



**DATE: MARCH 3, 2026**  
**7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:49pm

**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](http://www.lakecomonj.org) and on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**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**

Councilwoman McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

Resolution 2026-52

Observing the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America  
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Higgins gave a shout out to the County leaders for a great job with this event.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman McIntyre reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Reiners reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that this year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lake Como Day which will be held on 9/26/26. Plans are underway for that great day. The Tourism Commission is also looking to bring back Wednesdays on the Water with acoustic music at the lakefront gazebo as well as the Farmer's Market. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Lake Como DPW crew knocked it out of the park with this last storm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission is holding a meeting this Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported, regarding Recreation, summer league basketball and pickleball registrations are happening now. The Annual Easter Egg hunt on the beach is taking place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am sharp. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins thanked DPW for the tremendous job they did during this storm. He got to ride along with Drew and watching how everyone worked together was incredible. Mayor Higgins also thanked the Police who were out in force during the storm as well. Earlier tonight there was a car fire on 18<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Higgins reported that the response time by the Fire Department was excellent. Lastly, Mayor Higgins commended Chip Cavanagh and the Parade Committee for making the call to postpone the parade, which he knows was not an easy decision. 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

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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**

Special Events Application  
Spring Lake 5

- Ed Hale of Spring Lake was present representing the Spring Lake 5. Mr. Hale reported that this is the 48<sup>th</sup> year of this race and there are no changes from last

year. There are 12,500 runners and the race sold out in 2 hours. Mr. Hale commented that the Police does a great job with this event.

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### Ordinance 2026-1

First Reading and Introduction

Creating a Mixed Use Affordable Housing Overlay Zone

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### Ordinance 2026-2

First Reading and Introduction

Amending Code to Include Affordable Housing Ordinance

Implementing the Fourth Round Housing Plan Element & Fair Share Plan

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### Resolution 2026-53

Appointing Planning Board Engineer

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### Resolution 2026-54

Appointing Alternate/Conflict Planning Board Engineer

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### Resolution 2026-55

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilwoman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-56

Payment of NJNG Bills

Offered by Councilman Reiners, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

There will be a special meeting of the Mayor and Council on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 4:30 PM held virtually on Google Meets. The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, March 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 Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney. RMC

Borough Clerk

The minutes of this meeting are not verbatim. Please call Borough Hall at (732)681-3232 to schedule an appointment to hear the recording(s) of this meeting in its entirety. All recordings are subject to being destroyed 80 days after the approval of the Minutes.