



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 15, 2019
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:41pm

SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNSHINE LAW

INTRODUCTION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW: ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THE MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY 2019 IN WHICH RESOLUTION THE TIME AND PLACE OF AGENDA AND REGULAR MEETINGS COMMENCING WITH JANUARY 2, 2019 WERE SET FORTH. NOTICE OF SAME WAS DELIVERED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE COAST STAR AND A COPY OF SAME IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH HALL. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte	Present
Virginia Kropac	Excused Absence
John Carvelli	Present
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
David Gardner	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting and the January 2, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting, seconded by Councilman Gardner, Councilman Carvelli abstained, all others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Borough Engineer Bruce Koch
Regarding DOT Grant

- Borough Clerk/Administrator Louise Mekosh read this letter into the record. Mayor Higgins asked that this letter along with Ordinance 2019-937 be tabled to a future meeting and asked that the Public Works Committee met to discuss this prior to the next time it is on the agenda.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilman Gardner reported that next Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and students from Williamsburg High School for Architecture and Design will be in town. They have adopted Lake Como as their target for their course of study and will come up with some ideas for development for the town. Councilman Gardner reported that they are working with Monmouth University and will apply for a grant to fund the study and development and if they win, it would benefit Lake Como. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Carvelli reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported the following. On Sunday, January 13th I attended the kick-off fundraiser for the Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. With that said, I would like to officially congratulate this year's Grand Marshall, Lake Como's own Mayor Emeritus Michael Ryan. Every Sunday, except Super Bowl Sunday from now until the parade, the committee will be hosting fundraisers at different establishments throughout the area. You can find the schedule at borough hall and at shops throughout town, please support the efforts to make our parade the best in the state.
We have received some reports and phone calls about standing water in the street gutters, often in places that have not seen standing water before. This is a direct result of the tremendous amount of rain we have seen over the past few months. Many homes have sump pumps that empty into the storm gutters and those pumps have been working overtime. Our DPW is out clearing storm drains when needed to ensure the most efficient runoff. To be clear this standing water is not a byproduct of the cleaning and lining project.
This Saturday will be the first coffee with the mayor held here at Borough Hall. Residents are welcome between 9:00 and 10:30. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA & NEW BUSINESS

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 Gardner made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, 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.

Special Events Permit Application

Belmar/Lake Como Parade

Mayor Higgins asked that this application be tabled until the February 5, 2019 meeting after the safety meeting. Councilwoman Scull made a motion to table this application, seconded by Councilman Gardner, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Special Events Permit Application

Triathlon for Autism

Special Events Permit Application

NJFMBA Fallen Heroes Run

Resolution 2019-53

Executive Session

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

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Permit Application

Kilt Run

Kilt Run Representative Chip Cavanagh came before the Council and asked if they would approve a 10am start time. Mr. Cavanagh stated his reasons for asking for that time are because the weather will be warmer and there will be a better turn out. This event is one of the fundraisers for the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event takes about 40-45 minutes from start to end.

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Resolution 2019-50

Appropriation Transfer

Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Resolution 2019-51

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilman Carvelli, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Resolution 2019-52

Payment of NJNG Bill

Offered by Councilman Carvelli, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Ordinance 2019-936

CAP Rate Ordinance

First Reading and Introduction

Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

Ordinance 2019-937

Capital Improvement Ordinance

First Reading and Introduction

Councilman Witte made a motion to table this Ordinance to a future meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Barbara Frank, 761 22nd Avenue, came before the Council and stated she had come to a meeting about a year ago and is asking again if Lake Como would consider being a non-sanctuary city like Wall and Spring Lake Heights have done. Mayor Higgins responded that we will look into what it means to be a non-

sanctuary city and make the determination if they feel it is necessary. Councilman Gardner stated he will look to see what Wall and Spring Lake Heights have done.

Ed Czarnecki, 1922 Margerum Avenue, came before the Council to reiterate what Mrs. Frank asked about sanctuary cities and stated that he believes that each town can make the determination whether they want to be a sanctuary or non-sanctuary city. Mayor Higgins responded that we will get legal guidance on this topic.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session from 8:16pm, returning at 8:39pm.

Upon returning, Mayor Higgins asked for a motion to convene as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to convene as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Councilman Carvelli reported that the Council went into Executive Session to obtain legal advice regarding an incident that took place at Joe's Surf Shack. It is now the recommendation of the Council that charges be filed against Fahey Hospitality t/a Joe's Surf Shack for violating three (3) Borough Ordinances and one (1) ABC Violation.

Councilman Carvelli made a motion that these charges be filed, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Carvelli, Scull, D'Antuono and Gardner

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Kropac

A hearing will be held on February 26, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Carvelli, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 7:30PM WORKSHOP MEETING IN THE LAKE COMO MEETING ROOM. 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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