



**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
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MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 6, 2026 7:30 PM
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

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 2025 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 7, 2025 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Higgins administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Hawley Scull

Mayor Higgins administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Andrew Reiners

ROLL CALL

Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nicholas DeMauro	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present
Andrew Reiners	Present

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman D'Antuono nominated Councilwoman Scull for Council President, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle and Reiners

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

MAYOR HIGGINS' ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Higgins read his 2026 assignments which are attached

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Councilman Nicholas DeMauro

Borough Clerk Amy Boney read a letter from Councilman DeMauro resigning from Council due to moving out of state.

Mayor Higgins thanked Councilman DeMauro for his many years of dedication to the Borough of Lake Como. The Democratic Committee has 15 days to provide 3 names to fill the vacancy on Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilman Reiners reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission meeting will be held on January 22, 2026 at 6:30pm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull thanked the Mayor and Council for nominating her as Council President and that she is excited for her new roll.
- Mayor Higgins congratulated Councilwoman Scull and Councilman Reiners. Spring Lake is going to begin dredging Lake Como at the head of the lake beginning January 12th. 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 Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, 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.

Resolution 2026-01

Time and Place of Regular Meetings

Resolution 2026-02

Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates

Resolution 2026-03

Setting Grace Period, Interest Rates and Policy for Taxes and Municipal Charges for 2026

Resolution 2026-04
Appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

Resolution 2026-05
Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution 2026-06
Adopting a Cash Management Plan

Resolution 2026-07
Appointing Municipal Labor Attorney

Resolution 2026-08
Appointing Municipal Attorney

Resolution 2026-09
Waiving Yard Sale Fees

Resolution 2026-10
Appointing Community Development Block Grant Representatives

Resolution 2026-11
Authorizing the Filing of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution 2026-12
Establishing a fee for non-sufficient funds checks and/or uncollected funds

Resolution 2026-13
Appointing Municipal Bond Counsel

Resolution 2026-14
Appointing Zoning Officer

Resolution 2026-15
Appointing Municipal Engineer

Resolution 2026-16
Authorizing partial tax payments

Resolution 2026-17
Appointing the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Resolution 2026-18
Establishing fees for photocopies and duplication of electronic or computer-generated documents

Resolution 2026-19
Appointing the Clean Communities Coordinator

Resolution 2026-20
Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution 2026-21
Appointing Public Defender

Resolution 2026-22
Appointing Special Tax Counsel

Resolution 2026-23
Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution 2026-24
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Prosecutor

Resolution 2026-25
Award of a Contract for Municipal Planner

Resolution 2026-26
Authorizing Aerial Mosquito Control Operations

Resolution 2026-27
Fee Resolution

Resolution 2026-28
Appointing Risk Management Consultant

Resolution 2026-30
Appointing Municipal Judge

Resolution 2026-31
Appointing Fee Accounting Services

Resolution 2026-32
Appointing Special Projects Engineer

Resolution 2026-33
Appointing Auditor

Resolution 2026-35
Appointing Planning Board Attorney

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Reiners, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle and Reiners

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-29

Authorizing Contract with Monmouth County SPCA

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

Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle and Reiners

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-34

Adopting Personnel Policy & Procedures

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle and Reiners

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Jack DiSilva of Fernwood Road came before the Council asking if, with all the work being done on Fernwood Road, the Council would entertain making it a one-way street.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.