



DATE: JUNE 3, 2025 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 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.

ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte	Present
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nicholas DeMauro	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None of the Agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Tourism Commission met last night, and things are moving forward for Lake Como Day on September 20th. The Kids' Fishing Contest and Lake Como 5k will be held that day as well. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Save the Date and vendor application are on the Borough website. The Tourism Commission would like to start Wednesdays on the Water and once a month have live, acoustic music at the gazebo on the lake. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the butterfly garden name dedication is going to take place on Saturday, June 21st at 11am. It will be renamed as the Young-Luterzo Butterfly Garden named for Scott Young and Mike and Susan Luterzo. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro yielded his report to Police Chief Scott who reported that the seasonal employees have started working for the summer. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that anything that needs to be posted on the Borough Facebook page can be sent to her. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that there is an updated Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan up for review at a special meeting of the Planning Board to be held virtually on June 16th at 6:00pm. After that, this will come to the Council for review on the 17th at 7:30pm. Mayor Higgins reported that the budget will be adopted at the June 17th meeting and asked that a Workshop meeting be added to review an ordinance proposed regarding development regulations. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

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

No Public Comments

Councilman DeMauro 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 2025-84

Refund of Grading Plan Escrow

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-85

Executive Session

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session reconvening approximately 15 minutes later with nothing to report out publicly.

Special Events Application

19th Avenue Block Party

- Kelly Lang from 19th Avenue was present to ask permission to hold a Block Party on 19th Avenue on June 21st.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the Special Events Application, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2025-8

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Amending & Supplementing Chapter 4 – Games of Chance

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle and seconded by Councilman Ventrice.

No public comments on this Ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2025-9

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Capital Ordinance – Various Road Improvements

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono and seconded by Councilman Witte.

No public comments on this Ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2025-10

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Bond Ordinance – Various Road Improvements

Offered by Councilman Ventrice and seconded by Councilman Witte.

No public comments on this Ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2025-11

First Reading and Introduction

Amending Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-81

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-82

Payment of NJNG Bills

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-83

Authorizing RFPs for an Independent Financial Advisor

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-95

Amending Salaries

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-96

Awarding Contract for Behrman Park Improvements

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Barbara Frank from 22nd Avenue complimented Mayor Higgins on his Memorial Day speech and asked the Council if the Borough of Lake Como is a sanctuary borough to which Mayor Higgins replied that New Jersey is a sanctuary state and the Borough of Lake Como did not go against the state.

Bob Rumsby of 18th Avenue asked how many police officers the Belmar Police Department has to which Chief Scott responded 25 full-time officers and 8 Class II specials. Mr. Rumsby asked if the security staff at the bars have any training to which Chief Scott and Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman responded that the staff goes through training and that training is required under the restrictions on their license.

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

ALCHOLIC BEVAGE CONTROL BOARD

Resolution 2025-86

Renewal of Liquor License – Dai Lee Corporation t/a Weinstein's Liquors

- Sheung Wong was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-87

Renewal of Liquor License – Lake Como Wine Shop

- Sheung Wong was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilman DeMauro, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-88

Renewal of Liquor License – Karan Two t/a Discount Wine and Liquors

- Pinal Patel was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.
- Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman asked Mr. Patel to keep an eye on the trash cans in front of his store and Mr. Patel agreed.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D’Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-89

Renewal of Liquor License – Fahey Hospitality t/a Joe’s Surf Shack

- Bob Fahey was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D’Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-90

Renewal of Liquor License – Aleatory Inc. t/a Bar Anticipation

- Reggie Hyde was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.
- Mayor Higgins stated that there is going to be a change to the license restrictions pertaining to the escrow amount. That is going to be increased to \$15,000.00 from \$10,000.00. Mr. Hyde responded that he is fine with that change.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D’Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-91

Renewal of Liquor License – Stacy 5 Star LLC t/a La Sierra Restaurant

- Kevin Marroquin was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D’Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2025-92

Renewal of Liquor License – Stacey 5 Star LLC Pocket License

- Kevin Marroquin was present to represent this license. He has no issues with the restrictions on the license and the Police Department has no issues pertaining to this license.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this renewal resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D’Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 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.