



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
LAKE COMO, NJ 07719
(732) 681-3232
AGENDA**

**DATE: MARCH 2, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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
Virginia Kropac
Hawley Scull
Christopher D'Antuono
Nick DeMauro
Peter Ventrice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

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.

Belmar Lake Como Parade Committee Ceremonial Walk Application

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-70
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilman Witte

Resolution 2021-71
Payment of NJNG Bill
Offered by Councilwoman Scull

Ordinance 2021-957
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Bamboo Ordinance Amendments
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2021-958
Second Reading and Public Hearing
CY 2021
Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits
And to establish a CAP Bank per N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14
Offered by Councilwoman Kropac

Ordinance 2021-959
First Reading and Introduction
Capital Improvement Ordinance
NJDOT Grant Seventeenth Avenue
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2021-960
First Reading and Introduction
Capital Improvement Ordinance
Monmouth County Open Space Grant for Como Lake
Offered by Councilman Ventrice

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

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Borough Clerk/Administrator

*****MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED NEATLY*****

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED BY
BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 93-576.

DATE OF EVENT:

3/7/21

TIME OF EVENT:

12:30 am / pm until 1:00 am / pm

Events with more than 500 participants must begin at 9:00am

APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION:

Belmar Lake Como PARADE Committee

APPLICANT ADDRESS:

Po Box 331

BELMAR N.J. 07719

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

732-260-2648

DAY OF EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENT:

CHIP CAVANAGH

ADDRESS:

1840 Fernwood Ln

Lake Como N.J.

PHONE NUMBER:

732-604-0551

WILL THERE BE AN ADMISSION CHARGE TO ATTEND?: _____ YES NO

IF YES, HOW MUCH?: \$ _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE? _____ YES NO

AMOUNT OF COVERAGE: \$ _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO BELMAR & SPRING LAKE? _____ YES NO

IF NO, WHY?

Event will only be in

Lake Como

***Certificate of Insurance MUST be submitted with the application
before application will be reviewed***



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LOCATION OF EVENTS AND COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO HOW THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. EVENTS WITH OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS CANNOT USE VOLUNTEERS:

We will assemble at North Blvd + Main St. Walk
Down Main St to 17th Ave turn West
Go to Green Ave to Bar A. We will follow
All of the Governor's Guidelines

DESCRIBE ALL BOROUGH RESOURCES AND/OR SERVICES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT:

Police

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS, PARTICIPANTS, SPECTORS, AND/OR OTHER PEOPLE THAT COULD RESONABLY BE ANTICIPATED TO ATTEND THE EVENT: 25

THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY SPECIAL EVENT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND ITS CONTROL, SUCH AS STORMS OR ANY NATURAL DISASTER.

[Signature]
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2/23/21
DATE

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received

2-24-21

Received by

Aboney

Date Application Reviewed & Approved by DPW

Reviewed by

Date Application Reviewed & Approved by Police

Reviewed by

Price from Police Department

Date Approved by Mayor & Council

Resolution 2021 – 70

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como that the proper officers be directed and authorized to make payment from the following accounts:

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List		\$154,173.41
Corelogic	Res 20-106	<u>1,796.23</u>
		\$155,969.64

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List		\$ 52,686.90
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PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

4919	Employee Payroll Dated 2/17/21	\$ 32,594.20
2352	Employee Payroll Dated 2/17/21	6,224.95
Wire	State of NJ – PERS	<u>5,085.00</u>
		\$ 43,904.15

TOURISM ACCOUNT:

Your Target Marketing		\$ 283.34
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Dated: March 2, 2021

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Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO
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CURRENT ACCOUNT:

Borough of Belmar	Streets & Roads OE	295.26
Coast Star	A&E Legal Adv	175.90
CME Assoc.	Engineering OE	580.00
Delisa Waste Services	Landfill OE	2,273.30
	Landfill OE	2,408.79
Environmental Air Systemts	PB&G OE	240.00
GFOA of NJ	Financial OE	90.00
Gov. Forms& Supplies	PB&G OE	50.00
H2M Assoc.	Plan Bd Escrow	459.50
JCP&L	Street Lighting	2,128.10
JCP&L	PB&G OE	935.64
	Public Health	56.98
J. Jimenez	PB&G OE	252.00
LC Accumulated Leave	Accumulated Leave	107,494.37
Lake Como Payroll	S&W	29,910.73
	SS	2,174.84
	Medicare	508.63
Mon Cty Public Works	Streets & Roads OE	87.00
Mon Cty SPCA	Public Health	200.00
Monmouth Truck	Streets & Roads OE	652.50
NJ Registrar's Assoc	Mun Clerk OE	50.00
Optimum	Telephone	848.41
Public Works Assoc.	PB&G OE	75.00
Quill LLC	PB&G OE	352.16
Ready Refresh	PB&G OE	54.48
Ready Refresh	PB&G OE	56.91
Scrubber Doctor	PB&G OE	242.78
Shain Schaffer	Legal Services	119.00
Taylor Hardware	PB&G OE	214.32
F. Tortora	Streest Open Refund	600.00
Van Wickle Auto	Streets & Roads OE	260.18
Verizon	Cons. Code OE	43.30
Your Target Mkt.	A&E oe	283.33

154,173.41

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Boro of Belmar	OE	240.42
Boro of Belmar	OE	825.00
Caruso Excavating	OE	24219.95
Caruso Excavating	OE	11438.50
Caruso Excavating	OE	9727.00
LC Payroll Account	S&W	6224.95
One Call Concepts	OE	11.08
		52686.90

Resolution 2021 – 71

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como that the proper officers be directed and authorized to make payment from the following account:

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

NJ Natural Gas., Co.	PB&G OE	\$986.83
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Dated: March 2, 2021

Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO

ORDINANCE 2021-957
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-944
OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
REGULATING THE PLANTING OR GROWING
OF BAMBOO WITHIN THE BOROUGH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO THAT CHAPTER 10, SECTIONS III, IV AND V BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION III. NO PLANTING OF RUNNING BAMBOO.

- A. The inground planting of Running Bamboo is prohibited in the Borough of Lake Como.

SECTION IV. REGULATION OF AND LIMITATIONS ON EXISTING RUNNING BAMBOO.

- A. In the event any species commonly known as "Running Bamboo" is located upon any property within the Borough of Lake Como, prior to the effective date of this prohibition, the owner and occupant of said property shall jointly and severally be required to confine such species to prevent encroachment, spread, invasion or intrusion of same onto any other private or public property or public right-of-way. In lieu of confining the species, the property owner or occupant may elect to totally remove the Bamboo from the property. Failure to properly confine such Bamboo shall require removal as set forth below. The cost of said Removal shall be at the Bamboo property owner's expense.

SECTION V. REMOVAL OF RUNNING BAMBOO.

- A. Whenever Running Bamboo, as defined by this Chapter, is found on any plot of land, lot or any other premises or place, and is found to lack appropriate physical barriers to prevent the spread or growth of the species, or is found to have spread beyond the boundaries of a property, violations shall be given to the owner of the property from which the invasive species has spread, in writing, to remove or abate the same within thirty days. The cost of all remedies, including the removal of plantings of invasive plants, shall be borne by the property owner.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or community service, as determined by the Municipal Court of the Borough of Lake Como. A continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of such violation will be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

ORDINANCE 2021-958
CALENDAR YEAR 2021
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 129,530.22 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Lake Como shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 129,530.22 and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Lake Como be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Dated: February 16, 2021

Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO
Borough Clerk/Administrator

**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-959**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PORTION OF SEVENTEENTH AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$245,000.00 WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. \$245,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the following funding source: State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Municipal Aid program; for Seventeenth Avenue Improvements, including but not limited to the following street: Seventeenth Avenue.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como may complete the Improvements to Seventeenth Avenue herein above authorized by appropriate resolution.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough of Lake Como is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full details of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Governments Services is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect when finally passed and published according to law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Lake Como Borough Council held on March 2, 2021. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at a meeting of the Lake Como Borough Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021 at 1740 Main Street, Lake Como, New Jersey 07719. At said time and place, all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

LOUISE A. MEKOSH, RMC, CMC, CMFO
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**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-960**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMO LAKE WITHIN THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$400,000.00 WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A MONMOUTH COUNTY OPEN SPACE PROGRAM GRANT AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. \$400,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the following funding sources:

- Monmouth County Open Space Grant program in the amount of \$200,000.00
- Lake Como Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como may complete the Improvements to Como Lake herein above authorized by appropriate resolution.

Section 3. The capital budget of the Borough of Lake Como is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full details of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Governments Services is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

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