



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: MAY 2, 2023  
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 third day of January 2023 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 3, 2023 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve them minutes from the April 4, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, Councilwoman Scull abstained, all others are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None on the agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission is having a lake clean up on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11:00am. In addition to the lake clean up, the WHSAD students, who had a hand in designing the lake front project will be in town visiting. Councilman Ventrice reported that the students are also interested in designing a Main Street arboretum. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the seasonal one-way streets and no parking areas go in effect on May 15<sup>th</sup>. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that there was a great turn out for the Lake Como Tourism Fundraiser at Joe's Surf Shack. The Tourism Commission raised about \$2,000.00. Councilwoman Scull thanked the Tourism Commission and Joe's Surf Shack for their support and help with the fundraiser. The Lake Como Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the Borough website and at Borough Hall. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that plans are moving along for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Committee met last week and they hope to have plans finalized soon. Councilman Witte reported that the 2023 Budget will be introduced tonight. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins stated that he has nothing new to report right now but we are coming up on the busy summer season and there will be more to report at future meetings.

**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 Councilman Ventrice, 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 2023-08  
Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County Raffle

Raffle License 2023-09  
Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County 50/50

Raffle License 2023-10  
All Fur Love 50/50

Raffle License 2023-11  
All Fur Love Raffle

Resolution 2023-63  
Refund of Event Tickets

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2023-64

Supporting National Police Week and the Police Unity Tour

Presented by Mayor Higgins, offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Mayor Higgins thanked all the officers from the Belmar Police Department present at the meeting tonight who are participating in the Police Unity Tour, for all their hard work and dedication to Lake Como.

Ordinance 2023-05

First Reading and Introduction

Amending CAP Rate Ordinance

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-61

Payment of Bills

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-66

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono  
Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-62

Authorizing Amended Agreement with Monmouth County

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-65

Authorizing the Acceptance of the Cops in Shops

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-68

2023 Budget Examination Resolution

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Resolution 2023-67

Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

Introduction of the FY 2023 Budget

Mayor Higgins thanked Toni Mullen, HFA, Drew Huisman and Amy Boney for their hard work on this budget. Mayor Higgins stated that property values in Lake Como are on the rise, and he is happy with this budget and understands that there is an increase in spending due to inflation.

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the introduced budget, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, 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, May 16, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy L. Boney  
Acting Borough Clerk

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