilwoman Scull abstained, all others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that he met with Louise Mekosh, Councilman D'Antuono Brendan Maas and the project engineers for the lake front project. They were given a lot of options and the engineers are going to do a conceptual design with prices and then do a presentation for the Council. Councilman Ventrice reported that tomorrow night's

Environmental Commission has been cancelled. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the two open positions for the Department of Public Works have been filled. Public Works has added more 25MPH signs on 18th Avenue after complaints of speeding. Councilman D'Antuono thanked DPW for their work on getting the gazebo repaired and spruced up. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Business of the Month featured on the Facebook page, this month is Foot Envy. They are offering a discount code if they mention the write up on Facebook. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that he spoke with Chief Scott and the number of false ID's being used to try to gain entrance to Bar A is up, with 27 incidents this past week. Chief Scott reported that she has never seen false ID reports this high before. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that he had his first Coffee with the Mayor in 18 months, last Saturday. There was good conversation that came out of that and Mayor Higgins thanked everyone that attended. Mayor Higgins received an update on the traffic study, currently they received accidents statistics from the Police Department and will be getting more detailed reports shortly. The traffic volume study is completed, and the field work will be done this week. Mayor Higgins reported that a detailed report will be given to the Council in the next few weeks. Mayor Higgins reported that different residents on 18th Avenue have reported speeding issues and he asked DPW to move the sign to 18th Avenue and the railroad tracks saying Slow Down – 25MPH. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

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

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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.

Raffle Application 2021-01
Spring Lake Fire Co. – Gift Auction

Resolution 2021-109
Extending Tax Grace Period

Resolution 2021-110
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-108
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2021-962
Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses and Amending Chapter 17-5 of the Code of the Borough of Lake Como
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilwoman Scull.
Councilman Witte made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.
No Public Comments
Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.
Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2021-963
Amending Chapter 17-9 of the Borough Ordinances – Land Use Regulations
First Reading and Introduction
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Witte made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Lisa Jamie came before that Council and thanked them for addressing her concerns already. She does not want to bother the police, but speeding is an issue. Chief Scott responded and said to call when there is an issue, that is what the police are there for. Mayor Higgins reiterated what Chief Scott said and told Ms. Jamie to call when there is an issue as the volume of the cars in towns is higher than normal right now.

Councilman Witte made a motion to close 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, August 3, 2021 immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting in the Lake Como Meeting Room, 1740 Main Street, Lake Como. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Deputy Borough Clerk

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