

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **March 19, 2012**
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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm.*

7 Mayor DeSimone called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor DeSimone asked everyone to stand while Council President Knott led in the Pledge
9 of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor DeSimone, Councilpersons, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak,*
11 *Salmon, Whitter*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough*
16 *Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Lynn Hemmer, Deputy*
17 *Borough Clerk,*

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19 **Absent:** *none*
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

22 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
23 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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25 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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27 **PRESENTATION**
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29 **APPOINTMENT**
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31 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

32 Minutes of March 5, 2012 – A motion was made by Councilman Choi, seconded by
33 Councilman Salmon, to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2012. Roll call vote. All in favor
34 none opposed.
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36 Closed Session Minutes March 5, 2012 – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman
37 Choi, made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of March 5, 2012. Roll call
38 vote. All in favor none opposed.
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40 **RESOLUTIONS**

41 Councilmen Choi and Hawkins asked for a clarification of Resolution 12-125. Mr.
42 Terhune explained it is a communications tool. Councilman Choi would like to see more
43 minority students on the Committee.
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45 Resolution 12-131 – Councilman Hawkins asked how the specifications were prepared.
46 Mr. Terhune explained the process. Councilman Hawkins asked for a set of the bid
47 specifications.

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49 Resolutions 12-124 through Resolutions 12-131 – A motion was made by Councilman
50 Hawkins, seconded by Council President Knott, to approve the resolutions. Roll call vote.
51 All in favor none opposed.

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53 **Standing Committees**

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55 Finance Administration & Personnel- Council President Knott stated the 2012
56 Municipal budget is scheduled for adoption on April 2nd.

57 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter said the Committee has not met.

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59 Police – Councilman Hawkins read a report from the Police Department.
60 Councilman Hawkins also reported on a memo from Chief Zeigler urging for the
61 improvements to be made to the Ambulance building shortly so it may be utilized by
62 the Police Department.

63 Fire Department – Council President Knott stated the Fire Committee met with
64 Harvey Weber from Englewood Hospital, who gave an overview of the free
65 physicals being offered to the Fire Department. Mr. Weber will attend the next Fire
66 Department meeting to explain the program to the members. The Fire Department is
67 going to hold a dinner dance on May 4th. There were 17 fire calls in February.

68 Ambulance – Councilman Pak read the report from Englewood Hospital.

69 Public Works – Councilman Choi read a report prepared by Mr. Villareal. Mr.
70 Villareal reported that the Edgewater DPW is helping to maintain the Borough ball
71 fields this year because they are unable to use theirs because of the soil
72 contamination. Councilman Hawkins asked Mr. Villareal to check on the clothing
73 recycling program offered by Cliffside Park.

74 Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune reported Hector DeLeon, a DPW employee
75 passed away. The work on the basketball courts will commence shortly. There will
76 be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, March 22nd for the ramp at the annex.
77 Test piles have been installed for the Overpeck Park project. The sink hole on Park
78 Avenue remains open. Mr. Terhune is working with the State to pay for it because
79 they are the ones who caused the problem when they did the work on Grand Avenue.
80 Mr. Terhune referred to a letter he sent to the residents on Hawthorne Terrace
81 regarding their sewer lines. Councilman Hawkins inquired about the report of green
82 water in the Overpeck Creek. Mr. Terhune explained it was dye test that originated
83 in Fort Lee. Fort Lee has had some sewer issues. There is a resident who has
84 reported strong sewer smell when it rains heavily and may have occurred from the
85 storm drains.

86 Mayor –Mayor De Simone reported on a Planning Board seminar he attended.
87 Mayor De Simone read to the 4th graders at the ACS School on March 2nd for Dr.

88 Seuss's Birthday. Mayor De Simone went to a demonstration for a truck in
89 Edgewater.

90 Special Bodies Councilman Choi reported that a Korean War Veteran from Leonia
91 passed away; Mr. William Coulson. Councilman Choi asked for a card to be sent to
92 the family.

93 Councilman Hawkins reported on work to be done by the County for closure and
94 remediation in the Overpeck Preserve.

95 Council President Knott reported that the Board of Health has elected Mr. Tappen as
96 President and Phyllis Raulerson as Vice-President. The Health Fair will be held on
97 October 13th. The rabies clinic was held at the Ambulance building and worked very
98 well. The Health Department is very concerned about the High School sculling team
99 using the Overpeck Creek and has had the water checked for e-coli. There was none
100 detected and they will be monitoring it throughout the year. Councilman Hawkins
101 reported on the New York City rowing club and their extensive plans for the use of
102 the Overpeck Creek. The DEP has been notified. The High School sculling team has
103 requested to have a regatta and has applied to the County for a permit.

104 Councilman Salmon reported the recycling ordinance is out of date and needs to be
105 addressed. The Environmental Commission would like to meet with the Laws &
106 Ordinance Committee. Mr. Terhune explained some of the issues

107 Council President Knott reported the Historic Preservation Committee met on March
108 12th and they are preparing for Leonia Day on May 20th.

109 Councilman Salmon reported there is an opening on the Shade Tree Committee. Mr.
110 Dolch has moved away.

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112 INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

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114 ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

115 Adoption of Ordinance 05-12 entitled:

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117 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

118 APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

119 (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

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Borough Clerk Read by Title

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Public Hearing – no one spoke

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123 A motion was made by Councilperson Whitter, seconded by
124 Councilperson Pak, to approve on final reading, Ordinance 05-12

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126 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
127 voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

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129 **Adoption of Ordinance 06-12 entitled:**

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ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, ENTITLED "PERSONNEL POLICIES"

**Borough Clerk Read by Title
Public Hearing – no one spoke**

A motion was made by Councilperson Whitter, Seconded by Councilperson Hawkins, to approve on final reading, Ordinance 06-12.

ROLL CALL: Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

Adoption of Ordinance 07-12 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "VOLUNTEER COACHES."

**Borough Clerk Read by Title
Public Hearing- no one spoke**

A motion was made by Councilperson Hawkins, seconded by Councilperson Pak, to approve on final reading, Ordinance 07-12.

ROLL CALL: Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter, voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

Adoption of Ordinance 08-12 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "FEES."

**Borough Clerk Read by Title
Public Hearing – no one spoke**

A motion was made by Councilperson Whitter, seconded by Council President Knott, to approve on final reading, Ordinance 08-12

ROLL CALL: Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter, voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

Introduction of Ordinance 09-12 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "FEES."

**Borough Clerk Read by Title
Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Councilperson Hawkins, seconded by Councilperson Pak, to approve on final reading, Ordinance 09-12.

177 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Knott, Choi, Hawkins, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
178 voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

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180 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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182 **NEW BUSINESS**

183 a) County Fair in Overpeck Park - Council President Knott reported on a recent article
184 that appeared in The Record. Council President Knott has been in contact with Mr. Kistner
185 from the County Parks and reported this is still in the planning stage. There will be a
186 meeting with the surrounding towns if it is held. The bridge is expected to be completed in
187 September. Members of the Council discussed the issue.

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189 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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191 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

192 Mr. Thomas Miller, Crescent Avenue, Elmwood Park – Mr. Miller spoke about the death
193 of his brother Eddie Miller, who died in 1959 while playing baseball in Sylvan Park. Mr.
194 Miller had come before the Council last year and asked to have the baseball field named
195 after his brother. The Council had rejected the request but said they would put plaques in
196 the dugouts. The plaque that was put in the dugout has been vandalized and requested that
197 new plaques be put in each dugout.

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199 **CLOSED SESSION**

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201 **ADJOURN**

202 Councilman Whitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
203 Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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205 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
206 9:00PM.

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208 Respectfully submitted,

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210 Fran Lehmann
211 Borough Clerk