



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

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

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 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 the Environmental Commission is holding a lake clean up on October 21 at 9:00am with the Academy Charter High School. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Lake Como Mommy & Me is now onto it's third generation and there is a new volunteer who has taken it over. They will meet Mondays from 9:30am – 11:00am and the location will be posted on the Lake Como Mommy & Me Playdate Facebook page. Councilwoman Scull reported that this year's tree lighting will be held in conjunction with Small Business Saturday and we will be doing a vendor event as well. We will be showcasing local vendors, have activities for the kids, hot chocolate, music, tree lighting and photo opportunities with Santa. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte's 100th Anniversary Fun Fact is that there was once a playground where Borough Hall is and an empty lot where ACHS is and every year this is where the kids would all line up for the Halloween Parade. Councilman Witte reported that all other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that Coffee with the Mayor will be held Saturday, October 21st from 9:00am – 10:30am at Borough Hall. 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 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 2023-130
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-131
Executive Session

Offered by Councilman Ventrice, 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 2023-132

Payment of Bills

Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: Councilwoman Scull

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2023-133

Declaring a Halloween Curfew

Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

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.

Jim Buchanan from North Blvd. came before the Council to check on the progress of finding out who owns what portions on Ripley Lane to try to come up with a solution to his flooding issues. Mr. Buchanan also expressed his concerns with the tree removal and replacement program in place. Mayor Higgins responded that the town is still collecting data and will discuss this further with the Borough Attorney and get him what we can.

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

At this point in the meeting, 8:04pm, the Council entered into executive session reconvening at 8:12pm with nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Acting Borough Clerk

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