



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

**DATE: MARCH 16, 2021
7:30 PM WORKSHOP**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Attorney's update on marijuana legislation
- One way street discussion

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORKSHOP ITEMS



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**DATE: MARCH 16, 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
Hawley Scull
Christopher D'Antuono
Nick DeMauro
Peter Ventrice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Lake Como Democrats re: Council vacancy

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.

Resolution 2021-73
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-72
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilman Witte

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

Ordinance 2021-959
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Capital Improvement Ordinance
NJDOT Grant Seventeenth Avenue
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2021-960
Second Reading and Public Hearing
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, April 6, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73

WHEREAS, Michael and Joyce Montalbano, owners of 320 Nineteenth Avenue, Lake Como, NJ, also known as Block – 4; Lot – 16, hired contractor John D. Pittenger of John D. Pittenger, Inc., 2240 State Highway 33, Neptune, NJ 07753, to replace their sidewalk, curb and curb cut; and

WHEREAS, Contractor John D. Pittenger applied for Street Opening Permit #20-16 and paid the \$90.00 Application Fee, as well as, posted the \$600.00 Escrow Fee which is refundable upon satisfactory completion of the job; and

WHEREAS, Brendan Maas, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, did visit the above property address for the purpose of inspecting the street after the completed job and found the street to be in satisfactory condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como that the \$600.00 Escrow Fee posted with Check # 79298 be refunded to John D. Pittenger.

Date: March 16, 2021

Kevin G. Higgins
Mayor

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

Resolution 2021 – 72

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 \$337,352.51

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List \$ 16,403.79

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 4958 | Employee Payroll Dated 3/3/21 | \$ 35,054.90 |
| 2360 | Employee Payroll Dated 3/3/21 | 6,443.87 |
| 1443 | Employee Payroll Dated 3/3/21 | <u>134.56</u> |
| | | \$ 41,633.33 |

TOURISM ACCOUNT:

1443 Lake Como Payroll Account \$ 134.56

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

1120 NJ Dept of Health \$ 27.00

Dated: March 16, 2021

Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

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

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.

**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
Borough Clerk/Administrator

**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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