



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

**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**

No minutes for approval at this meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilwoman Albala-Doyle reported that the Borough will be going to bid for the Behrman Park playground next month and we are looking forward to the improvements there. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Ventrice congratulated Candide's Garden and Jon Gibbons for their award from ANJEC for the patchwork for wildlife project they have been working on. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilman D'Antuono reported that DPW has been hard at working clearing the brush and leaves around town and everything is clear going into Thanksgiving. The final brush pick up will be December 19<sup>th</sup>. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Tree Lighting and Small Business Saturday event is this Saturday from 3:00pm – 8:00pm. There will be vendors, a hot chocolate truck, beer truck, face painting, music and a very special visitor! The giving tree is up at Borough Hall and Councilwoman Scull encourage those who can, to take a tag and help a Lake Como child in need this holiday season. We are also accepting donations of wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags, bows and tape. Unwrapped gifts are due to Borough Hall by December 14<sup>th</sup>. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that all matters are in order but his 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fact was that during the depression, the South Belmar Fire Company started giving gifts, fruit and candy to the children in town. They continued this tradition until they were dissolved in 2018.
- Mayor Higgins reported that the lake front benches have arrived and are installed and that project can now be closed out. There are benches on both sides of the path and they are not centered on the concrete slabs. Mayor Higgins reported that this was done purposefully to make them ADA accessible for wheelchair users. Starting in 2024, Lake Como will be transitioning to a new alert system. Mayor Higgins reported that we are going back to Code Red and instructions to sign up will be available in the near future. Mayor Higgins reiterated what Councilwoman Scull reported about the giving tree and encourage anyone who is able to help a child in need to take a tag. The Holiday Decorating Contest will be held on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 Councilman DeMauro, all are in favor.

No Public Comments

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Albala-Doyle, 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance 2023-12

First Reading and Introduction

Amending Ordinance 2020-953

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2023-13

First Reading and Introduction

Bond Ordinance for Various Road Improvements

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-140

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-141

Executive Session

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2023-142

Amending Capital Budget

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

At this point in the meeting, 7:47pm, the Council entered into Executive Session, reconvening at 8:09pm with nothing to report publicly.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 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 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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