



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
LAKE COMO, NJ 07719
MINUTES**

**DATE: MARCH 5, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, Councilman DeMauro and Councilman D'Antuono abstain, all others are in favor.

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024 Special Meeting, seconded by Councilman Witte, Councilwoman Scull and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle abstain, all others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle thanked the Belmar-Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Lake Como DPW and the Belmar Police Department for all their hard work putting together a successful and safe parade. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that along with Councilwoman Scull, she had the

opportunity to go to Belmar Elementary School and read to some of the classrooms for Read Across America. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice thanked our DPW crew, Belmar Police and the residents for all their efforts in this year's parade. The WHSAD will be visiting Lake Como this Saturday to begin discussion on the Main Street Arboretum and see what improvements were done based off their recommendations at the lake front. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that this year's parade was phenomenal and thanked Chief Scott and the Belmar Police as well as the Lake Como DPW for their hard work. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono thanked Drew and the DPW crew for their hard work not only on parade day but all the preparations leading up to the parade. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull thanked all those involved in this year's parade, the Police Department, DPW and the Parade Committee. Councilwoman Scull also thanked Belmar Elementary School for inviting her and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle to read to the classrooms for Read Across America. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte thanked everyone who was involved in this year's parade. The 100th Anniversary Apparel sale and kickoff party information will be available on the website within the next week. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that this past weekend was amazing and thanked all who had a hand in making the parade a great success, EMS, Police and DPW. The new 100th Anniversary banners are up and look great. Mayor Higgins reported that the 100th Anniversary celebration kickoff will be happening on April 28th at Joe's Surf Shack and that is where the limited edition 1924 beer will be released. This beer is being brewed by resident and Planning Board member Gretchen Schmidhausler. 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 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-54

Appointing Clean Communities Coordinator

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2024-55

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2024-56

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, DeMauro, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Mike Ryan of E Street came before the council representing the Parade Committee and thanked the Mayor and Council, Police Department, DPW, EMS and Fire for their support during this year's parade. Mr. Ryan also thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting past elected officials to march this year in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lake Como. The Kilt Run is taking place on Saturday, March 16th at Bar Anticipation.

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 19, 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

Councilman Witte 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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