



BOROUGH OF LEONIA

COUNCIL- Regular Meeting
~ Minutes ~

Anne Dodd, Borough Clerk

312 Broad Avenue
Leonia, NJ 07605
<http://www.leonianj.gov/>

February 1, 2021

7:30 pm

Leonia Borough Hall - Virtually

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia was held virtually via GoToMeeting in the Leonia Borough Hall at 312 Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ on February 1, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Judah Zeigler.

Council President Terrell led those present in the salute to the flag.

Mayor Zeigler read the following statement into the record: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, are posted on the public bulletin board in Borough Hall, published in the Record within the first 10 days of the New Year, and copies are sent to the Star Ledger."

PRESENT: Mayor Judah Zeigler and Councilmembers Joanne Terrell, Maureen Davis, Bernadette Flaim, Pasquale Fusco, Louis Grandelis, and William Ziegler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie
Borough Administrator Andrea Wardrop
Borough Clerk Anne Dodd
Borough Engineer Drew Di Sessa

Public Comment

Ellen Lazzaro, 278 Broad Avenue 2nd floor, advised that parking spaces were lost when the bike lane was repainted on the repaved section of Broad Avenue.

Mayor Zeigler stated that the Borough Engineer is currently looking this issue.

Sherry Firestein, 217 Harrison Street, requested an update on the COVID-19 vaccine.

Diane Scarangella, 217 Harrison Street, noted that sewer water is coming into her mother's backyard located at 205 Oratam Terrace and requested that soil testing be done to determine what contaminants exist. She also requested that this situation be rectified when the weather conditions improve.

Mayor Zeigler noted that the DPW Superintendent has been in touch with Ms. Scarangella on this issue and advised that he will also have the Borough Engineer and Borough Administrator look into this issue.

Louise Galleshaw, 569 Broad Avenue, requested an update on the vaccine.

Mayor Zeigler advised that he will provide an update on the COVID-19 vaccine during his report.

Appointments

RES.2021-71 Appoint Economic Development Consultant - Karp Strategies

[2021-71 Appoint Financial Consultant - Karp Strategies.pdf](#)

[2021-71 Backup.pdf](#)

Mayor Zeigler noted that the resolution should be revised to change Finance Consultant to Economic Development Consultant.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, second by Council President Terrell, that Resolution #2021-71 be approved as amended.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

RES. 2021-72 Appoint Certified Technical Assistant - Building Department

[2021-72 Appoint Technical Assistant - Angela Copeland.pdf](#)

Mayor Zeigler commented that he is pleased to be making this appointment as Angela Copeland has been a tremendous asset to the Building Department and Planning Board.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilman Fusco, that Resolution #2021-72 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Council President Terrell, second by Councilwoman Flaim, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of December 5, 2020 Budget Meeting are approved.

Motion by Council President Terrell, second by Councilman Ziegler, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting are approved.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, second by Council President Terrell, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of December 12, 2020 Budget Meeting are approved.

Motion by Councilwoman Flaim, second by Council President Terrell, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of December 21, 2020 Closed Executive Session (not to be released) are approved.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, second by Council President Terrell, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting are approved.

Reports

Council Reports

Council President Terrell

Law & Ordinance Committee

Please see attached for the Law & Ordinance Committee January 2021 Chair's Report.

Board of Education

Please see attached for the Board of Education Liaison's Report January 2021.

Councilwoman Davis

Board of Health

Councilwoman Davis reported that that the Health Officer's Report January 2021 was dominated by COVID-19 statistics. People are encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as it is available. Numbers of positive cases are still high and the largest number of deaths have occurred in those who are 80 years of age and older. People with compromised health are encouraged to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing even after receiving the vaccine. The Leonia Health Department reported that inspections were conducted on local restaurants and retail establishments and all were found to be satisfactory. There were 6 complaints that have been addressed, a few animal bites were reported, and one OPRA request was received pertaining to animal license renewals.

Police

With respect to Property Maintenance, there were 21 complaints in December, and of those, 18 were abated and 5 summonses were issued. In January, there were 19 complaints, and of those, 15 were abated and 3 summonses were issued.

Please see attached for the Synopsis of Police Operations December 2020 and January 2021. She provided an update from the Police Chief on the winter storm.

Councilwoman Flaim

Library Board of Trustees

Councilwoman Flaim advised that the Library Board of Trustees met recently. Director Fink swore in newly appointed members. Susan Boyd will serve as President this year. With respect to the Annual Appeal, she announced that almost \$10,000 was collected prior to the Annual Appeal letter being sent. She provided an attendance comparison from 2019 to 2020 which decreased significantly due to COVID-19. The Recreation Center has reached out to the Library to discuss coordinated activities. Councilwoman Flaim reviewed recent programs that were held as well as new hires that have taken place. The Policies & Procedures Committee is working on updating the Employee Handbook and the Personnel Committee is working on various staffing issues. The board is looking at further expanding hours in February.

Finance & Human Resources Committee

The Finance & Human Resources Committee met three weeks ago. The Borough Administrator submitted the 2021 budget calendar. The Borough Auditor, Ralph Picone, was in attendance to discuss the Borough's debt service and Annual Financial Statement. The statutory deadlines for budget introduction and adoption have been extended. The Borough Administrator provided a summary of action items from the various departments and department budgets will be adjusted accordingly. The committee will be meeting again next week to review current staffing issues and recruitment needs.

Council President Fusco

Building Department

Please see attached for the January 2021 Construction Permit Activity Report. Councilman Fusco noted that he will report on December numbers next month.

DPW

Please see attached for the DPW Monthly Report December 2020 and January 2021.

Planning Board

Councilman Fusco advised that there were a number of applications in December. Resolutions for two Kulite applications pertaining to emergency lighting and an emergency generator were approved. Kulite's application pertaining to the parking lot on Shore Avenue was carried to January as were applications for Suez and 219 Overlook Avenue. Councilman Fusco reviewed the appointments that were made at the January Reorganization Meeting, noting that Borough Engineer Di Sessa is now serving as the new Planning Board Engineer. Kulite's application for expanded parking on Shore Avenue was denied at this meeting. The applications for 219 Overlook Avenue and Suez were approved. The applicant for 309 Beechwood Place was asked to submit a new elevation proposal in February. An application for 470 Grand Avenue to enclose an existing platform to the entrance foyer was denied.

Councilman Fusco thanked the DPW Superintendent and the entire department for doing a great job with snow removal.

Councilman Grandelis

Fire Department

Please see attached for the Leonia Fire Department Report. Councilman Grandelis noted that two new recruits have submitted membership applications. The new radios and radio support system should be installed within the 1st quarter of this year.

Recreation Commission

Please see attached for the Recreation Liaison Report.

EMS

Councilman Grandelis advised that he does not have the numbers from Emergency Medical Services and will include them in his next report.

Councilman Ziegler

Environmental Commission

Councilman Ziegler reported that the Environmental Commission reappointed Christoph Hesterbrink as Chair at its January meeting. There was discussion regarding support for the Bigbelly units on Broad Avenue as well as plastic bag and Styrofoam recycling which has been stalled. As there have been issues in finding a place to recycle these items, the purchase of a shredder was discussed as a possible solution. The Environmental Commission and Leonia High School students will be presenting at the March Work Session on energy aggregation opportunities. There was also discussion regarding electric charging stations, placing power lines underground, invasive species control, recycling mattresses, and conducting an inventory of the carbon footprint in Leonia.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met last week. Bond Counsel, two representatives from CVRE, and two representatives from GZA Environmental were in attendance. Tenants will be vacated by mid-March and there is a high degree of confidence that a mutually-accepted agreement can be reached for the purchase of 245 Fort Lee Road. The Borough Architect provided an update on documentation and plans. The relocation of the transformer will provide a \$100,000 savings. The proposed bond ordinance will be reviewed with the governing body on February 17th with the intention to introduce on March 1st and adopt on March 15th. There was discussion regarding the environmental mitigation. GZA has revised its proposal to reduce the costs significantly and the resolution to authorize this proposal will be removed from the table. The target date for demolition of the properties is mid-March.

Shade Tree Commission

The Shade Tree Commission will be discussing the Private Planting Program in March. Christine Healy and Imanta Bergmanis were reappointed as Co-Chairs and Kathi Verbeek as Secretary. Kate Marimba will attend Planning Board meetings as a member of the public going forward to tighten the link between these two boards. Councilman Ziegler advised that Kevin Malloy, DPW General Foreman, provided a document from 1935 which included a tabulation of all trees by street, noting that the Shade Tree Commission continues to conduct these inventories today.

Historic Preservation Commission

Councilman Ziegler reported that there are 2,800 people on the “I Grew Up in Leonia” Facebook page. He noted that there is an open question regarding maintaining the historical collection archives at the Library as the person who maintained this collection on a volunteer basis has resigned. The digitization of historical materials continues. There was discussion regarding a Marvel Comics series that was based in Leonia.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Zeigler reported on the work that has been done to prepare for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic. He advised that, although the third order of vaccine has been placed, Leonia has not received any vaccines to date. He criticized the Governor’s rollout of the vaccine, noting that he has had discussions with Congressman Pascrell, Assemblywoman Huttel, and Senator Weinberg regarding this issue. He advised that he recently learned that Leonia’s orders are being reduced by 80% by Bergen County as only 100 doses will be shipped next week when an order for 500 doses was placed. A Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Tenafly is in process. Tenafly has formally endorsed partnering with Leonia and appropriated \$25,000 to offset costs. Mayor Zeigler stated that he filed OPRA requests with the Office of the Governor, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Health’s Emergency Management & Preparedness Division, County Executive and County Health Officer to request any and all documents, text messages, etc. related to vaccine distribution protocols and how vaccine decisions are being made. He advised that 256 volunteers have stepped forward to assist with the clinic providing the ability to administer over 800 doses of vaccine per week. Johnson & Johnson will be applying for emergency use authorization within the next eight to ten days. He noted that the B177 variant is increasing and will be prevalent by March. He cautioned everyone to wear masks, practice social distancing, and avoid multi-household gatherings.

Mayor Zeigler reported that he spoke with Senator Weinberg regarding OPRA reform. Senator Weinberg advised that she will explore increasing response times to fulfill OPRA requests and eliminating the use of OPRA by businesses as a research vehicle.

He announced that he performed three weddings in the past few weeks.

Borough Administrator’s Report

The final CARES Act submission was made and the Borough’s total reimbursement for COVID-19 related payroll costs, PPE expenses and other eligible expenditures is \$358,108.

Mayor Zeigler noted that the County used \$1.4 million in funds to provide year-end bonuses to its employees.

Borough Administrator Wardrop explained that COVID-19 supplies going forward are now the Borough’s responsibility as are any payroll expenses incurred for social distancing and other COVID-19 activities.

She commented that she looks forward to continuing to work closely with Karp Strategies, noting that a resolution to reappoint this firm was approved this evening.

She advised that there is a resolution pertaining to the Golf Course Drive funding on tonight’s agenda which will formalize the direction that the governing body wishes to take.

The Flexible Spending Account program was initiated in 2021. A few employees have taken advantage of this program and it will continue to be marketed.

The CDBG grant application was submitted on January 29th for improvements to the Senior Center basement.

Time was spent on budget preparations and efforts are being moved to the capital budget. A report will be sent to the Capital Budget Planning Committee tomorrow and a schedule will be set.

The Finance & Human Resources Committee met last week. The budget calendar was discussed. The statutory deadlines have been extended allowing for more flexibility on introduction and adoption of the budget.

Borough Administrator Wardrop advised that she, the CFO, and QPA will be meeting with two different financial software vendors tomorrow.

Updates to the Employee Handbook are being prepared and it is hoped that these updates will be brought to the Finance & Human Resources Committee within the next month.

There was a meeting with the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief during which purchasing and administrative issues were discussed. There was also discussion regarding the operating and capital budget.

Borough Attorney's Report

With respect to the DOT Litigation matter, Borough Attorney Chewcaskie reported that the Appellate Division is scheduling a settlement/pre-argument conference on February 4th.

Resolutions to approve settlement agreements with cell carriers for damage to the Firehouse roof are on tonight's agenda for consideration.

The small cell carrier ordinance is listed for introduction. Various issues have been addressed with respect to the most recent request from AT&T and Cross River Fiber.

A draft of the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Tenafly has been prepared and sent to Mayor Zeigler for review.

Borough Engineer Report

Borough Engineer Di Sessa advised that the Broad Avenue Sections 7 & 8 project is substantially complete. A new pedestrian crossing sign has been installed and cleanup work will take place in the spring. The other sections will be advertised this month with work anticipated to begin in the spring.

Bids will be received for the Broad Avenue/Hillside Avenue Traffic Signal project next week.

With respect to Golf Course Drive, access agreements are being finalized. The contractor is getting mobilized and has submitted shop drawings.

Plans are being prepared for the Harrison Street CDBG project and it is hoped to go out to bid for this project in the next few months.

The design work for the new DPW storage building is almost complete. Foundational alternatives are being explored due to weak soil having been found at this site.

The New Municipal Building project plans have been completed in conjunction with the Borough Architect and drawings are being coordinated in order to finalize the bid specs. The demolition of the site is being put out to bid this week and bids will be received at the end of the month.

The contractor is working to relocate the generator at the Ambulance Corps to the Recreation Center. The building condition report for the Recreation Center has been completed in order to plan capital improvements to this building.

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-01

The Borough Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORD. 2021-01 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 247 ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" AND CHAPTER 290 ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained that this ordinance pertains to the 5G rollout and provides a procedure for review and approval for 5G facilities within the Municipal Rights-of-Way. He noted that there will be an agreement and application form and the Borough Attorney and Engineer will be involved in the review and approval process to ensure that the requirements set forth in the ordinance are met.

Mayor Zeigler commented that implementing this ordinance will allow the Borough to limit the size, scope and length of these leases. He noted that this ordinance will require 35 days between introduction and adoption for referral to the Planning Board to determine consistency with the Master Plan.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting March 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the as the matter can be heard as the date and time and Leonia Borough Hall via GoToMeeting as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Council President Terrell.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

Consent Resolutions

- A. RES. 2021-73 Authorize Bill List
[2021-73 Authorize Bill List.pdf](#)
[2021-73 Bill list Backup.pdf](#)

- ~~B. RES. 2021-74 Authorize Borough to Pay 100% of Cost to Reconstruct Golf Course Drive Retaining Wall
[2021-74 Authorize Borough to Pay Cost of Retaining Wall Project.pdf](#)~~
- ~~C. RES. 2021-75 Call Upon Bergen County to Address & Enhance Pedestrian Safety—Fort Lee Road Crosswalks
[2021-75 Call Upon BC to Enhance Pedestrian Safety - Fort Lee Road Crosswalks.pdf](#)~~
- D. RES. 2021-76 Authorize Change to Full-Time Status - Administrative Assistant - Borough Clerk
[2021-76 Approve Change to Full-Time Status- Admin Asst - Boro Clerk.pdf](#)
- E. RES. 2021-77 Approve 2021 Towing Applications
[2021-77 - Tow List.pdf](#)
- F. RES. 2021-78 Agree to Offer Modified Incentive under State Health Benefits Plan
[2021-78 Agree to Offer Modified Incentive under State Health Benefits Plan.pdf](#)
- G. RES. 2021-79 Authorize Refund - Overpayment of 2020 Taxes - Block 1009 Lot 18
[2021-79 - Authorize Refund - Overpayment of 2020 Taxes - Block 1009 Lot 18.pdf](#)
- H. RES. 2021-80 Approve Mutual Settlement & Release - T-Mobile
[2021-80 - Approve Mutual Settlement & Release - T-Mobile.pdf](#)
- I. RES. 2021-81 Approve Mutual Settlement & Release - AT&T
[2021-81 - Approve Mutual Settlement & Release - At&T.pdf](#)
- J. 2021-82 Authorize Proposal - Environmental Services - 245 & 247 Fort Lee Road
[2021-82 Authorize Proposal - Environmental Services - 245 & 247 Fort Lee Road.pdf](#)

Motion by Councilwoman Flaim, second by Councilman Grandelis, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

All members present voting in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

RES. 2021-74 Authorize Borough to Pay 100% of Cost to Reconstruct Golf Course Drive Retaining Wall

[2021-74 Authorize Borough to Pay Cost of Retaining Wall Project.pdf](#)

Mayor Zeigler stated that there is not specific language noting that the Borough is not going to pay for ancillary expenses such as replacing trees, shrubs, etc. that may need to be removed as a result of the installation.

It was decided that the following language would be added to the last clause of this resolution: “and will not include replacement of trees, shrubs, ornamental tile, or anything else that is disturbed or removed during the replacement of the retaining wall.”

Motion by Councilwoman Flaim, second by Council President Terrell, that Resolution#2021-74 be approved as amended.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

RES. 2021-75 Call Upon Bergen County to Address & Enhance Pedestrian Safety - Fort Lee Road Crosswalks

[2021-75 Call Upon BC to Enhance Pedestrian Safety - Fort Lee Road Crosswalks.pdf](#)

Councilman Ziegler explained that there have been several vehicle on pedestrian accidents at the Irving Street crosswalk on Fort Lee Road, the most recent of which involved the tragic death of a pedestrian's dog in addition to the pedestrian being injured. He noted that this resolution calls for safety measures to be implemented at all Fort Lee Road crosswalks. He requested that the Borough Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the County Executive as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Council President Terrell, that Resolution #2021-75 be approved

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

Unfinished Business:

RES. 2021-66 Authorize Proposal - GZA Environmental - Leonia Ambulance Corps Environmental Analysis (Tabled January 20, 2021)

[2021-66 Authorize Proposal - GZA Environmental - Ambulance Corps Soil & Groundwater Site Investigation.pdf](#)

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilman Fusco, to remove Resolution #2021-66 from the table.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell:	aye	Councilman Fusco:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilman Grandelis:	aye
Councilwoman Flaim:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

Councilman Ziegler advised that this resolution should be amended to reflect the lower fees that were negotiated with GZA Environmental.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Council President Terrell, that Resolution #2021-66 be approved as amended.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Terrell: aye
Councilwoman Davis: aye
Councilwoman Flaim: aye

Councilman Fusco: aye
Councilman Grandelis: aye
Councilman Ziegler: aye

New Business:

There was no New Business.

Closed Session:

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie advised that there is no need to hold a Closed Session. He noted that he will call Mayor Zeigler and Councilman Ziegler to provide an update on the property acquisition.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilwoman Flaim, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Dodd, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Laws & Ordinance Committee

January 2021

Chair's Report

1. The L/O Committee met on Monday, December 14, 2020;
2. Snow/Alternate Parking: Added to December 21, 2020 meeting for Governing Body to discuss; Revisions to Alternative Street ordinance (section 194.3) scheduled for January 2020 meeting;
3. Codified Rec Center Policies: Recreation Commission needs to review, and Borough Attorney will be follow up;
4. Cellular phone towers: Updated draft scheduled for January 2020 meeting

Respectfully,

Joanne Choi Terrell
Councilwoman, Borough of Leonia

Board of Education Liaison's Report
January 2021

1. The BOE met on December 15 for its regular meeting.

Respectfully,

Joanne Choi Terrell
Councilwoman, Borough of Leonia



Leonia Police Department

1 Wood Park, Leonia, New Jersey 07605

Tel: (201) 944-0800

Scott Tamagny, Chief of Police



To: Councilwoman Maureen Davis, Councilwoman Bernadette Flaim, Councilman Bill Ziegler

From: Chief Scott Tamagny

Subject: December/January Monthly Report

Date: February 1, 2021

Please find below a summary of the Department's activity for December 2020 and January 2021.

	December	January	2 Month Total
Calls for Service	574	560	1134
Motor Vehicle Crashes	14	10	24
Residential Burglaries	0	2	2
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	3	0	3
Robbery	0	0	0
Arrests (all types)	9	4	13
Written Citations (includes warnings)	239	221	460

Significant Cases/Arrests

On December 29, 2020, a female was attacked by an unknown male in Fort Lee and again in Leonia. Detectives from Leonia, Fort Lee and the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of Randy Gallman of Jersey City. Gallman was charged with Attempted Sexual Assault, Criminal Restraint, and Criminal Sexual Contact.

Training

All officers completed training for the NJ Attorney General's Office **Handle With Care Program**. The program's goal is for police officers to notify school staff of children who have been exposed to a recent traumatic event, allowing the school to provide the necessary support to the student. Leonia's public and private schools have been contacted about the program and the program is currently in effect.

Firearms training was conducted at the Bergen County Police Academy during the month of January.

Community Affairs and Outreach

The Department's Facebook page was re-activated in December, allowing the Department to provide news and information to the community.

The Department has partnered with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Community Engagement Task Force to sponsor a youth writing contest. 2 Leonia students will win a new HP Chromebook for the best essay that answers the following question: "Why is it important for members for the community to engage with local Police Departments?"

The Department has partnered with the Bergen County Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office to deliver food to residents that have special needs such as the inability to drive or have no access to a vehicle, have small children, or have medical issues. Residents requesting assistance can contact the Center for Food Action in Englewood.

On January 21, 2021, Chief Tamagny met with members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Racism & Racial Equity (MACORE). Plans were made to meet on a regular basis to address community concerns.

The Department's webpage has been updated to include 2 policies in order to provide transparency to the public we serve. The Early Warning System policy and Drug Testing Policy are both located on our page. Additional updates are planned for our webpage.

Other News

As of January 1st 2021, Chief Thomas Rowe officially retired from the Leonia Police Department. On January 20th, 2021, Chief Scott Tamagny was appointed to the position.

During the month of January, many of the Department's officers received their 1st Covid-19 vaccine. A second shot is scheduled for officers within the next few weeks.

OFFICE OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Permit Activity Report

RANGE: 1/1/2021 To 1/31/2021

SUMMARY

Monday, February 1, 2021 11:17 AM

Construction Costs

Count

New Construction:	\$14,600.00	Cubic Footage:	270 Cu.ft	Permits Issued:	29
Alteration:	\$363,698.00	Square Footage:	27 Sq.ft	Updates Issued:	3
Demolition:	\$0.00			All Fees Waived:	0
Total Cost:	\$378,298.00			Municipal Fees Waived:	0

<u>Permit Fees</u>		<u>Admin Fees</u>		<u>Waived Fees</u>		<u>Total Fees</u>	
Building:	\$5,847.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$0.00	Building:	\$5,847.00
Electrical:	\$1,800.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$0.00	Electrical:	\$1,800.00
Fire Protection:	\$560.00	Fire Protection:	\$0.00	Fire Protection:	\$0.00	Fire Protection:	\$560.00
Plumbing:	\$2,515.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$0.00	Plumbing:	\$2,515.00
Mechanical:	\$355.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$0.00	Mechanical:	\$355.00
Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00	Elevator:	\$0.00
				*Total Waived	\$0.00	Technical Fees:	\$11,077.00

Technicals Issued

Building:	11
Electrical:	15
Fire Protection:	5
Plumbing:	16
Mechanical:	3
Elevator:	0

<u>DCA</u>	Calculated Fees	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
Volume Training Fee:	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Alteration Training Fee:	\$693.00	\$0.00	\$693.00
Total Training Fee:	\$694.00	\$0.00	\$694.00

<u>Certificate Fees</u>	Calculated Fees:	Waived Fees	Collected Fees
	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

Certificates Issued

Occupancy:	2
Approval:	0
Continued Occupancy:	0
Compliance:	0
Clearance-Lead:	0

PERMIT FEES:	\$11,077.00
DCA FEES:	\$694.00
CERTIFICATE FEES:	\$100.00
NET TOTAL FEES:	\$11,871.00
PENALTIES COLLECTED:	\$0.00
OTHER FEES:	\$0.00
GRAND TOTAL FEES:	\$11,871.00

DPW Monthly Report December, 2020

During the month of December, 2020 the Department of Public Works continued its regular programs of garbage and trash collection, recycling, streets and road repairs, sewer services, tree maintenance, maintenance of parks and public buildings, and equipment maintenance and repairs.

Garbage and Trash:

Garbage collection, 284.65 tons

Trash collection, 37.68 tons

Recycling: Mixed Paper & Cardboard, 68.42tons

Commingled Recyclables, 30.97 tons

White Goods for the year of 2020, 38.07 tons

Electronics for the year of 2020, 26,352 pounds

Sewer Emergencies: 0

Trees: 11 Removals 0 Pruned

Quick reminder please keeps fire hydrants clear of snow during the winter months.

Tomorrow's garbage collection has been canceled and rescheduled for Friday January 5th.

Trash has been rescheduled to Entire Town for Thursday January 4th.

Please use caution and don't travel during the current snow storm, and DO NOT! Put snow into plowed streets this not only enforceable by ordinance it creates a hazardous condition.

All items put out for collection **must** be out before 7:00 AM the day of its scheduled collection day.

Thank you for your assistance and continued cooperation.

Respectively Submitted

John Villareal CPWM CRP

Superintendent

Leonia Public Works

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Garbage and Trash:

Garbage collection, 278.41 tons

Trash collection, 28.74 tons

Recycling: Mixed Paper & Cardboard, 41.06

Commingled Recyclables, 33.85 tons

Sewer Emergencies: 1

Trees: 15 Removals 8 Pruned

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Leonia Public Works

Council Report February 01, 2021
Leonía Fire Department Report
Prepared by Councilman Louis A. Grandelis

Thomas Caruolo
Chief of Department
Leonía Volunteer Fire Department

Full Year 2020

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Leonía Fire Department Committee met on January 21, 2021. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021.

Welcome to the new leadership team for 2021! We have a tremendous amount of work to do this year, and I have ever confidence that this leadership team will get the job done.

The LFD responded to 314 calls in the year 2020. That is down slightly from previous years, and is attributed to the pandemic. I will report January 2021 numbers at our next meeting.

The LFD is looking for volunteers! Please reach out to Chief Caruolo, or you can send me a note and I'll pass on the information.

This concludes my report.

Council Report February 01, 2021
Recreation Liaison Report
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Sean Krakower
Superintendent of Leonia Recreation

January and February 2021

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

The Leonia Recreation Commission met on January 18, 2021. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021.

1. The Recreation Department led by David Torres with help from the Leonia Action Alliance partnered up with the organization Soles4Souls and ran the Season of Giving Back shoe drive in the month of December. The community stepped up and donated about 700 pairs of shoes. These shoes were then boxed up and shipped to Soles4Souls who then distributed them to communities in need. The department would like to give a special thank you to Lela and Olga from the Leonia Action Alliance who boxed and transported the shoes to the UPS store. Also, thank you to local businesses, Leonia H-Mart, Andres Wine & Spirits, and residents who dropped boxes off for us to pack the shoes.
2. Our Winter programming session has begun both virtually and in-person. We have a total of 154 registrants for our Winter programs. Our in person classes have been suspended until Feb 6th due to the rise in covid cases.
3. In addition to the Winter programs we have set up a series of virtual guided tours. We ran a successful NYU College neighborhood tour on January 14th. We are currently starting to advertise for our next virtual guided tour of Harlem in March.
4. We have also run informational webinars that included: what happened to the family doctor?, dealing with paper that is overwhelming and how to declutter, and simple things to build your immune system.
5. The Recreation Staff met with the Director of the Library and we plan to collaborate together with programming. We feel that when our relationship grows we will be able to bring more opportunities to the community.
6. The Recreation staff has been monitoring the temperatures for the fridge and freezer for the vaccine and taking deliveries of supplies ordered by the Health Department.

This concludes my report. Thank you.