



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
1740 MAIN STREET  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2021  
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](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 DeMauro made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, 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 the presentation that was given to the Environmental Commission from the Williamsburg High School of Architecture and Design focuses on the streets and the pathway to the lake would be good to bring up in conjunction with the ongoing traffic study. Councilman Ventrice suggested that the WHSAD do their

presentation to the Council in the near future. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that the Improvements to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Newman Street Project is going out to bid with the opening being held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Councilman D'Antuono reported that the Energy Co-op that Lake Como is a part of will be ending November 30<sup>th</sup> as the program was unable to obtain favorable pricing for energy costs. The co-op will be attempting to obtain favorable pricing for the next round of the program which will begin in March of 2022.
  - o Mayor Higgins asked if the company can obtain favorable pricing and begin again, will residents have to opt-out again or will that roll over? Councilman D'Antuono stated he will look into that and report out when he has an answer.
- Councilwoman Scull thanked everyone who made this Lake Como Day a success, including the planning committee, Tourism, Frankie & Tony Jones, DPW, the police and the ACHS students that volunteered their time. The September Business of the Month was Coaster Life on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Main Street. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins echoed Councilwoman Scull's comments and thanked her for stepping up to the plate for Lake Como Day. Mayor Higgins reported that the traffic study committee will be himself, along with Councilman Witte, Councilman DeMauro and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle and this will be discussed again at a future workshop meeting. All other matters are in order.
  - o Kevin Lynch, SMRSA representative came before the council and stated that there will be a budget meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and there is a projected 2.3% increase in the SMRSA 2022 budget. Mr. Lynch reported that he is hoping to meet with the engineers about continuing the I&I project because about 1/3 of the water being treated is clean water. The amount of rain we have definitely impacts our numbers. Councilman Witte asked how much of an increase 2.3% is and Mr. Lynch responded that it is between \$20,000-\$30,000.

### **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.

Resolution 2021-124  
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

Councilman Scull made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman DeMauro, all are in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2021-121  
Entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Educational Services Commission  
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2021-122  
Payment of Bills  
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle  
No: None  
Abstain: Councilwoman Scull  
Absent: None

Resolution 2021-123  
Payment of NJNG Bill  
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, DeMauro, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle  
No: None  
Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono  
Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-965  
Bond Ordinance Amending 2016-918 and Repealing Resolution 2018-67  
First Reading and Introduction

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Deputy Borough Clerk

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