



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

**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](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**

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2023 Meeting, seconded by Councilman Witte, Councilman DeMauro abstained, all others are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None on the agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Belmar Recreation is starting a Youth Club for Belmar and Lake Como children. The cost to join is \$25 and you can register at Belmar.com. Councilwoman Albala-Doyle thanked the Belmar Police for the awesome Trunk or Treat they put on as well as the Borough Hall and DPW staff for the Halloween float they organized through town handing out candy and glowsticks to the children. Lastly, Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

- congratulated Councilman Ventrice and Councilman DeMauro for their win in yesterday's election.
- Councilman Ventrice thanked all the volunteers and students who came out for the lake clean up. It was a great turnout and a big success. All other matters are in order.
  - Councilman DeMauro thanked all those who came out and voted and is looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Lake Como. All other matters are in order.
  - Councilman D'Antuono congratulated Councilman Ventrice and Councilman DeMauro for their election victory and thanked the office and DPW staffs for the Halloween event. All other matters are in order.
  - Councilwoman Scull congratulated Councilman Ventrice and Councilman DeMauro. She also thanked the Borough and DPW staff and the Belmar Police for the Halloween activities for the children. Councilwoman Scull announced that the Tree Lighting and Small Business Saturday event is sold out of vendor spots. This will take place on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 8:00pm at Borough Hall. There will be a hot chocolate truck, if approved, a beer truck, vendors, music and a special visit from Santa. All other matters are in order.
  - Councilman Witte also congratulated Councilman Ventrice and Councilman DeMauro and thanked the Police for their work this Halloween. All other matters are in order.
  - Mayor Higgins congratulated Councilman Ventrice and Councilman DeMauro and thanked all the Borough employees involved in the Halloween trailer, it was a real treat. Mayor Higgins reported that he is looking forward to the Small Business Saturday event and reported that Coffee with the Mayor will be November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 10:30am. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS & CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Kevin Reilly from Community Outreach came before the Council to thank them for approving his Special Events Application last year. The event was a huge success, he anticipated having 100 participants and over 250 people came out for the event. He is looking forward to having the event in Lake Como again in 2024 if approved.

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.

Raffle License 2024-01  
PBA Local #50 – 50/50

Councilman Witte made a motion to approve the application on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Special Events Permit Application

Community Options – Cupid’s Chase 5k

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-134

Best Practices Inventory

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-135

Amending Salary Resolution

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-136

Executive Session

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Resolution 2023-137

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-138

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

Yes: Councilman Witte, Councilwoman Scull, Councilman DeMauro, Councilman Ventrice and Councilwoman Albala-Doyle

No: None

Abstain: Councilman D'Antuono

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-139

Awarding Contract for Behrman Park Infield Replacement

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

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

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARDS**

Screamin' Hill Brewery LLC

Limited Brewery Off Premises Event Permit Application

Screamin' Hill Brewery is owned by a resident in Lake Como and they are looking at having their beer truck at our Tree Lighting and Small Business Saturday Event. The paperwork is in order and there are no objections to this application.

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

At this time in the meeting, 8:00pm, the Council entered into Executive Session, reconvening at 8:35pm with nothing to report publicly.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop in the Lake Como Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Albala-Doyle 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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