



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

**DATE: APRIL 6, 2021
7:30 PM WORKSHOP**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion on Proposed Traffic Pattern Changes

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORKSHOP ITEMS



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MINUTES**

**DATE: MARCH 29, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

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	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present
Peter Ventrice	Present
Heather Albala-Doyle	Present after swearing in

COMMUNICATIONS

None on the agenda

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Councilman Ventrice reported that there was an Environmental Commission meeting on the 17th and they are excited over the lake project and the commission is looking into smaller projects like a Main Street Arboretum. The spring lake clean up is scheduled for May 1st. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman DeMauro reported that he has been communicating with the TriShore Little League and will be meeting with them tomorrow. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that all matters are in order.

- Councilwoman Scull thanked the Police for escorting the Easter Bunny around the two towns, it was a great event. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that under new business, there will be a resolution modifying the police contract to include first aid services. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins reported that this is a trial run for First Aid services and hopefully these services will pay for themselves in the long run. Mayor Higgins reported that the one-way streets and change to traffic patterns will be discussed at the next workshop meeting on April 6th and residents' input will be heard then. All other matters are in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-75

Appointing Councilmember

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, D'Antuono, DeMauro and Ventrice

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Heather Albala-Doyle took the oath of office and was sworn in as a Councilmember.

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-957, seconded by Councilman Witte, roll call vote as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Ventrice made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, 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

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NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-76

Refunding Bid Purchase

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Resolution 2021-77

Amending Police Contract

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Ordinance 2021-957

Second Reading and Public Hearing

Bamboo Ordinance Amendments

Tabled to the April 6, 2021 meeting

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

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 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

Councilwoman Scull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman D'Antuono, all are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy L. Boney

Deputy Borough Clerk

The minutes of this meeting are not verbatim. Please call Borough Hall at (732)681-3232 to schedule an appointment to hear the tape(s) of this meeting in its entirety. All tapes are subject to being destroyed 80 days after the approval of the Minutes.



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ROLL CALL

Douglas Witte
Hawley Scull
Christopher D'Antuono
Nick DeMauro
Peter Ventrice
Heather Albala-Doyle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting and March 29, 2021 Special Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS

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Resolution 2021-74
Amending Resolution 2021-14
Appointing Planning Board Members

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-78
Payment of Bills
Offered by Councilman Ventrice

Resolution 2021-79
Payment of NJNG Bill
Offered by Councilwoman Scull

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-74

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
LAKE COMO PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin G. Higgins is hereby amending Resolution 2021-14 and is appointing the following members to the Lake Como Planning Board to fill unexpired terms created by vacancies for each designated period:

Keith Montgomery Goisse, Class IV, (Unexpired term) Four Years, Terminate 12/31/23
Gretchen Schmidhausler, Alternate 1, (Unexpired term) Two Years, Terminate 12/31/21
Andrew Reiner, Alternate 2, (Unexpired term) Two Years, Terminate 12/31/22

Dated: 04/06/21

Kevin G. Higgins
Mayor

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

Resolution 2021 – 79

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:

5019 NJ Natural Gas Co.

PB&G OE

\$1,021.61

Dated: April 6, 2021

Kevin g. Higgins, Mayor

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

Resolution 2021- 78

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 \$326,327.58

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Per Attached Bill List \$146,459.90

PAYROLL ACCOUNT:

5021	Employee Payroll Dated 3/31/21	\$ 29,968.93
2377	Employee Payroll Dated 3/31/21	<u>5,845.65</u>
		\$ 35,814.58

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

1121 MGL Printing Solutions \$ 173.00

Dated: April 6, 2021

Kevin G. Higgins, Mayor

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT:

Asbury Auto Top	Streets&Roads OE	600.00
CME Associates	Engineering OE	1,258.75
	Engineering OE	89.50
	Engineering OE	259.50
	Engineering OE	358.00
Coast Star	A&E Print&Advertising	147.20
Delisa Waste Services	Landfill OE	905.04
Environmental Air	PB&G OE	441.62
H2M Associates	Plan. Board OE	321.10
HiWay Oil Service	Streets&Roads OE	13.50
	PB&G OE	21.95
5018 JCP&L	Street Lighting	2,141.62
5020 JCP&L	PB&G OE	432.88
5022 JCP&L	Public Health&Services	48.50
	PB&G OE	376.02
Lake Como Board Education	School Tax	265,195.10
5021 Lake Como Payroll Account	S&W	27,498.99
	SS	2,001.79
	Medicare	468.15
Marco Tech.	Finance OE	132.85
	Plan. Board OE	132.85
	Const. Code OE	132.86
Marmero I Law, LLC	Legal Services	225.00
Monarch Electric	PB&G OE	56.48
Mon. Cty. Assessors Assoc	Assessment of Taxes OE	150.00
Mon. Cty. Public Works	Streets&Roads OE	597.17
Mon. Cty. SPCA	Public Health&Services	200.00
Mun. Clerks Assoc Mon Cty	Mun. Clerk OE	75.00
NJPB	Employee Group Ins.	11,662.36
	Due from Payroll	6,135.84
5023 Optimum	Telephone	848.41
John Pittenger	Street Open Escrow Refund	600.00
Quill LLC	Plan. Board OE	52.48
	Finance OE	20.42
	Collection of Taxes OE	14.64
Ready Refresh	PB&G OE	44.48
A. Schneider, Esq.	Legal Services	632.50
	Plan. Board OE	258.75
	Pl Bd Escrow-Laurett	172.50
	Pl Bd Escrow-JNG Land	28.75
	Pl Bd Escrow-Ternowchek	57.50
	Pl Bd Escrow-Lee	28.75
Shain Schaffer PC	Legal Services	340.00
	Legal Services	164.14

	Legal Services	714.00
Stavola Asphalt Co.	Streets&Roads OE	159.00
Taylor Hardware	PB&G OE	34.50
Van Wickle Auto Supply	Streets&Roads OE	16.14
	PB&G OE	17.98
Verizon Wireless	Const. Code OE	43.02
		<u>326,327.58</u>

WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT:

Caruso Excavating	OE	15,369.50
Core&Main, LP	OE	354.96
Garden State Lab, Inc.	OE	207.00
2377 Lake Como Payroll Account	S&W	5,845.65
NJ Water Supply Auth.	Purchase of Water	9,223.11
One Call Concepts	OE	7.15
SMRSA	SMRSA	<u>115,452.53</u>
		146,459.90

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.