



**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO**  
**1740 MAIN STREET**  
**LAKE COMO, NJ 07719**  
**(732) 681-3232**  
**MINUTES**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 7:30 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:53pm

**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](http://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	Absent
Nicholas DeMauro	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None of the Agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the last Wednesday on the Water, weather permitting, will be next Wednesday from 6:30p-8p. The final Farmer's Market of the season will be September 24<sup>th</sup> from 3p-8p. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that this Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, is Lake Como Day. The day begins with the Lake Como Day 5k, followed by the kids fishing tournament sponsored by the Belmar Police Department. Lake Como Day starts at 3pm and the fireworks will be shot off at 8:30pm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the pickleball courts are being painted and should be up and running in about 3 weeks. They will be available on a first

come-first serve basis. The Belmar Youth Club will begin meeting in November and go through March and is open to Lake Como children as well. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
  - o Chief Scott reported that the fishing tournament registration goes from 10am – 11am and she thanked the Pepe family of Belmar for their generous donation to the fishing tournament.
- Mayor Higgins reported that relocating the Borough Hall to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is no longer a reality due to the rise in costs. The project cannot be done without putting the funding on the taxpayers which Mayor Higgins vowed not to do. He will put together a committee and along with himself, Councilman Witte and Councilman Ventrice will decide what to do with the land. There are a couple of upcoming road projects that the Borough received funding for. The first one, that will hopefully start in the fall will be Fernwood Road, Briarwood Terrace and Pine Terrace. This will include repaving the road and repairing aprons. The second project is the Euclid Avenue loop on the west side of Main Street and that is scheduled to be completed next fall. These projects will cause disruption and disturbance for a while, and notices will be sent out letting the residents know the details of the projects. Mayor Higgins asked for cooperation while these improvements take place. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS**

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

No Public Comments on the Agenda

Councilman Witte 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2025-13

Second Reading and Public Comments

Amending Zoning Map

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

No Public Comments on the Agenda

Roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2025-123

Adopting Emergency Operation Plan

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2025-124

Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2025-125

Executive Session

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2025-126

Payment of Bills

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2025-127

Appointing Labor and Employment Attorney

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Allison Krilla of Bradley Terrace stated that the one-way streets were extremely successful this summer and cut down on traffic issues, accidents and road rage.

Mayor Higgins stated that he has heard nothing but positive comments and the Borough will be doing it again next summer.

Bill Getschke of Bradley Terrace stated he would like to see the one-way streets year-round. Since they switched back, he has already seen two incidents since they changed back.

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

#### **NEXT MEETING**

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

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