



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: MARCH 15, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

**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 fourth day of January 2022 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 4, 2022 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
Nick DeMauro	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, Councilman D'Antuono abstained.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Higgins presented Patricia Holmes, Brendan Maas and Louise Mekosh with proclamations recognizing them ahead of their retirements and thanking them for their services to the town.

Mayor Higgins read a Proclamation declaring April 2022 National Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Borough of Lake Como

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle congratulated Louise, Brendan and Patty on their retirement, all other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that the new recording system will be installed before the next Council meeting which will provide flexibility for hybrid meetings. Capt. Campbell reported that the parade was a success with no major issues for the PD or DPW. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the new one-way streets and no parking signage has come in and will be installed. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and there will be a Pinwheels for Prevention ceremony at the Huisman Gazebo in Belmar on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that everything is in order under Finance. For the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, this meeting's trivia question is, there was once a dirt road in Lake Como, Algor Lane, that had 3 houses on it, where was that road located. Louise Mekosh answered the question and said it was located where Woodland Square Condos are. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins yielded the first part of his report to SMRSA Representative Kevin Lynch who reported on the flow rates in Lake Como. Mr. Lynch stated that there was a meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss inspecting the lines to see where the extra flow is coming from. Mayor Higgins stated that the numbers are good but could be better and would like to see where the extra flow is coming from. Mayor Higgins thanked everyone for their hard work on the parade day, especially the Police, DPW, EMS and Fire, the parade was a great success. Mayor Higgins thanked Louise, Brendan and Patty for all their years of service to the town and congratulated them on their retirement. 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 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.

Resolution 2022-80

Executive Session – Personnel and Contractual Matters

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

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor and Council entered into Executive Session returning at 8:18pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2022-76

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-78

Appointing Acting Municipal Clerk

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-79

Appointing Municipal Registrars

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-81

Appointing Deputy Treasurer

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Resolution 2022-82

Supporting the Leave Only Your Footprints Program

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2022-83

Participation in South Monmouth Regional EMS Shared Services

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

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, April 5, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy L. Boney  
Deputy Borough Clerk

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