



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
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MINUTES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:32pm

There is a technical issue with the recording system so there is no recording of this meeting.

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 January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that Junior Lifeguard sign ups are taking place now and those interested can sign up at Belmar.com. Rob DeMartin, the head of the EMS, is going to be offering Friends and Family CPR training again this spring. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle also reported that we are awarding the contract for the playground under the Community Development Block Grant that the town was awarded. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission is hoping to have Mazza come in and do a presentation on recycling. They are also looking into a grant for a floating wetland island that will reduce algae and improve the quality of the water. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Tourism Commission has set Lake Como Day for September 21, 2024 with a rain date of September 22nd. Councilwoman Scull also reported that there is a lot of Lake Como swag available for purchase including green tie dye hooded sweatshirts that would be perfect for parade day. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that he will be reporting on the 100th Anniversary events at the next meeting. All other matters are in order.
 - o Chief Scott reported that the Cupid's Chase 5k is happening out of Bar A this Saturday and asked residents to be mindful of road closures.
- Mayor Higgins reported that all 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 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.

Raffle License 2024-04
Jersey Shore Jazz & Blues 50/50

Resolution 2024-47
Refund of Tax Overpayment

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

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Permit Application
Spring Lake 5

- Edwin Hale, Race Director, came before the Council. This is the 44th year the Spring Lake 5 is being ran, only using North Blvd. and part of Main Street. This is the largest 5 mile run in North American and it supports charity work of several local charities.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve this application, 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

Ordinance 2024-01

First Reading and Introduction

Ordinance Amending Ordinance 17-14.6 of the Borough of Lake Como's Development Regulations

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 2024-41

Cancelation of Appropriations

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 2024-42

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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 2024-43

Payment of NJNG Bills

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 2024-44

Appointing Fee Accountant

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 2024-45

Awarding Contract for Behrman Park Playground Improvements through CDBG

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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 2024-46

Executive Session

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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 2024-48

Appointing Special Project Engineer

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Barbara Frank of 22nd Avenue came before the Council questioning the towns status as a sanctuary town.

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

At this point in the meeting, 7:57pm the Council entered into executive session, reconvening at 8:17pm with nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 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 D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Acting Borough Clerk

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