



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:25pm

**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](http://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 Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, Councilwoman Scull abstained and all other members 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 the next Environmental Commission Meeting will be held on November 18, 2021, all other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the bid for the energy co-op was unable to obtain favorable rates so the program has been discontinued. They will bid again in 2022 at which time, if favorable rates are obtained, that program will begin again. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and the holiday decorating contest will be held on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that there is a summer program called Cops in Shops where police officers are in bars checking IDs. This past summer, sixty people were caught trying to use false IDs to get into bars and were fined up to \$2,000. Councilman Witte reported that this program is funded by a grant, so it is a great program for the town. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting tonight and congratulated Councilman D'Antuono, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle and Councilman Ventrice for being elected for another term. Coffee with the Mayor will take place on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 10:30am at Borough Hall. Lastly, Mayor Higgins reported that the traffic lights at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street have been repaired. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Rod McKenzie of Wildwood Place came to the Council to express his concerns with the Ordinance being introduced. The 5 months of changes is not fair to the homes on the affected roads. He feels that this ordinance is not the answer to the problem, it is just transferring the problem.

Councilman Witte 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 2021-133

Authorizing MODIV Agreement with County of Monmouth

Resolution 2021-134  
Adoption of Employee Handbook

Resolution 2021-135  
Executive Session to Discuss Personnel

Resolution 2021-138  
Civil Rights Resolution

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2021-132

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2021-136

Authorizing Purchase of Sound System

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2021-137

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2021-966

First Reading & Introduction

Traffic Flow & Parking

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Scull 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.

At this point in the meeting, 8:43pm, the Council entered into Executive Session, reconvening at 8:58pm and at this point, there is nothing to report out on.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy L. Boney  
Deputy Borough Clerk

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