



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: MAY 16, 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**

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 May 2, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle abstained, all others are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications 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.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.
  - o Chief Scott thanked everyone that came out to support the start of the Police Unity Tour. The Belmar Police Department is gearing up for summer, the Spring Lake 5 will be held on May 27th and North Blvd. will

be shut down and information will go out to the residents. Chief Scott stated that the Police Department is down on Specials this summer. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that he attended the community policing program meeting and there are some changes within the program that will benefit Lake Como. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is moving along, and he is hoping to have an agenda of the events in the next month. Councilman Witte asked Borough Clerk Amy Boney to pull the ordinances pertaining to fire pits and informal Planning Board hearings and asked if the Council would review these two ordinances at a future workshop. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins congratulated Chief Scott and all those who participated and completed the Police Unity Tour. Lake Como was awarded a \$71,000 Local Recreation Improvement Grant towards continued beautification of Behrman Park. Mayor Higgins reported that we received bids for the Margerum Avenue project, and they came in approximately \$21,000 over what Lake Como was awarded. The Borough Engineer is reviewing the bid documents while simultaneously applying for two other grants to improvements on 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenues and the dead-end streets off 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Higgins reported that Precise Construction will be finishing up the lake front project and the rededication of the monument will take place at the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Lastly, Mayor Higgins reported that the Mayor's Bash will be taking place on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 10pm at Bar Anticipation and will be honoring Debbie Hilliard as Resident of the Year and Joe's Surf Shack as the Business of the Year. 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 Councilman DeMauro, 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 2023-12  
Rotary Club of Spring Lake – Brielle 50/50

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2023-05

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Amending CAP Rate Ordinance

Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilman Ventrice.

No Public Comments

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2023-06

First Reading and Introduction

Bond Ordinance

Offered by Councilman D’Antuono and 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 2023-69

Authorizing Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with NJDOT for Improvements to Fernwood Road, Briarwood Terrace, and Pine Terrace

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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

Resolution 2023-70

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-71

Executive Session

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, 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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

At this point in the meeting, 7:43pm the Council entered into executive session as per Resolution 2023-71, reconvening at 7:57pm with nothing to report at this time.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop 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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