



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH
1740 MAIN STREET
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MINUTES**

**DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2021
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

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 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	Excused Absence
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nick DeMauro	Excused Absence
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, all are in favor. Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 workshop meeting, seconded by Councilman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that there was a Traffic Study Committee Meeting last Saturday and below are the suggested changes the committee came up with:

- 1) Consider making Newman Street 1-way southbound (heading towards Joe's) with parking on both sides of the street (**all year round**).
 - 2) Consider putting a 4-way stop at 17th Avenue & Newman Street (**all year round**).
 - 3) At White Street & 17th Avenue, consider keeping the stop sign **year round** & change to a 3-way stop at this intersection.
 - 4) Consider a traffic light at the intersection of 17th Avenue & Main Street.
 - 5) Follow the recommendations from the study on the use of speed bumps to slow traffic- to be placed in locations discussed at previous meeting. Consider speed bump on North Boulevard.
 - 6a) Does 18th Avenue have to be the emergency evacuation route? Can we 1-way 18th Avenue eastbound? This will allow for parking on both sides of the street and for emergency vehicles to pass with ease and will align with the direction of traffic in Belmar-
Summer months only
 - 6b) If we do not 1-way all of 18th Avenue eastbound, then we should take the recommendation from the survey to make 18th Avenue 1-way eastbound from New Bedford Road to B Street-
summer months only
 - 7) In the summer months, if 18th Avenue continues to be 2-way street (up to New Bedford Road) with no parking on the south side of the street in the area of Joe's, consider adding holidays and a tow away zone to the existing parking restrictions to further aid in safe passage on 18th Avenue.
 - 8a) Consider making 19th Avenue from Bradley Terrace to B Street 1-way eastbound for **summer months**. (This was done in the past). Currently drivers can only go eastbound on 19th Avenue to B Street due to Belmar's 1-way westbound from Ocean Avenue. This would add that drivers headed westbound on 19th Avenue from Belmar would not be able to enter into Lake Como on this street. It would force traffic heading westbound out to North Boulevard which is a wider street that can accommodate the volume in both directions in the summer months.
 - 8b) *PREFERRED IDEA* Keep 19th Avenue 2-ways in Lake Como and consider making Bradley Terrace and Greenwood Terrace each 1-way in opposite directions- Bradley Terrace 1-way southbound (only able to enter in from 18th Avenue) and Greenwood Terrace 1-way northbound (only able to enter in from 19th Avenue) **Summer months only**.
 - 9) Hold a public meeting to discuss changes with the residents/coffee with the Mayor?
 - All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice reported that all matters are in order.
 - Councilman D'Antuono reported that leaf pick up has begun and leaves can be raked to the curb for pick up. Leaves will not be picked up if they are in bags or buckets. Councilman D'Antuono reported that the traffic

light at 18th Avenue and Main Street is in desperate need of repair and there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to approve the repair of the light. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Witte reported that there is a resolution being added to tonight's agenda instituting a Halloween curfew. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that for the first time, there is early in person voting. From 10/23 until 10/31, there are 10 places throughout Monmouth County where residents can go to vote. Mayor Higgins reported that Coffee with the Mayor has been postponed and will now be held on October 30th from 9:00am – 10:30am. It has been confirmed that the property where 7-11 sits, will not be joining the town with the redevelopment project and Mayor Higgins will ask the auditors to do a financial analysis. 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 Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

No public comments

Councilman Witte made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, 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 2021-125
Canceling Outstanding Checks

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

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-126
Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan
Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Resolution 2021-127
Best Practices Inventory
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Resolution 2021-128
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, seconded by Councilman Ventrice, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Resolution 2021-129
Awarding Contract for 17th Avenue Improvements
Offered by Councilman Ventrice seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Resolution 2021-130
Declaring a Halloween Curfew
Offered by Councilman Witte, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Resolution 2021-131
Authorizing Repairs to Signal Located at 18th Avenue and Main Street
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, D'Antuono, Ventrice and Albala-Doyle
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

Ordinance 2021-965

Bond Ordinance Amending 2016-918 and Repealing Resolution 2018-67

Second Reading & Public Hearing

Offered by Councilman Witte and seconded by Councilman Ventrice.

The meeting was opened to the public for comments on this ordinance.

No comments on this ordinance

The meeting was closed to the public for comments on this ordinance.

Roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmembers Scull and DeMauro

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

No Public Comments

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 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

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Deputy Borough Clerk

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