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MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 2, 2024 7:30 PM
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

SALUTE TO FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

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 third day of January 2023 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 3, 2023 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Higgins administered the oath of office to Councilman Nicholas DeMauro

Mayor Higgins administered the oath of office to Councilman Peter Ventrice

ROLL CALL

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

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a nominated Councilman Witte for Council President, seconded by

MAYOR HIGGINS' ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Higgins reported that his 2024 Assignments of Committee Members will not be changing and thank the Council for their hard work in 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the Agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reminded all residents that leaf and brush pick up will resume in April with the exception of Christmas trees which can be put at the curb free of tinsel, lights, ornaments, etc. any weekday for pick up. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull congratulated Councilman DeMauro and Councilman Ventrice on being sworn in tonight as well as the winners of the decorating contest. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte congratulated Councilman DeMauro and Councilman Ventrice on being sworn in to their new terms and thanked his fellow Councilmembers for nominating him as Council President. Councilman Witte reported that 2024 marks the 100th Anniversary of Lake Como and with that will come a lot of great events. One of Lake Como's residents and Planning Board Member, Gretchen Schmidhausler, owns Little Dog Brewing Company in Neptune City and will be making a special beer to commemorate the 100th Anniversary called 1924 and Councilman Witte thanked her for doing this for the town. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins congratulated Councilman DeMauro, Councilman Ventrice and Councilman Witte and reported that he is very much looking forward to the 100th Anniversary in 2024 and this theme will be carried through a lot of events this year including the parade, the Mayor's Bash and Lake Como Day. 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

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.

Resolution 2024-01
Time and Place of Regular Meetings

Resolution 2024-02
Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates

Resolution 2024-03
Setting Grace Period, Interest Rates and Policy for Taxes and Municipal Charges for 2024

Resolution 2024-04
Appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

Resolution 2024-05
Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution 2024-06
Adopting a Cash Management Plan

Resolution 2024-07
Appointing Municipal Labor Attorney

Resolution 2024-08
Appointing Municipal Attorney

Resolution 2024-09
Waiving Yard Sale Fees

Resolution 2024-10
Appointing Community Development Block Grant Representatives

Resolution 2024-11
Authorizing the Filing of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution 2024-12
Establishing a fee for non-sufficient funds checks and/or uncollected funds

Resolution 2024-13
Appointing Municipal Bond Counsel

Resolution 2024-14
Appointing Zoning Officer

Resolution 2024-15
Appointing Municipal Engineer

Resolution 2024-16
Authorizing partial tax payments

Resolution 2024-17
Appointing the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Resolution 2024-18
Establishing fees for photocopies and duplication of electronic or computer-generated documents

Resolution 2024-19
Appointing the Clean Communities Coordinator

Resolution 2024-20
Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution 2024-21
Appointing Public Defender

Resolution 2024-22
Appointing Special Tax Counsel

Resolution 2024-23
Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution 2024-24
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Prosecutor

Resolution 2024-25
Award of a Contract for Municipal Planner

Resolution 2024-26
Authorizing Aerial Mosquito Control Operations

Resolution 2024-27
Fee Resolution

Resolution 2024-28
Appointing Risk Management Consultant

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-29
Authorizing Contract with Monmouth County SPCA
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 2024-30

Authorizing Contract with Dental Services Organization

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2024-31

2024 Temporary Budget

This resolution was pulled and will be heard at the January 16, 2024 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No Public Comments

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting 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

Acting Borough Clerk

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