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**DATE: JANUARY 4, 2022 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
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 fifth day of January 2021 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 5, 2021 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:

Christopher D'Antuono
Heather Albala-Doyle
Peter Ventrice

Mayor Higgins administered oaths to Councilman D'Antuono, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle and Councilman 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 Scull nominated Councilman Witte to be Council President, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MAYOR HIGGINS' ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Higgins stated that he will do his assignment of Committee Members at a future meeting after he has spoken to the Council about any changes he will be making.

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 there will be a Board of Education meeting on January 5th in the Belmar Elementary School Library, all other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull congratulated Councilmembers Albala-Doyle, D'Antuono and Ventrice on being sworn in tonight and Councilman Witte on being nominated as Council President. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte congratulated Councilmembers Albala-Doyle, D'Antuono and Ventrice and thanked the Council for nominating him as Council President for this year. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins also congratulated Councilman D'Antuono, Councilman Ventrice and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle on their swearing in tonight. Mayor Higgins also thanked the Council, Police, DPW and the Borough Hall staff for all their hard work over these last two very challenging years. 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.

Erick Schutz of Bradley Terrace commented that our meetings coincide with Belmar's meetings and asked if ours could be changed. Mayor Higgins responded that our meetings have been set on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays for decades and Belmar has changed their meetings a few times. Ours will stay as they are. Mayor Higgins responded that he does have Coffee with the Mayor once a month for anyone unable to attend the Council meetings.

Mike Ryan of E Street echoed the sentiments of the Mayor and it's not easy to change meeting dates especially since bills need to be paid, contracts signed by certain dates.

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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 2022-01
Time and Place of Regular Meetings

Resolution 2022-02
Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates

Resolution 2022-03
Rate of Interest on Delinquent Tax Bills

Resolution 2022-04
Rate of Interest on Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills

Resolution 2022-05
Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution 2022-06
Designating Official Depositories for Official Funds

Resolution 2022-07
Appointing Recycling Coordinator

Resolution 2022-08
Appointing Assessment Searcher

Resolution 2022-09
Appointing Municipal Labor Attorney

Resolution 2022-10
Appointing Municipal Attorney

Resolution 2022-11
Waiving Yard Sale Fees

Resolution 2022-12
Appointing Community Development Block Grant Representatives

Resolution 2022-13
Authorizing the Filing of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution 2022-14
Appointing the Planning/Zoning Board members

Resolution 2022-15
Appointing Representative to the Monmouth County Office of Aging

Resolution 2022-16
Appointing the Fund Commissioner and Safety Coordinator

Resolution 2022-17
Establishing a fee for Non-sufficient funds checks and/or uncollected funds

Resolution 2022-18
Appointing Municipal Bond Counsel

Resolution 2022-19
Appointing Deputy Administrator

Resolution 2022-20
Appointing Zoning Officer

Resolution 2022-21
Appointing Members of the Environmental Commission

Resolution 2022-22
Designating Duplicate Tax Bill Fee

Resolution 2022-23
Fee for Certificate for Redemption of Tax Sale

Resolution 2022-24
Fee for Duplicate Copy of Certificate of Sale

Resolution 2022-25
Appointing Municipal Engineer

Resolution 2022-26
Appointing members of the Tourism Commission

Resolution 2022-27
Appointing representatives to the Parade committee

Resolution 2022-28
Appointing members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee

Resolution 2022-29
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Prosecutor

Resolution 2022-30
Authorizing partial tax payments

Resolution 2022-31
Appointing the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Resolution 2022-32
Appointing the Tax Search Officer

Resolution 2022-33
Establishing fees for photocopies and duplication of electronic or computer generated documents

Resolution 2022-34
Appointing the Clean Communities Coordinator

Resolution 2022-35
Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor

Resolution 2022-36
Appointing Public Defender

Resolution 2022-37
Appointing Special Tax Counsel

Resolution 2022-38
Electronic Tax Sale

Resolution 2022-39
Appointing Municipal Auditor

Resolution 2022-40
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Public Defender

Resolution 2022-41
Award of a Contract for Municipal Planner

Resolution 2022-42
Appointing Construction Code Official

Resolutions 2022-43
Appointing Fire Subcode Official

Resolution 2022-44
Authorizing Aerial Mosquito Control Operations

Resolution 2022-45
Appointing Alternate/Conflict Engineer

Resolution 2022-46
Appointing Building Subcode Official

Resolution 2022-47
Appointing Electrical Subcode Official

Resolution 2022-48
Appointing SMRSA Representative

Resolution 2022-49
Appointing Risk Management Consultant

Resolution 2022-51
Fee Resolution

Resolution 2022-52
Appointing Public Safety Director

Resolution 2022-55
Appointing Alternate Tax Attorney

Resolution 2022-56
Financial Consultant Services

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-50
Temporary Budget

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-53
Authorizing Contract with Monmouth County SPCA

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-54
Authorizing Contract with Dental Services Organization

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Erick Schutz of Bradley Terrace came before the Council with several suggestions on the proposed ordinance for changes to the traffic flow and parking. Mr. Schutz asked if 18th Avenue can be kept as two way and if the parking can be removed on the north side instead of south side since it would be less of a loss of parking spots. Councilman DeMauro responded that he is on the Traffic Committee and asked if Mr. Schutz can send an email to the town with his suggestions.

Councilman DeMauro 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 18, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Deputy Borough Clerk

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