



BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
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MINUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2026 7:30 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

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 sixth day of January 2026 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 6, 2026 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

Councilwoman Shannon McIntyre was sworn in by Mayor Higgins

ROLL CALL

Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present
Andrew Reiners	Present
Shannon McIntyre	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No approval on minutes at this meeting

COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Aidan Gebhardt, an Eagle Scout from Belmar Troop 40 presented the Borough of Lake Como with a new, hand built, flag retirement box for Borough Hall. Aidan worked over the course of several months to build this custom flag retirement box and received praises from Mayor Higgins and the Borough Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman McIntyre reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Reiners thanked DPW for all their hard work during and since the snowstorm and commended Aidan Gebhardt for his dedication to his eagle scout project and donating the flag box to the Borough. All other matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported she drives all over Monmouth and Ocean County and the roads in Lake Como are incredible compared to other towns and thanked DPW for keeping the residents safe. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice thanked DOW for their prompt and efficient work during the snowstorm. Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission wants to reregister on Sustainable Jersey which will allow for grants for the Borough. Additionally, the Environmental Commission is asking for an increase in their budget to \$500.00 to help with the lake clean ups and Lake Como Day. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono thanked Drew and the DPW crew for their hard work around the clock during the storm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that she appreciated all of DPW's hard work on the great job they did during the storm. Councilwoman Scull congratulated Councilwoman McIntyre on her swearing in and Aidan Gebhardt on his accomplishments looking to obtain his Eagle Scout. Councilwoman Scull reported that Pre-K open house begins on February 16th, Junior Guards is currently taking sign ups and Baseball and Softball registration is taking place now. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins congratulate Councilwoman McIntyre on her appointment and thanked DPW, Police and the First Responders for their working during the storm. Mayor Higgins stated that he knows how our DPW crew handles snow removal and he has received so many compliments on their work. Mayor Higgins stated that there were many notifications about the snow removal ordinance and clearing the sidewalks, there was some leniency due to the amount of snow, however, tickets are now being issued to those who have not removed the snow from the sidewalks. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

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

No Public Comments on New Business

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, 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 2026-44

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-45

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners & McIntyre

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-46

Appointing Member of the Planning Board

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-47

Appointing Healthcare & Prescription Medical Broker

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

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

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.

No Public Comments

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Aleatory Inc. t/a Bar Anticipation

Converting Covid Extension to Licensed Premises

- Thomas Jannarone from Aleatory Inc. was present to represent this application. Mr. Jannarone stated that there are no major changes being made to the area that will be licensed.

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to approve the application seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MacTav Inc.

Parade Day Extension of Premises

This application was tabled until the February 17, 2026 meeting

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:30 PM 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 Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney. RMC

Borough Clerk

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