

1 **Reorganization Minutes, January 4, 2012**

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3 *Sine Dine Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*  
4 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:37pm.*

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6 **2011 Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, De Simone*  
7 *Hawkins, Knott, Whitter*

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9 **Council Absent:** *None*

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11 **Also Present:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney Giblin,*  
12 *Borough Administrator, Jack Terhune, Lynn Hemmer,*  
13 *Deputy Borough Clerk*

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15 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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17 Mayor Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Raucci led in the Pledge  
18 of Allegiance.

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20 Mayor Heveran stated that the conditions of Open Public Meetings Act have been met by  
21 notice placed on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the official  
22 newspaper.

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24 **Presentations**

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26 Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblypersons Gordon Johnson and Valerie Huttle  
27 thanked Mayor Heveran and Council President Raucci for their dedication to  
28 Leonia. Assemblywoman Huttle wished all in attendance a Happy and Healthy  
29 New Year. Assemblyman Johnson wished all in attendance Happy and Health  
30 New Year.

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32 Senator Loretta Weinberg made a presentation to Mayor Heveran.

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34 Senator Loretta Weinberg made a presentation to Council President Raucci.

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36 Mayor Elect De Simone presented a plaque to outgoing Mayor Heveran. Mayor  
37 Elect De Simone also presented Mayor Heveran with a bouquet of flowers and a  
38 gift.

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40 Mayor Elect De Simone read the inscription on the plaque. Mayor Heveran  
41 thanked each member of the Governing Body and the residents of Leonia.

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43 Mayor Elect De Simone presented a plaque to outgoing Council President Raucci.  
44 Mayor Elect De Simone read the inscription on the plaque. Council President  
45 Raucci thanked the members of the Governing Body and the residents of Leonia.  
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47 Former Mayor, Liz Dwarica thanked Mayor Heveran for her 13 dedicated years  
48 of service to the Borough of Leonia and presented Mayor Heveran with a gift.

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50 Former Councilman, Tony Puzzo thanked Mayor Heveran and Council President  
51 Raucci for all their hard work Former Councilman Puzzo stated as being a  
52 member of the Governing Body for nine years, Council President Raucci was the  
53 hardest working Councilperson. Mr. Puzzo also thanked Councilman Choi for his  
54 courage to run for the office of Mayor as a Korean- American.

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56 Mayor Heveran in her farewell speech thanked the members of the Governing  
57 Body, the citizens who have supported her, her friends and the Department Heads  
58 and her family for their support.

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60 Council President Raucci thanked the Mayor and Council Borough Employees,  
61 volunteers, friends, and family for their support.

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63 Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Whitter, made a motion to  
64 adjourn the Sine Dine Meeting. All in favor none opposed. Meeting adjourned at  
65 7:44 PM.

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#### 68 **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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70 Mayor Elect De Simone Opened the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and  
71 Council at 7:55PM.

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#### 73 ***Swearing of New Mayor and Council Members:***

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75 ***Senator Weinberg administered the Oath of Office to Mayor De Simone. Mayor***  
76 ***De Simone's mother held the bible.***

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78 ***Senator Weinberg administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Hawkins.***  
79 ***Councilman Hawkins's son Dylan Hawkins held the bible.***

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81 ***Senator Weinberg administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Salmon.***  
82 ***Councilman Salmon's wife held the bible.***

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#### 84 **ROLL CALL 2012 COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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86 ***Council Present: Mayor De Simone, Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Knott,***  
87 ***Salmon, Whitter***

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89 ***Council Absent;*** None

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91 **Also Present:** Borough Clerk Fran Lehmann, Borough Attorney Giblin,  
92 Borough Administrator Jack Terhune, Lynn Hemmer,  
93 Deputy Borough Clerk  
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95 **Citizens**

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97 Peggy De Simone Andrews, River Vale, NJ – Ms. Andrews congratulated Mayor  
98 De Simone and told him the whole family was very proud of him.  
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100 **Remarks from Mayor De Simone, Mayor De Simone thanked everyone for their**  
101 **support.**  
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103 **Committees and Liaisons of the Council**

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105 Councilman Choi, Chairperson  
106 Council President Knott  
107 To be announced  
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109 FINANCE ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL

110 Council President Knott, Chairperson  
111 Councilman Hawkins  
112 Councilman Whitter  
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114 FIRE

115 Council President Knott, Fire Commissioner  
116 Councilman Choi  
117 To be announced  
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119 LAWS & ORDINANCES

120 Councilman Whitter, Chairperson  
121 Councilman Salmon  
122 Councilman Knott  
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124 POLICE COMMISSION

125 Councilman, Hawkins, Chairperson  
126 Councilman Choi  
127 To be announced  
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129 **LIAISONS**

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131 Board of Health

132 Council President Knott  
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134 Economic Development

135 Councilman Choi  
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137 Library Board  
138 To be announced  
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140 Environmental Commission  
141 Councilman Salmon  
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143 Historic Preservation  
144 Council President Knott  
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146 Recreation  
147 To be announced  
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149 Shade Tree  
150 Councilman Salmon  
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152 Planning Board  
153 Councilman Hawkins  
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155 Building Department  
156 Councilman Salmon  
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158 Board of Ed  
159 Councilman Whitter

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161 ***Election of Council President:***  
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163 Councilman Whitter made a motion to nominate Councilman Knott as Council  
164 President for 2012, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote; all in favor  
165 none opposed. Council President Knott thanked the members of the Council for  
166 the honor.  
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168 ***Resolutions***  
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170 Mayor De Simone asked if anyone wished to pull any resolution for a separate  
171 vote. Council President Knott asked to have Resolution 12-11 held for a separate  
172 vote. Council President Knott stated he would like to swear in the new Fire Chief,  
173 Deputy Chief and Captain. At this point in the meeting Council President Knott  
174 made a motion to approve Resolution 12-11, seconded by Councilman Hawkins.  
175 All in favor none opposed.  
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177 At this point in the Meeting Council President Knott swore in Fire Chief Robert  
178 Chace, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Bohnert and Captain James McArdle.  
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180 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolutions 12-01  
181 through 12-10 and 12-12 through 12-36, seconded by Councilman Choi. All in  
182 favor none opposed.

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***APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS***

Councilman Whitter asked Borough Attorney Giblin if it was necessary for him to abstain from voting on Resolution 12-39 appointing Birdsall Engineering as they over saw the sewer project on Spring Street where he resides. Mr. Giblin stated no this was a Borough project not a personal project.

Councilman Whitter made a motion to approve Resolutions 12-37 - 12-44 seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call all in favor none opposed. Resolutions approved.

***APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR WITH CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL***

Council Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolutions 12-45 -12-54, appointing the members of various Boards, Committees and Commissions, seconded by Council President Knott. All in favor none opposed.

***APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL***

Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolutions 12-55 - 12-59 appointing members to the Board of Adjustment and the Multiple Dwelling Emergency Commission, seconded Councilman Hawkins.

***MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS***

12-60 Appointing Mary Connor to the Leonia Library Board of Trustees for a 5 year term expiring December 31, 2016.

12-61 Appointing Arnold Trachtenberg to the Leonia Library Board of Trustees for a 5 year term expiring December 31, 2016.

12-62 Appointing Roland Aldridge as the Mayor’s alternate to the Leonia Library Board of Trustees for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2012

12-63 Appointing Adrienne Albanese, Jim Back, Joseph Bevacqua, Frank Livelli, Morton Meisler, Marion Pinsdorf, Anthony Puzzo, Bill Russell and Alan Winters as member to serve on Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Economic Development for a term of 1 year expiring December 31, 2012

12-64 Appointing Jing Chen, Christopher Hesterbrink, Martha Lieblich, William Russell, and Rick Teng as members to the Green Team for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2012.

**12-65** Appointing Adrienne Albanese, Ingrid Brennan, Matt Brennan, Carlos De Santis, John Genese, Frank Livelli, Barbara Marchant, Chris Terzini, and Roland Weimer the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Transportation for a term of 1 year expiring December 31, 2012

12-66 Appointing Vincent Petti to the Planning Board as a class IV member for a 4 year term expiring December 31, 2015.

12-67 Appointing Richard Stenken to the Planning Board as Class IV member for a 4 year term expiring December 31, 2015

229 12-68 Appointing Kelly Ann Norgaard as an Alternate II member of the  
230 Planning Board for a 2 year term expiring December 31, 2013  
231 12-69 Appointing Gloria Arlak to the Shade Tree Commission for a term of 5  
232 years expiring December 31, 2016  
233 12-70 Appointing Christine Healy-Sammis to the Shade Tree Commission for a  
234 term of 5 years expiring December 31, 2016  
235 12-71 Appointing Martha Lieblich to the Planning Board as a Class II member  
236 for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2012

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238 Council President Knott made a motion to approve Resolution 12-72 and 12-73  
239 seconded by Councilman Whitter. All in favor none opposed.

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241 There being no further business before the Governing Body Councilman Hawkins  
242 seconded by Council Whitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

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244 Respectfully submitted,

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247 Frances Lehmann, RMC  
248 Borough Clerk