



**DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:46pm

**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 seventh day of January 2025 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 7, 2025 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](http://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
Nicholas DeMauro	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None on the agenda

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Higgins read a letter from Jude McGuire regarding the lighting plan for Behrman Park. Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman stated that this has been addressed, and no lights will shine into Ms. McGuire's yard at all.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice recognized the Belmar fire fighters, first responders from the surrounding towns who had extraordinary response for the fire on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Belmar Junior Guards are currently accepting applications. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
  - o Chief Scott reported that the Cupid's Chase 5k is this weekend beginning and ending at Bar Anticipation.
- Mayor Higgins echoed the sentiments of Councilman Ventrice, thank you to all the fire fighters, police and first aid members for everything they do for the communities every single day. Lake Como is served by three great organizations are we are very lucky to be in this position. 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.

No Public Comments on New Business

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Witte, 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 2025-42  
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Resolution 2025-49  
Award Contract for Municipal Attorney

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Special Events Application  
Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade

Special Events Application  
Kilt Run

Special Events Application  
JSRC Spring Break 5k

Special Events Application  
Belmar Five Mile Run

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the 4 Special Events applications, 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 2025-46

Appointing Certified Municipal Finance Officer

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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

Mayor Higgins commented that the CMFO exam is very difficult with a very low pass rate and not only did Samantha pass it on her first try, she got a 100% on her first try. Mayor Higgins congratulated Samantha.

#### Ordinance 2025-1

Second Reading and Public Comments

Salary & Wage Guide

Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle.

No Public Comments

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

#### Resolution 2025-43

Salary Resolution

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2025-44

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, 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 2025-45

Payment of NJNG Bill

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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 2025-47

Certification of the Annual Audit

Offered by Councilman Witte, 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 2025-48

Corrective Action Plan

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2025-50

Executive Session - Litigation

Pulled from the agenda

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

Extension of Premises Application

McCann's Tavern

- William Epp from McCann's was present. Mayor Higgins stated that last year the hours of the application were 7am – 10pm and this year he is applying for 8am – 11pm. Mayor Higgins asked Mr. Epp if he was okay amending those hours to 8am – 10pm.
- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to approve this application, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

Councilwoman Scull 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, February 18, 2025 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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