



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 3, 2023 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 7:32pm

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 fourth day of January 2022 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 4, 2022 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:

Councilwoman Hawley Scull was unable to attend tonight's meeting and was sworn in earlier today by Borough Clerk Amy Boney.

Councilman Douglas Witte

- Councilman Witte is a life-long resident of South Belmar and Lake Como and has served on the Borough Council for 30 years. He began his public service at the age of 16 as a member of the South Belmar First Aid Squad and was a member of the South Belmar Fire Company serving as Chief for six years. He has been a member of the Lake Como Board of Education, the Lake Como Planning Board, and has served as liaison to many committees over the years. Councilman Witte has served as the Council President for seventeen years. Currently Council President Witte is chairing the 100th Anniversary Committee. Tonight, Councilman Witte is joined by his daughter April, son-in-law Ray, son Doug, daughter-in-law Beth Ann and friend Sue.
- Judge Dennis Lavender swore in Councilman Witte.

Mayor Kevin G. Higgins

- Mayor Higgins was appointed to the Lake Como council in April of 2012. He served three terms as a council member serving as Liaison to the Finance Committee, the Emergency Services Committee, Public Works/Water & Sewer Department, and was a representative on the Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day

Committee. In August of 2018, Mayor Higgins was selected by the council to fill the unexpired term of Mayor and was then elected to a full term in November of 2018. Today he is beginning his second term as the Mayor of Lake Como.

Tonight, he is joined by his wife Kristen.

- Judge Dennis Lavender swore in Mayor Higgins.

ROLL CALL

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

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman D'Antuono nominated Councilman Witte to be Council President, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull and Councilman DeMauro

MAYOR HIGGINS' ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Higgins kept his assignments the same as last year and those are attached to the minutes. Mayor Higgins thanked the Council for all their hard work on their committees for the past year.

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 D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte thanked his fellow Councilmembers for appointing him as Council President for another term. Councilman Witte asked his 100th Anniversary Trivia Question which is, Main Street used to be known by what other name? The answer to that is F Street. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins congratulated Councilman Witte and Councilwoman Scull on their new terms on the Council and thanked all the families of the Council for their support and sacrifices everyday allowing us all to serve the residents of Lake Como. 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 Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte 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.

Resolution 2023-01
Time and Place of Regular Meetings

Resolution 2023-02
Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates

Resolution 2023-03
Setting Grace Period, Interest Rates and Policy for Taxes and Municipal Charges for 2023

Resolution 2023-04
Appointments to Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

Resolution 2023-05
Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution 2023-06
Adopting a Cash Management Plan

Resolution 2023-07
Appointing Municipal Labor Attorney

Resolution 2023-08
Appointing Municipal Attorney

Resolution 2023-09
Waiving Yard Sale Fees

Resolution 2023-10
Appointing Community Development Block Grant Representatives

Resolution 2023-11
Authorizing the Filing of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution 2023-12
Establishing a fee for non-sufficient funds checks and/or uncollected funds

Resolution 2023-13
Appointing Municipal Bond Counsel

Resolution 2023-14
Appointing Zoning Officer

Resolution 2023-15
Appointing Municipal Engineer

Resolution 2023-16
Financial Consultant Services

Resolution 2023-17
Authorizing partial tax payments

Resolution 2023-18
Appointing the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Resolution 2023-19
Establishing fees for photocopies and duplication of electronic or computer-generated documents

Resolution 2023-20
Appointing the Clean Communities Coordinator

Resolution 2023-21
Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution 2023-22
Appointing Public Defender

Resolution 2023-23
Appointing Special Tax Counsel

Resolution 2023-24
Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution 2023-25
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Prosecutor

Resolution 2023-26
Award of a Contract for Municipal Planner

Resolution 2023-27
Authorizing Aerial Mosquito Control Operations

Resolution 2023-28
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Engineer

Resolution 2023-29
Fee Resolution

Resolution 2023-30
Appointing Risk Management Consultant

Resolution 2023-33
Appointing Municipal Judge

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull and Councilman DeMauro

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-31

Authorizing Contract with Monmouth County SPCA

Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2023-32

Authorizing Contract with Dental Services Organization

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Scull and Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No Public Comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Acting Borough Clerk

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