



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: AUGUST 1, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:01pm

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 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	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, Councilman D'Antuono abstained from the portion of the meeting he was not in attendance for. All others are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Paul Rossics regarding the introduced parking ordinance

- Acting Borough Clerk Amy Boney read a letter from Paul Rossics regarding his opposition to Ordinance 2023-07 on the agenda for second reading tonight. Mayor Higgins stated that he will discuss this during his report later in the meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that the Environmental Commission along with Candide's Garden held their first Garden Tour. There were about 35 people in

attendance, they visited 5 or 6 homes with environmentally friendly gardens and was quite the learning experience. 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 asked his 100th Anniversary Committee Trivia Question: back in the 60's, there was an ice cream shop/restaurant with a back room for kids with a pool table and pinball machines, what was it called and where was it? The answer: It was called Jan's and it was where the WRAT Radio Station is. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins addressed the letter from Mr. Rossics stating that the Borough will be coming up with a plan to address his concerns and that the ordinance does allow for the police to enforce permits for commercial vehicles. The ordinance that is under New Business tonight addresses concerns that have been brought up by residents regarding work trucks parking on the street overnight but also allows the town to work with the residents. Mayor Higgins reported the work on Margerum Avenue will begin on or about August 7th and Borough Administrator Andrew Huisman stated that the main concerns are the intersections of Margerum Avenue and 19th – 22nd Avenues. 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 Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Paul Rossics of Margerum Avenue came before the Council with a letter signed by his neighbors regarding parking on Margerum Avenue.

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.

Raffle Licenses 2023-15 & 2023-16

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention 50/50 and gift auction

Raffle Licenses 2023-17 & 2023-18

PBA Local 314 Monmouth County Sheriff's Officers Civic Association 50/50 & gift auction

Application for use of Recreational Facilities

Chip Cavanagh – Soccer Clinic

Resolution 2023-101
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

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 2023-07

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Amending Parking Ordinance

Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle.

No public comments on this ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2023-08

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Amending Construction Fee Schedule

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono and seconded by Councilman Witte.

No public comments on this ordinance

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2023-100

Extending 3rd Quarter Grace Period for Taxes

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2023-102

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2023-103

Payment of NJNG Bills

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Anthony Rossics of Margerum Avenue came before the Council and thanked them for taking into consideration their concerns regarding Ordinance 2023-07. Mr. Rossics also told Councilman Witte that his grandparents met at the ice cream shop he talked about under his report.

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 Albala-Doyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Acting Borough Clerk

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