



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:56pm

**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 seventh day of January 2020 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 7, 2020 were set forth. Notice of same was delivered to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**ROLL CALL**

Douglas Witte	Present
Virginia Kropac	Present
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
David Gardner	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 Workshop & Regular Meetings seconded by Councilman Gardner, all are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None on the agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilman DeMauro reported that he is researching funding for the Little League Field. He has a conference call tomorrow to discuss a possible grant and will provide an update at the next meeting. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Gardner thanked Dr. Weber and Jon Gibbons for their presentation during the workshop and reported that all other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that Mommy & Me will be resuming on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11am at Borough Hall. It is free and children up to 3 years old are welcome. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Kropac reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order and asked Capt. Cox if he had a report. Capt. Cox reported that the Police Department is gearing up for parade day and that Tina Scott will be sworn in as Chief this Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Belmar Elementary School. Patrolman Yee will be promoted to Sergeant. and James Groome will be hired as a full time Patrolman. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins wished Councilman Witte a very happy birthday and congratulated Capt. Scott on her promotion to Chief. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS**

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

No Public Comments

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Kropac, 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 Application 2020-04

Big Blue Boosters Manasquan High School 50/50

Raffle Application 2020-05

Big Blue Boosters Manasquan High School Gift Auction

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2020-61

Resolution Commemorating the Centennial of the Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2020-62

Refund of Overpayment

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono & DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: Councilman Gardner

Resolution 2020-63

Rejecting Bids for FY2019 NJDOT Grant

Improvements to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Oak Terrace

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2020-64

Rejecting Bids for FY2018 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund

Improvements to Main Street Phase IV & North Boulevard

Offered by Councilman DeMauro, seconded by Councilman Gardner, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2020-65

Amending Resolution 2020-60

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-949

First Reading and Introduction

Cap Rate Ordinance

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilman Witte 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 Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

Extension of Premises Application

Fahey Hospitality dba Joe's Surf Shack

- Bob Fahey, owner of Joe's Surf Shack came before the Council with his plans for the parking lot of his establishment the day of the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. Fahey stated that there will be a complimentary breakfast for the marchers and firefighters, he anticipates that the crowds will gather from about 12pm-5pm under the tents in the parking lot. The tents will be there for protection from the weather if it rains, there will not be sides on the tents. Mr. Fahey stated that there will be hi-top tables, porta potties and no cover charge for locals. He will fence off the parking lot and have a single entrance and exit with 15-20 security guys. There will be a band beginning at 2pm inside.
- Captain Cox stated that Mr. Fahey made a request to have an officer and if one is available he will have that request filled otherwise there will be roving officers that day. Capt. Cox stated that Mr. Fahey knows to monitor the line and if it gets unruly he knows to reach out.
- Mr. Fahey stated he has reached out to Fire Marshall Ryan Dullea for occupancy for the tented area.
- Captain Cox asked Mr. Fahey if there will be cars in the lot, he responded that there will not be. As long as he gets the occupancy from Ryan and that there is no cooking outside, he does not have an issue with this.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the application for Fahey Hospitality, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner & DeMauro

No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Outside Dining Application for Heaters

La Sierra

- Kevin Marroquin came before the Council requesting 2 heaters outside for the patrons waiting for a table inside. They will be out in front of the building while they are open and brought in every night.
- Mayor Higgins suggested to Mr. Marroquin putting the heaters on the back patio.

- Councilman DeMauro asked if permission can be granted on a temporary trial basis and Mayor Higgins stated that he would be okay with a trial run of the heaters on the back patio.
- Councilwoman Scull stated she is not opposed to letting Mr. Marroquin try them in the front of the building however Mayor Higgins stated he is concerned with the liability of having the heaters in the front.
- Mayor Higgins asked Mr. Marroquin to wait until the next meeting but in the meantime, work to get approval for having the heaters in the back.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy L. Boney  
Deputy Borough Clerk

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