



**LAKE COMO BOROUGH  
1740 MAIN STREET  
LAKE COMO, NJ 07719  
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MINUTES**

**DATE: AUGUST 11, 2020 – VIRTUAL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:56pm

**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 seventh day of January 2020 in which Resolution the time and place of Agenda and Regular Meetings commencing with January 7, 2020 were set forth. Notice of same was delivered to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Notice of the virtual meeting was noticed to the papers on August 4th and a copy of the notice was posted on the door of Borough Hall and posted on the website. All meetings are open to the public.

**ROLL CALL**

Douglas Witte	Present
Virginia Kropac	Excused Absence
Hawley Scull	Present
Christopher D'Antuono	Present
David Gardner	Present
Nick DeMauro	Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman DeMauro made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2020 Regular Virtual Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Scull, all are in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None on the agenda

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Councilman DeMauro reported that he hasn't gotten any updates from the Board of Education and has nothing to report on as for the recreation program. There is a group of men using the fields at Behrman Park so it is nice seeing it used. Councilman DeMauro reported that he is going to check in with the Environmental Commission about the garden that was planted at the park, it isn't being maintained and it looks very bad.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Louise Mekosh stated that the volunteers should be maintaining it. All other matters are in order.

- Councilman Gardner reported that Dr. Weber is trying to put together a cleanup with the Environmental Commission and their next meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup>. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman D'Antuono reported that Brendan and his crew for the great work they did with the cleanup after the storm last week and Mayor Higgins echoed what Councilman D'Antuono said, DPW did a great job. There were two high school kids hired for the summer that are also doing a great job. All other matters are in order.
- Councilwoman Scull reported that the Electric Vehicle Charging Station is officially open and there will be a ribbon cutting this upcoming week for it. The charging station was fully funded through grants through Sustainable Jersey. Councilwoman Scull reported that the Tourism Photo Contest deadline is August 21<sup>st</sup>. All other matters are in order.
- Councilman Witte reported that the August Planning Board Meeting has been cancelled. All other matters are in order.
- Mayor Higgins congratulated the Mayor and Council, employees and residents of Lake Como, we were awarded the grade of A and listed as one of the best places to live in New Jersey. Mayor Higgins reported that as businesses are open and serving outside, the Governor criticized the ones not following guidelines and none of the Lake Como businesses were criticized. Mayor Higgins thanked them all for their cooperation and a job well done. All other matters are in order.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS**

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

No Public Comments

Councilman Gardner made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Witte, 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.

Resolution 2020-102  
Refund of Street Opening Escrow

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2020-103

Payment of Bills

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kropac

Resolution 2020-104

Payment of NJNG Bill

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

Yes: Councilmembers Witte, Scull, Gardner and DeMauro

No: None

Abstain: Councilmember D'Antuono

Absent: Councilmember Kropac

Resolution 2020-105

Purchase of Leaf Machine

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

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Kropac

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

No Public Comments

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

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, immediately following the 7:30pm Workshop meeting and the location is to be determined. All meetings are open to the public.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Amy L. Boney  
Deputy Borough Clerk

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