



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

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	Absent
Nick DeMauro	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor.

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.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that the 100th Anniversary Kick Off Party will be at Joe's Surf Shack at 2:00pm. Lake Como resident and Planning Board Member

Gretchen Schmidhausler owns Little Dog Brewery and she is making a special beer called 1924 in honor of the town's 100th Anniversary. June 3rd will be 100 years to the day of the first meeting the town held and we are having a special Council meeting to commemorate that date. July 18th will be the Mayor's Bash at Bar Anticipation and September 21st will be Lake Como Day. Councilman Witte also reported that in addition to Lake Como Day, he would like to host a 100th Anniversary 5k and the Police Department wants to sponsor a fishing contest as well. There will be 100th Anniversary apparel available shortly. All other matters are in order.

- Mayor Higgins reported that on tonight's agenda, there is a resolution authorizing engineering services for the potential sale of the water and sewer utilities. This has been an issue Since Superstorm and the Borough has invested greatly into their water system. After Sandy, New Jersey American Water gave the town a very low offer to buy the system, because of this, the Borough got loans to clean and line the pipes which has led to very high water bills. Mayor Higgins reported that the Borough has talked to SMMUA to purchase water from them but their pipes are not large enough to feed Lake Como so we are back to looking into selling the system. Because of this, the Borough needs to have the water system assessed with Engineering Services. Mayor Higgins reported that the Borough's Special Project Engineer CME Associated, if the resolution is passed, will be authorized tonight to begin that process. 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 Albala-Doyle, 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 2024-07
Volunteer Hook and Ladder 50/50

Raffle License 2024-08
Legal Aid Society Gift Auction

Raffle License 2024-09
Legal Aid Society 50/50

Resolution 2024-52
Refund of Tax Overpayments

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01

Second Reading & Public Hearing

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

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

No public comments on this ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-49

Change Order No. 1 – Lakefront Landscaping Contract

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-50

Authorizing Engineering Services for the Potential Sale of Water and Sewer Utilities

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2024-51

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Extension of Premises Application

McCann's Tavern

- Billy Epp, Woolley Road in Wall, came before the Council, this application is for the same set up as all the years past, serving canned beer, a few taps, a DJ and porta potties. It will be one way in and one way out, there will be security at the doors checking ID's and wrist bands given to patrons.

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman D'Antuono and Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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No Public Comments

Councilman Witte 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, March 5, 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 Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Acting Borough Clerk

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