



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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 fourth day of January 2022 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 4, 2022 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	Excused Absence
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, Councilman DeMauro abstained, all others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro thanked the Belmar Police Department for their quick response to an incident on Newman Avenue, all other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that he wants the Council to start thinking about the frequency of brush pick up in town. Lake Como DPW currently picks up brush every week which is well above the surrounding towns which puts a large strain on the department. Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman added that the town purchased an attachment to make brush pick up easier as it can accommodate larger piles of brush. Mr. Huisman suggested dropping to monthly pick ups which would still be more than most other towns. Mayor Higgins asked if the other towns have places residents can dump their brush, which according to Mr. Huisman, they do not. Councilman DeMauro added that he feels weekly pick up is a great service and does not feel that monthly pick ups would be enough. Councilman Witte added that his concern would be large piles of brush taking up parking spots and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle asked if the new equipment is installed. Mr. Huisman responded that the equipment is installed a suggested even dropping to 2 pickups a month for 9 months of the year would be beneficial. Mayor Higgins thanked Councilman D'Antuono and Mr. Huisman for getting this discussion started and asked the council to think about this matter to address at a future meeting. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Witte congratulated that Belmar Fire Department for receiving a \$223,000.00 grant for new equipment. Councilman Witte asked a 100th Anniversary trivia question, in the late 90's, Lake Como (South Belmar at the time) made the news for what reason? Banning mobile hot dog carts. All other matters are in order.

- Mayor Higgins thanked Chief Scott and the Belmar PD for their hard work this summer in Lake Como. Mayor Higgins reported that Lake Como Day is coming up on September 24th and there are still vendor spots available. Mayor Higgins reminded everyone that the seasonal one-way streets switch back on September 15th and reported that the fountain is currently down but will be back up and running soon. Lastly, Mayor Higgins reported that the Belmar 5 was this past weekend and congratulated two of the top Lake Como finishers, Ken Kropac, former Councilwoman Ginny Kropac's husband and Fischer Scull, son of Councilwoman Scull. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

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

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, 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 License 2022-14
Jersey Shore Jazz & Blues Foundation 50/50

Resolution 2022-139
Refund Street Opening Escrow

Resolution 2022-140
Refund Tree Removal Escrow

Resolution 2022-143
Refund Tree Removal Escrow

Resolution 2022-144
Refund Street Opening Escrow

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2022-979
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Salary Ordinance
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono and seconded by Councilman D'Antuono.

No public comments on this ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull

Ordinance 2022-980
First Reading and Introduction
Installing Handicap Spot
Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull

Resolution 2022-141
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwoman Scull

Resolution 2022-142
Payment of NJNG Bill
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono
Absent: Councilwoman Scull

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, 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.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Acting Borough Clerk

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