



DATE: MARCH 17, 2026
7:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

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 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.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2026 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None on the agenda

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 all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that the roadwork on Fernwood Road is coming along and should be done this week. Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman

added that the contractor will be moving to Briarwood and Pine Terraces next. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reminded everyone that the Belmar-Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 28th. Mayor Higgins thanked the Fernwood Road residents for their patience during the road work. 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 Councilman Reiners, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Ventrice 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

Resolution 2026-58

Acceptance of Settlement Funds

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull

Resolution 2026-59

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Camille Egan of Briarwood Terrace asked if there was an opportunity for residents to pay the contractor that is doing the road work to replace their sidewalks. Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman responded that the contractor is only doing curbs, aprons and any sidewalks deemed damaged beyond repair. Mayor Higgins added that there is no option to have your sidewalk done with this project.

- Steve Ricca of 20th Avenue asked for clarification on the affordable housing ordinances that were adopted. Mr. Ricca stated that he saw that there were 30 affordable housing units that needed to be built in town. Mayor Higgins responded that this is the 4th round of affordable housing and the original number for Lake Como was 19 but after a vacant land adjustment, that number is now zero. If there are large developments going on in town with more than 5 units must make 20% of the units affordable housing. Borough Attorney Peg Schaffer added that any development like that will be required to still go before the Planning Board and residents within 200' will be notified. Mr. Ricca asked if Lake Como will be in the same situation as other towns. Mayor Higgins responded that the Council held special meetings to meet crucial deadlines that granted the Borough immunity from builders remedy that towns like Colts Neck are dealing with now. Mayor Higgins thanked the Borough's professionals for their advice and guidance through this process.

- Wyatt Earp, Grand Marshal of the 2026 Parade thanked the Lake Como Mayor, Council and residents for their support of the parade over the years.

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

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Amending Extension of Premises Permit for MacTav Inc.

- Mayor Higgins stated that due to the rescheduling of the parade, the extension for McCann's has to be amended to reflect the new date.

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 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.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney, RMC
Borough Clerk

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