



BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
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MINUTES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

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	Present
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 May 19, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman McIntyre reported that the Borough and Police are ready for a safe and busy summer. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Reiners reported that he met with some Borough officials and the Financial Analysts regarding the water/sewer system. He stated that we are investigating the best and efficient way to handle this situation and will be meeting again over the next month and Councilman Reiners will report back at a later meeting. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that there are a lot of fun things coming up for the Tourism Commission. There will be a Lake Como Day fundraiser on June 14th at 2pm at Joe's Surf Shack. There is a \$20 suggested donation which will get

you access to a full buffet and a drink ticket. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Farmer's Market is back June 10th at the lakefront with some great vendors lined up including Farmer Dan, Ferment and Flourish Sourdough, Belmar Honey and so many more. Lastly, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that Wednesdays on the Water is coming back on June 10th as well with Belmar Grass. The full line up is available on the Borough's website and social media. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission has two events coming up. The first is this Saturday DeLisa Waste Service will be at Borough Hall to give a presentation about recycling. The second is the annual Lake clean up held on June 13th at 9:00am. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that there are a lot of fun events happening in Lake Como and asked her fellow Councilmembers to send her all the information for social media. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins thanked Council President Scull for covering for him for the last two meetings. Mayor Higgins reported that the Governor put a one-year moratorium on the NJ REAL flood regulations which gives the Borough until next July to look at the facts and data. 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

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.

No Items on the Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Application

Greenwood Terrace Block Party

Amanda Hernek of Greenwood Terrace was present for the application review and stated that there have been no changes to the application from the last two years. The Police, DPW and Administrative offices have no concerns about this application.

Councilwoman McIntyre made a motion to approve this application, 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 2026-88
Calendar Year 2026 Budget
Public Hearing & Adoption

- Councilman D'Antuono thanked CMFO Samantha Waters, Borough Clerk Amy Boney and Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman for all their efforts putting together a great budget. The 2026 Budget is a little over \$5.1million which is about an increase of \$250,000.00. This brings down the tax rate slightly and will be an average increase of \$221.00 a year to the residents. Councilman D'Antuono reminded residents that the Municipal Budget is only 39% of the overall tax bill with the remaining percentages being made up of the County and School taxes. Last year on the ballot there was a County question regarding an increase in the Monmouth County Open Space Taxes that passed not only in Lake Como but in the County as well.
- Bob Rumsby of 18th Avenue asked if the school budget is population based or does it go by the number of students enrolled?
 - o Mayor Higgins responded that there are many factors that go into the school board budget, from number of students, where they attend school and the needs of the students and every town does this differently.

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to approve the resolution, 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 2026-87
Refund of Tax Overpayment

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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 2026-85
Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilwoman McIntyre, 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 2026-86

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Resolution 2026-89

Executive Session

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Reiners, 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.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Resolution 2026-77

Renewal of Liquor License – Lake Como Wine Shop

This resolution was carried to the next meeting pending owner Sheung Wong meeting with Borough Officials regarding the status of his business.

Resolution 2026-78

Renewal of Liquor License – Weinstein's License

- Owner Sheung Wong was present and stated he is aware of and has no issues with the conditions of his license.
- Police Captain Michael Campbell stated that the Police have no issues with this renewal.

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2026-79

Renewal of Liquor License – Karan Two

- Owner Pinal Patel was present and stated he is aware of and has no issues with the conditions of his license.
- Police Captain Michael Campbell stated that the Police have no issues with this renewal.
- Mayor Higgins stated that he sees this property every day and asked Mr. Patel to stay on top of the litter patrol.

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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 2026-74

Amending Person-To-Person Transfer

Karan Two Inc. to Aria Spirits Inc.

This renewal is pulled from the agenda since there wasn’t a representative for the transfer present.

Resolution 2026-80

Renewal of Liquor License – Bar Anticipation

This renewal is tabled to the June 16, 2026 meeting.

Resolution 2026-82

Renewal of Liquor License – McCann’s Tavern

- William Epp was present and stated he is aware of and has no issues with the conditions of his license.
- Police Captain Michael Campbell asked that Mr. Epp prioritize supplying the financial information to the Police Department for the owners of the license.

Offered by Councilwoman McIntyre, 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 2026-83

Renewal of Liquor License – La Sierra Restaurant.

- Kevin Marroquin was present and stated he is aware of and has no issues with the conditions of his license.
- Police Captain Michael Campbell stated that the Police have no issues with this renewal.

Offered by Councilman Reiners, 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 2026-84

Renewal of Liquor License – La Sierra Pocket

- Kevin Marroquin was present and stated he is aware of and has no issues with the conditions of his license.
- Police Captain Michael Campbell stated that the Police have no issues with this renewal.

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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

At this point in the meeting the Council entered into Executive Session, reconvening at 8:28pm with nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 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

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.