



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: MAY 5, 2020 – VIRTUAL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:36pm

**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. Notice of the virtual meeting was noticed to the papers on April 30<sup>th</sup> and a copy of the notice was posted on the door of Borough Hall and posted on the website. 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**

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 Regular Virtual Meeting, seconded by Councilman Gardner, all are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None on the agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilman DeMauro reported that the Belmar Summer Camp has been cancelled for 2020. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Gardner reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that May 15<sup>th</sup> begins the seasonal one-way streets and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking restrictions. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Tourism Commission is holding a "Capture the Beauty of your Backyard" photo contest. Photos can be submitted via email and will be posted in Facebook. The photos with the most likes will be awarded prizes from local businesses. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Kropac reported that the budget was introduced at the last meeting and the public hearing will be held at the first meeting in June. Councilwoman Kropac reported that we are still waiting on JCP&L for the installation of the decorative lights and John Meehan from JCP&L will be present for the next meeting. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that parking stickers were given out and since then 14 tickets have been issued. Chief Scott reported that tickets are being issued when there are complaints about cars being parked without stickers and she foresees more tickets being issued. It's a work in progress but it's working well. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins report is as follows:
  - o The number of positive tests for Lake Como has stayed steady at 14 for the past few days.
  - o This past weekend was a nice test for our borough due to the great weather and the number of people that were around. While I saw a lot of cars driving around, I did not see a lot parking. I'm sure there were some who received summonses because their car did not have a sticker, but for the most part I think the permit system is working. I stress to residents that did not receive a sticker yet, to please contact borough hall and they will make arrangements for you to get one. The Emergency Declaration Parking Ordinance will be in effect until the Governor lifts his Declaration of Emergency.
  - o As you saw in the workshop, we will be making adjustments to ordinance 2020-950.
  - o We are still monitoring guidance from the State about summer rentals and the summer season. There are still many different ways this can go. In preparation for the possibility of having summer rentals our code enforcement officers have commenced with inspections of homes for the possibility of renting, it is still not official. However, if the guidance is that homes can be rented those CO's will go into effect Memorial Day weekend at the earliest. If the guidance from the state is different, the homeowners are being notified that the CO's will not go into effect until given the ok.
  - o That being said, no matter what happens I encourage all residents to use and wear protective equipment whenever they are outside. We may not be able to keep other people away from our area, but we can take measure to protect ourselves if we feel we are at risk.

- It is Teacher Appreciation Week as well as Nurses Appreciation Week and Municipal Clerks Week. Happy Municipal Clerks Week to Louise Mekosh and Amy Boney. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

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

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

No public comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Gardner, 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2020-85

Payment of Bills

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

Yes: Councilmember Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner and DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2020-86

Payment of NJNG and Refund Bills

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

Yes: Councilmember Witte, Kropac, Scull and DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: Councilmembers D'Antuono and Gardner

Absent: None

Resolution 2020-87

Appointing Tax Assessor

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

Yes: Councilmember Witte, Kropac, Scull, D'Antuono, Gardner and DeMauro

No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Ordinance 2020-950  
Second Reading and Public Hearing  
Permit Parking  
Tabled to a future meeting

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Carly Ringer of Main Street stated that she did not receive a sticker and would like to get one. She is also curious how many stickers are issued per house. She is a realtor and would like to know so she can let her clients know.

Nick Loizos of New Bedford Road asked what the town was anticipating for summer rentals, especially if the bars follow what the Osprey did and will not open for the summer. Chief Scott responded that Osprey made that choice on their own and there isn't any guidance on that yet.

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Kropac, all are in favor.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, immediately following the 7:30pm Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Kropac 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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