BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO
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MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 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 McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, 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 DPW did a great job with clean up after the Nor'Easter not only all throughout town but in Behrman Park where there was some property damage. All other matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle echoed the remarks of Councilman Reiners and thanked DPW for their hard work after the storm. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that because of the storm, Lake Como Day, the 5k and the Fishing Contest have been postponed until October 10th. All the start times and details are still the same. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the fall lake clean-up was rescheduled to October 24th and the students at the Academy Charter High School volunteered to help for a litter patrol. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Scull reported that Trunk or Treat is taking place at Dempsey Park on October 23rd along with a costume contest. Trunks are still needed to participate. Basketball and Youth Club sign ups are open now through Belmar Recreation. All other matters are in order.

- Mayor Higgins thanked all the first responders and DPW for their diligence and harrd work during the storm last weekend. The outfall pipe worked flawlessly in lowering the lake ahead of the storm and there was no overflow. During the storm, Mayor Higgins stated he was asked if the lake was being pumped out. There aren't pumps in the lake, the outfall pipe that is controlled by Belmar that is two valves that react to the pressure in the lake and the pressure from the ocean. Mayor Higgins also applauded the efforts of the first responders during the incident Saturday that cancelled the Shillelagh 5k. The Shillelagh 5k runners have been invited to run in the Lake Como Day 5k this weekend. Mayor Higgins thanked the JSRC and Dan Napolitan for all their efforts as well. 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 Scull mad a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Reiners, 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 2026-9
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance – Behrman Park Improvements CDBG
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle and seconded by Councilman Reiners.

No public comments on Ordinance 2026-9

Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2026-10
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance – Behrman Park Improvements Monmouth County Open Space
Offered by Councilman Reiners and seconded by Councilwoman Scull.
No public comments on Ordinance 2026-10
Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2026-11
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Bond Ordinance – Road Improvements
Offered by Councilman Ventrice and seconded by Councilwoman Scull.
No public comments on Ordinance 2026-11
Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2026-12
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Salary Ordinance
Offered by Councilwoman Scull and seconded by Councilman Ventrice.
No public comments on Ordinance 2026-12
Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Ordinance 2026-13
Second Reading and Public Hearing
Amending and Supplementing Water and Sewer Rates Ordinance
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono and seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle.
No public comments on Ordinance 2026-13
Roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Resolution 2026-118
Awarding Contract – Behrman Park Soccer Field Improvements
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 2026-119
Awarding Contract – Behrman Park Site Improvements
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilwoman McIntyre, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Resolution 2026-120
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilwoman McIntyre, 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 2026-121
Payment of NJNG Bill
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Reiners, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Scull, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle, Reiners and McIntyre
No: None
Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono
Absent: None

Resolution 2026-122
Salary Resolution
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilman Reiners, 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 Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Keri Pagnoni of Margerum Avenue came before the Council stating that she knows that there is no pending application before the Planning Board for the 22nd Avenue development but there are still concerns regarding the drainage and flooding when it does become developed. Ms. Pagnoni asked for responsible development while protecting the neighboring homes. Ms. Pagnoni also thanked DPW for their efforts and hard work during the storm.

- Mayor Higgins responded that he will make sure these concerns are addressed if and when this application goes before the Planning Board.

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 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 Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney. RMC
Borough Clerk

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