



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: JUNE 1, 2021 7:30 PM
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 fifth day of January 2021 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 5, 2021 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	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 4, 2021 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 Mayor Higgins and former Mayor Ryan did an excellent job at the Memorial Day Service yesterday. He also reported that Monmouth County is holding several paper shredding events that are listed on the website. Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission had a meeting on May 19th and their annual reported was presented. That report was sent to the Mayor and Council

as well. Councilman Ventrice also asked where Lake Como stands with the marijuana legislation. Mayor Higgins responded that our Attorney will have something to report at the next workshop meeting on June 15, 2021. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman DeMauro reported that he is still in communication with Tri-Shore Little League. We are waiting on insurance information for them to allow them to utilize our fields. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the May business of the month was Mane and Soul Salon on Main Street in town. Councilwoman Scull also reported that the Belmar Elementary School has open spots in their Pre-K program for Lake Como students. Lastly, Councilwoman Scull reported that Lake Como Day will be back this year and will be held on September 25, 2021 at the lake. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that there will be an amendment to the budget on the agenda tonight. This amendment has no impact on the tax rate. amendment has no impact on the tax rate. Councilman Witte reported that the old fire truck was sold at auction for \$6,800. Chief Scott reported that it was a busy weekend but there were no major incidents in Lake Como. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that following the Governor's orders that we are now having our meetings in person, and it is really nice to see everyone again. If you are vaccinated, you do not have to wear a mask but if you are not vaccinated, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while we are indoors. Mayor Higgins thanked everyone that came out to the Memorial Day service yesterday. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight that Councilman DeMauro will offer for a traffic study that comes as a result of a workshop meeting we had. This comes from a recommendation of our Borough Engineer and after walking around the town with Chief Scott, Louise Mekosh, Brendan Maas and our engineer Bruce Koch, safety measures can be implemented before the traffic study is done. The traffic study will take place east of Main Street during the summertime. Mayor Higgins thanked the Chief and her department for the great work this weekend. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Ventrice 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 2021-85
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-86
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilman Ventrice, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Resolution 2021-87
Payment of NJNG Bill
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: Councilmember D'Antuono
Absent: None

Resolution 2021-88
Authorizing Engineering for Monmouth County Open Space Grant at Como Lake
Offered by Councilman DeMauro, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Resolution 2021-89
Authorizing Traffic Study for Proposed changes
Offered by Councilman DeMauro, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Resolution 2021-98
Budget Amendment
CY2021 Municipal Budget
Public Hearing and Budget Amendment
Offered by Councilman Witte

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Rod McKenzie of Wildwood Place came before the Council about Joe's Surf Shack dumping bottles after 5pm. He has signatures of residents that feel the same way as he does. It is causing a quality of life issue.

Jamie Barbarello Koch of 18th Avenue came before the Council about the patrons of Joe's Surf Shack. There was a lot of Police and Ambulance activity between 1am – 2am as well as public urination when the bar let out. There is quality of life issues with this bar.

Kimberly Freeman of 18th Avenue came before the Council, she lives 2 houses away from Joe's, and there is quality of life issues with this bar. Patrons have vomited in her driveway, came to her door and security just makes them move on. There needs to be more of a police presence at that establishment.

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in order.

SMRSA Representative Kevin Lynch came before the Council with a report of the flows with SMRSA. We are 7 months into this budget, and we are projecting a percent for next year at 6.6% of the total budget. Last year, Lake Como was at 5.75%. The report is attached to the minutes.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Fahey Hospitality Group LLC, T/A Joe's Saloon
Resolution No. 2021-90

Bob Fahey came before the Board; he apologized to the residents and will be addressing the concerns. Mr. Fahey stated he will try to keep the dumping to minimum after 5pm and he would love to sit down with the police department to discuss concerns at the bar.

Councilman Witte and Mayor Higgins asked that Mr. Fahey reinforce the litter patrol in the area as well.

Councilman DeMauro stated that he appreciated the improvements Mr. Fahey has made to the bar and he chose to live where he lives but he has seen an

increase in patrons since he's made his improvements to the business but would like to see police there on certain nights.

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to table this application, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

This application is tabled to the next meeting.

Dai Lee Corporation T/A Weinstein's Liquor

Resolution No. 2021-91

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, 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

Lake Como Wine Shop T/A Lake Como Wine Shop

Resolution No. 2021-92

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Stacy 5 Star T/A La Sierra Restaurant and Bar

Resolution No. 2021-93

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MacTav Inc. T/A McCanns Steer and Spirits

Resolution No. 2021-94

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Karan Two Inc T/A Discount Wine and Liquors

Resolution No. 2021-95

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice, Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Aleatory Inc T/A Bar Anticipation

Resolution No. 2021-96

Offered by Councilman Witte, 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

Payday Inc., T/A Salty's

Resolution No. 2021-97

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting in the Lake Como Meeting Room, 1740 Main Street, Lake Como. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Deputy Borough Clerk

The minutes of this meeting are not verbatim. Please call Borough Hall at (732)681-3232 to schedule an appointment to hear the tape(s) of this meeting in its entirety. All tapes are subject to being destroyed 80 days after the approval of the Minutes.