



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:02pm.

**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 fourth day of January 2022 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 4, 2022 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	Absent
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, Councilman Witte abstained, all others present are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No Communications

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the kids had a great time at the Belmar Halloween event and thanked everyone involved in making that a great event. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that it is a pleasure to have Rob DeMartin of the Belmar EMS with us at the meeting tonight. Recently, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle was in a home where a child was choking, and the parents did not know any lifesaving measures. This led to Councilwoman Albala-Doyle wanting to offer CPR training for residents.

Mr. DeMartin added that they can offer friends and family classes, as well as adult, child and infant CPR courses and stated he is excited to start offering this to residents. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle asked Mr. DeMartin if residents will be certified after taking these classes and is there a fee associated with the classes. Mr. DeMartin responded that there is no fee or certificate with the friends and family classes but there is a nominal fee for the CPR classes. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle thanked Rob for being here tonight and all other matters are in order.

- Councilman Ventrice thanked all those who participated in the lake clean up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, especially the 92 Academy Charter School students who came out. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull thanked all those who organized the trunk or treat event in Belmar for the kids of Belmar and Lake Como, it was a great success. The Lake Como Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm and the holiday decorating contest will be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm. Councilwoman Scull reported that Santa will be going around delivering gifts to children on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00pm. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet again after the holidays. This month's trivia question was the drive-in ice cream and diner that was located where the WRAT radio station in, also sold what? The answer was Christmas trees, and it was one of the largest tree farms in the state. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that Tuesday is election day and encouraged all residents to get out and vote. The lakefront project is moving along quickly and is looking great. Mayor Higgins thanked DPW for doing a lot of work down at the lake in conjunction with the project. The Belmar EMS is temporarily being housed in our old fire house and we are happy to have them in town and are proud of their success thus far. Mayor Higgins also thank Chief Scott and the Belmar PD for their hard work over Halloween, everything was successful and safe. 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 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.

The two items that were on the Consent Agenda, Raffle License 2023-01 and Resolution 2022-156 were moved to New Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Raffle License 2023-01

PBA Local #50 Civic Association – 50/50

Offered by Councilman Witte, pending receipt of renewed license, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-154

Annual Audit & Corrective Action Plan

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-155

Best Practices Survey

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-156

Refund of Water/Sewer Overpayment

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-157

Authorizing RFP for Recycling Services

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-158

Authorizing RFP for Special Tax Counsel

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-159

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-160

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

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

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-161

Appointing Tax Collector

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Resolution 2022-162

Awarding Contract for Phase IV of NJDOT Project

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

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

No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

Ordinance 2022-981  
First Reading and Introduction  
Business Insurance Registry  
Offered by Councilwoman Scull, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, roll call vote as follows:  
Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, Ventrice & Albala-Doyle  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Councilman DeMauro

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

Councilman Ventrice 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, December 6, 2022, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting. 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  
Acting Borough Clerk

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