BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
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MINUTES

DATE: AUGUST 18, 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	Absent
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 August 4, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, Councilman Reiners abstained, all others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS
None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- Councilwoman McIntyre reported that all matters are in order with her and Sgt. Yee stated there is nothing to report on behalf of the Police Department.

- Councilman Reiners reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Shade Tree Commission is meeting on Thursday, August 20th. The last Wednesdays on the Water featuring E Boro Bandits on the 12th was incredible and on the 26th Tommy B and the Deep Blue Sea will end this summer's concerts. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Farmer's Market will continue through the end of September and continues to be a success. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice seconded what Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported and added that Wednesdays on the Water have been great! All other matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.

- Mayor Higgins thanked Council President Scull for covering the last meeting for him. Planning Board met on the 10th and affirmed the subdivision for the 18th Avenue property. Original plans were for a new borough hall, the Council pivoted, decided to subdivide the property and once the County approves the plans, the lots will be sold off. Mayor Higgins reported that the Coast Star misprinted the amount he reported that he hoped the properties would sell for. It was originally reported at $5 million dollars when it should've been reported at $1.5 million dollars. The Coast Star stated they will run a correction. Mayor Higgins reported that the Planning Board also suggested changes to the Storm Water Ordinance to prevent runoff leading to stagnant water. If it is deemed warranted, those suggestions will be brought to the Council. At Coffee with the Mayor concerns regarding litter and short-term rentals were brought up. The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held in October. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None on the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

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

No Public Comments

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Reiners, all 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
NJFMBA Fallen Heroes 5k

- John Perrotto from the NJFMBA was present as the representative for this application. Mr. Perrotto said this is the 22nd year in Lake Como and they have so many volunteers to work on the course. This is the standard 5k route through town.

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2026-7
First Reading and Introduction
Execution and Delivery of 2026 Amended Service Area Agreement with SMRSA
Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2026-8
First Reading and Introduction
Amending Chapter 4 – General Licensing and Establishing Late Fees
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Resolution 2026-105
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilwoman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Reiners, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Resolution 2026-106
Appointing Planning Board Liaison to the Environmental Commission
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Resolution 2026-107
Realty Data Systems Contract Extension
Offered by Councilman Reiners, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

Resolution 2026-108
Executive Session – Legal Matters

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman D'Antuono

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Susan Luterzo came before the Council regarding the commercial parking ordinance for a pest control vehicle parking on the street. Mayor Higgins responded that commercial vehicles could park on the street if they obtain a pass from Borough Hall and the vehicle is registered to a Lake Como address. Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman responded that the Borough is aware of the vehicle in question and we are working on remedying the situation.

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

The Mayor and Council entered Executive Session at 7:55pm, reconvening at 8:16pm with nothing to report publicly.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 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

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