



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:37pm

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 second day of January 2024 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 2, 2024 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024 Reorganization Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle thanked the Belmar Police Department, Belmar Fire Department and all the departments who responded to the recent fire and for their quick response. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission will be meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm and will be working with the WHSAD on the Main Street arboretum. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono thanked the Lake Como DPW for their hard work and excellent work with the snowstorm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that he will be attending the Fire Chief dinner on Saturday and will reiterate the Council's comments. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins thanked all the first responders who assisted in the structure fire on Wildwood Place. The house was a total loss but the adjacent structures were saved due to their efforts. There were a few minor injuries and no loss of human life. Mayor Higgins thanked DPW for their hard work the past few days. Coffee with the Mayor will be Saturday, January 20th from 9:00am – 10:30am. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

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 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Permit Application

HDSA 5k

- James Giordino representing HDSA came before the Council and stated that the organization is using the same route as last year. Chief Scott commented that Spring Lake is requiring all organizations to use the path at the lake and will not be shutting down the street. Mayor Higgins stated that walkers must stay on the sidewalk and Council President Witte stated that HDSA needs to submit a valid insurance certificate before this can be approved.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this application, conditional on receiving a current, valid insurance certificate, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-31
2024 Temporary Budget
Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-32
Appointing Auditor
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-33
Appointing OEM Coordinator
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-34
Amending Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointment
Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-35
Executive Session
Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-36

Salary Resolution

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-37

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-38

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-39

Authorizing Solicitation of Proposals for the Behrman Park Playground Improvements

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-40

Amending Resolution 2023-150

Appropriations Transfer

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Jim Buchanan, North Blvd., came before the Council and discussed his personal issues with stormwater runoff on his property from development and stated he cannot fix this problem on his own and asked for the Council's help.

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 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

Councilwoman Scull 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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