



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
1740 MAIN STREET  
LAKE COMO, NJ 07719  
(732) 681-3232  
AGENDA**

**DATE: MARCH 2, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**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](http://www.lakecomonj.org) and on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

**ROLL CALL**

Douglas Witte  
Virginia Kropac  
Hawley Scull  
Christopher D'Antuono  
Nick DeMauro  
Peter Ventrice

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS**

## **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.

Belmar Lake Como Parade Committee Ceremonial Walk Application

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2021-70  
Payment of Bills  
Offered by Councilman Witte

Resolution 2021-71  
Payment of NJNG Bill  
Offered by Councilwoman Scull

Ordinance 2021-957  
Second Reading and Public Hearing  
Bamboo Ordinance Amendments  
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2021-958  
Second Reading and Public Hearing  
CY 2021  
Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits  
And to establish a CAP Bank per N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14  
Offered by Councilwoman Kropac

Ordinance 2021-959  
First Reading and Introduction  
Capital Improvement Ordinance  
NJDOT Grant Seventeenth Avenue  
Offered by Councilman D'Antuono

Ordinance 2021-960  
First Reading and Introduction  
Capital Improvement Ordinance  
Monmouth County Open Space Grant for Como Lake  
Offered by Councilman Ventrice

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, immediately following the 7:30 PM Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

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**\*\*\*MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED NEATLY\*\*\***

## SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED BY  
BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 93-576.

DATE OF EVENT: 3/7/21

TIME OF EVENT: 12:30 am/pm until 1:00 am/pm  
Events with more than 500 participants must begin at 9:00am

APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION: Belmar Lake Como PARADE Committee

APPLICANT ADDRESS: Po Box 331  
BELMAR N.J. 07719

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 732-280-2648

## DAY OF EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR EVENT: CHIP CAVANAGH

ADDRESS: 1840 FERWOOD LN  
LAKE Como N.J.

PHONE NUMBER: 732-604-0551

WILL THERE BE AN ADMISSION CHARGE TO ATTEND?: YES  NO

IF YES, HOW MUCH?: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE? YES  NO

AMOUNT OF COVERAGE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO BELMAR & SPRING LAKE? YES  NO

IF NO, WHY? Event will only be in  
LAKE Como

**\*Certificate of Insurance MUST be submitted with the application  
before application will be reviewed\***



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## SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION

LOCATION OF EVENTS AND COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO HOW THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL. EVENTS WITH OVER 500 PARTICIPANTS CANNOT USE VOLUNTEERS:

We will Assemble AT North Blvd + Main St. Walk  
Down main st to 17<sup>th</sup> Ave turn west  
Go to Green Ave to Bar A. We will follow  
All of the Governor's Guidelines

DESCRIBE ALL BOROUGH RESOURCES AND/OR SERVICES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT:

Police

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS, PARTICIPANTS, SPECTORS, AND/OR OTHER PEOPLE THAT COULD REASONABLY BE ANTICIPATED TO ATTEND THE EVENT: 25

THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL ANY SPECIAL EVENT DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND ITS CONTROL, SUCH AS STORMS OR ANY NATURAL DISASTER.

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2/23/21  
DATE

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received	<u>2-24-21</u>
Received by	<u>Aboney</u>
Date Application Reviewed & Approved by DPW	_____
Reviewed by	_____
Date Application Reviewed & Approved by Police	_____
Reviewed by	_____
Price from Police Department	_____
Date Approved by Mayor & Council	_____

Resolution 2021 -- 70

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como that the proper officers be directed and authorized to make payment from the following accounts:

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List		\$148,550.89
Corelogic	Res 20-106	<u>1,796.23</u>
		\$150,347.12

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List		\$ 6,748.70
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PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

4919	Employee Payroll Dated 2/17/21	\$ 32,594.20
2352	Employee Payroll Dated 2/17/21	6,224.95
Wire	State of NJ -- PERS	<u>5,085.00</u>
		\$ 43,904.15

TOURISM ACCOUNT:

Your Target Marketing		\$ 283.34
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Dated: March 2, 2021

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Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

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Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

Resolution 2021 – 71

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como that the proper officers be directed and authorized to make payment from the following account:

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

NJ Natural Gas., Co.	PB&G OE	\$986.83
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Dated: March 2, 2021

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Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

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Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO

**ORDINANCE 2021-957**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-944**  
**OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO**  
**REGULATING THE PLANTING OR GROWING**  
**OF BAMBOO WITHIN THE BOROUGH**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO THAT CHAPTER 10, SECTIONS III, IV AND V BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION III. NO PLANTING OF RUNNING BAMBOO.**

- A. The inground planting of Running Bamboo is prohibited in the Borough of Lake Como.

**SECTION IV. REGULATION OF AND LIMITATIONS ON EXISTING RUNNING BAMBOO.**

- A. In the event any species commonly known as "Running Bamboo" is located upon any property within the Borough of Lake Como, prior to the effective date of this prohibition, the owner and occupant of said property shall jointly and severally be required to confine such species to prevent encroachment, spread, invasion or intrusion of same onto any other private or public property or public right-of-way. In lieu of confining the species, the property owner or occupant may elect to totally remove the Bamboo from the property. Failure to properly confine such Bamboo shall require removal as set forth below. The cost of said Removal shall be at the Bamboo property owner's expense.

**SECTION V. REMOVAL OF RUNNING BAMBOO.**

- A. Whenever Running Bamboo, as defined by this Chapter, is found on any plot of land, lot or any other premises or place, and is found to lack appropriate physical barriers to prevent the spread or growth of the species, or is found to have spread beyond the boundaries of a property, violations shall be given to the owner of the property from which the invasive species has spread, in writing, to remove or abate the same within thirty days. The cost of all remedies, including the removal of plantings of invasive plants, shall be borne by the property owner.
- B. Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000, or community service, as determined by the Municipal Court of the Borough of Lake Como. A continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of such violation will be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

**ORDINANCE 2021-958**  
**CALENDAR YEAR 2021**  
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS**  
**AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, in the County of Monmouth finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 129,530.22 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, in the County of Monmouth, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Lake Como shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 129,530.22 and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Lake Como be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Dated: February 16, 2021

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Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

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Louise A. Mekosh, RMC, CMC, CMFO  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-959**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PORTION OF SEVENTEENTH AVENUE WITHIN THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$245,000.00 WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** \$245,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the following funding source: State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, Municipal Aid program; for Seventeenth Avenue Improvements, including but not limited to the following street: Seventeenth Avenue.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como may complete the Improvements to Seventeenth Avenue herein above authorized by appropriate resolution.

**Section 3.** The capital budget of the Borough of Lake Como is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full details of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Governments Services is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect when finally passed and published according to law.

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Lake Como Borough Council held on March 2, 2021. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at a meeting of the Lake Como Borough Council to be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 16, 2021 at 1740 Main Street, Lake Como, New Jersey 07719. At said time and place, all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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LOUISE A. MEKOSH, RMC, CMC, CMFO  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

**BOROUGH OF LAKE COMO  
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-960**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO COMO LAKE  
WITHIN THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$400,000.00  
WHICH WILL BE FUNDED BY A MONMOUTH COUNTY OPEN SPACE  
PROGRAM GRANT AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** \$400,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the following funding sources:

- Monmouth County Open Space Grant program in the amount of \$200,000.00
- Lake Como Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lake Como may complete the Improvements to Como Lake herein above authorized by appropriate resolution.

**Section 3.** The capital budget of the Borough of Lake Como is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full details of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Governments Services is on file with the Clerk and is available for public inspection.

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