



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: AUGUST 10, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING
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 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. Notice of the virtual meeting was given to the papers and posted on the borough website on August 2, 2021. 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 Ventrice made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman Witte, Councilwoman Scull abstained, all others 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 all matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the August business of the month is Salty's Beach Bar on Main Street. Plans for Lake Como Day are moving forward and we are still accepting vendor applications. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins will give his report after New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA

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

No Public Comments

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to close the meeting to the public, 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.

Special Events Application
Ceremony at Gazebo

Resolution 2021-111
Refund Tree Removal Fee

Resolution 2021-112
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Resolution 2021-113
Appointing Environmental Commission Members

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

NEW BUSINESS

International Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation
Presented by Mayor Higgins

Resolution 2021-114

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2021-115

Payment of NJNG Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-963

Amending Chapter 17-9 of the Borough Ordinances – Land Use Regulations
Second Reading and Public Comments

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono and seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle.

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

No public comments

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

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-964

Authorizing the Acquisition of Lands Known as Lot 24, Block 25

First Reading and Introduction

Offered by Councilwoman Scull, 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

- Mayor Higgins reported that Saturday, August 21st will be Coffee with the Mayor from 9:00am – 10:30am. Mayor Higgins reported that he will do his best to answer all the questions and comments about the tax bills and tax

rates and any questions regarding assessments can be forwarded to the Tax Assessor Mark Fitzpatrick. All other matters are in order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Allison Weideman of Parkway thanked the Belmar PD bike patrol for being there on Parkway when two cars were hit and expressed her concerns about the speed cars travel down the road. Ms. Weideman expressed her concerns about the large trucks traveling on Parkway as well as the number of rentals this year compared to previous years.
- Bob Rumsby of 18th Avenue had questions pertaining to the acquisition of the 18th Avenue property and the long term plan.
 - o Mayor Higgins responded that the town is looking into the beautification and development of Main Street. The plan is to have mixed use rateables and relocate Borough Hall to the 18th Avenue property and develop Main Street area. The property adjacent to the old First Aid Building was offered to the town and the Council decided it was for the betterment of the town and for Borough Hall and DPW storage. We would sell the property on Main Street but it is still in the overview process.
 - o Mr. Rumsby asked about the speed humps and speed signs and DPW Superintendent Brendan Maas stated everything is on order and Mayor Higgins stated we are waiting for the study from the engineer before anything permanent is done.
- Tom Neff of 19th Avenue came before the Council and thanked the Mayor, Council, Louise and Amy, he stated he has only ever had good experiences at Borough Hall. Mr. Neff said it is creative thinking for the first aid home and he volunteered his services for the project.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

Resolution 2021-116

Stacey 5 Star LLC

Pocket License Renewal

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Social Affairs Permit Application

Lake Como Day

Offered by Councilman DeMauro, 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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 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

Councilman D'Antuono made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Witte, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Amy L. Boney
Deputy Borough Clerk

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