



BOROUGH OF LEONIA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

~ Minutes ~

305 Beechwood Pl
Leonia, NJ 07605
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Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk

Monday, June 11, 2012

7:30 PM

Borough Annex

A Regular Council Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, Commencing at 7:30 PM

Mayor John DeSimone called the meeting to order.

1. FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John DeSimone	Mayor	Present	
Peter Knott	Council President	Present	
Philip Choi	Councilman	Present	
Gil Hawkins	Councilman	Absent	
I.S. Pak	Councilman	Present	
Doug Salmon	Councilman	Present	
Darryl Whitter	Councilman	Present	
Jack Terhune	Administrator	Present	
Fran Lehmann	Borough Clerk	Present	
Lynn Hemmer	Deputy Clerk	Present	
Brian T. Giblin	Borough Attorney	Present	

3. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and notice sent to the Official Newspaper.

4. PRESENTATION

1. (ID # 1066) Presentation Red Light Cameras

Palisades Park Police Officer gave an overview of the program in Palisades Park.

Councilman Salmon inquired how much time for an officer to oversee the program. Mr. Fink stated it is full time position. Councilman Choi asked for an explanation on how the program works. Mr. Fink stated the camera takes two pictures and a video. Between 1,500 and 2,000 tickets are issued a month. There are no points assessed. The ticket is issued to the owner of the car not the driver. The success of the program is measured by the fact that crashes are down and accidents involving pedestrians are down.

Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Avenue asked if the County would receive funds if the camera is installed on a light on a County Road. Mr. Fink stated sometimes the County will take a very small percentage and sometimes they do not.

Mayor DeSimone asked how much Palisades Park has earned so far. Mr. Fink said approximately one million dollars, 88% goes to Palisades Park. The amount depends on

the way the agreement is negotiated. Council President Knott asked about tickets being issued for blocking the box. Mr. Fink said there is no legislation at the current time. Mayor DeSimone thanked Mr. Fink for coming.

RESULT: NO VOTE REQUIRED

2. (ID # 1074) Presentation Hillary Chalkin

Mayor DeSimone read the proclamation that he presented to Hillary Chalkin.

RESULT: NO VOTE REQUIRED

5. APPOINTMENTS

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Karl Marquardt - 314 Beechwood Ave., asked for a photo op with Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Chalkin.

Leah Roland - 186 Crescent Ave -Mrs. Roland reported that some of the wild turkeys have been struck by drivers and killed. However, there has been a sighting of a mother turkey and 7 chicks .

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2012-1 Council Minutes, May 21, 2012

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Philip Choi, Councilman
SECONDER: Doug Salmon, Councilman
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

2. 2012-2 Closed Session Minutes May 21, 2012

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Doug Salmon, Councilman
SECONDER: Peter Knott, Council President
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

8. RESOLUTIONS

Mayor DeSimone asked the Governing Body to add Resolution 2012-169 which did not appear on the agenda. Borough Clerk read the Resolution for all in attendance. Councilman Pak did not feel it was appropriate to vote on the resolution as it was not presented to the Council prior to the Meeting. The Borough Clerk reported that she did not have all the names until Monday to include the resolution on the Agenda. Mr. Giblin noted since these were Mayoral appointments no vote was required by the Council. Mayor DeSimone appointed the following to the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Infrastructure: Karl Marquardt, Bradley Wilds, Raul Milan, Donald Adler, Rebecca Root, Thomas Toronto, Richard Stenken, and Tom Metzdorff.

1. RES-2012-165 Authorizing Chapter 159 for Clean Communities

Councilman Choi asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune explained this resolution includes an item of revenue in the budget. It is done this way because the amount is not known at the time the budget is prepared

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Darryl Whitter, Councilman
SECONDER: Peter Knott, Council President
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

2. RES-2012-166 Cancellation of Uncashed Checks

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Darryl Whitter, Councilman
SECONDER: Peter Knott, Council President
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

3. RES-2012-167 Authorizing Estimated Tax Bills

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Darryl Whitter, Councilman
SECONDER: Peter Knott, Council President
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

4. RES-2012-168 Liquor License Renewals

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Darryl Whitter, Councilman
SECONDER: Peter Knott, Council President
AYES: DeSimone, Knott, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSTAIN: Philip Choi
ABSENT: Gil Hawkins

9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

10. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

- 1. ORD-2012-13 An Ordinance Establishing a Joint Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment and Amending Chapter 37 Entitled "Land Use Procedures" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Leonia, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey**

Public Hearing:

Mr. Joe Bevacqua, 133 Glenwood Avenue, Mr. Bevacqua inquired if the reason for the merger was funding or time. Mr. Bevacqua explained the procedure for an application. Mr. Bevacqua does not feel anytime would be saved.

Mr. Gregg Makroulakis, 170 Reldyes Avenue, Mr. Makroulakis inquired what happens to the certification the members have. Mr. Giblin stated that the certification remains in effect.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Peter Knott, Council President
SECONDER:	Darryl Whitter, Councilman
AYES:	Peter Knott, I.S. Pak, Doug Salmon, Darryl Whitter
NAYS:	Philip Choi
ABSTAIN:	John DeSimone
ABSENT:	Gil Hawkins

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. (ID # 1069) Parking Kiosk

Mr. Terhune reported that he met with a Representative from Metropolitan and the cost for the kiosk is \$9,200. The money is available in the Parking Trust Fund. The kiosk will be ordered.

RESULT:	NO VOTE REQUIRED
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2. 2012-3 Building Department Personnel

Council President Knott read a portion of the report by the hearing officer Attorney Rupp, regarding the disciplinary hearing held in April for Mr. Jack Peters. Council President Knott noted for all in attendance that Councilmen Salmon and Pak were not on the Council when the incident in question took place. After reading a report, Council President Knott made a motion to suspend Mr. Peters for 31 hours without pay, seconded by Councilman Whitter. Roll Call Vote: Councilpersons Knott, Salmon and Whitter voted yes; Councilman Choi voted no; Councilman Pak abstained and Councilman Hawkins was absent. Motion carried.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Peter Knott, Council President
SECONDER:	Darryl Whitter, Councilman
AYES:	Peter Knott, Doug Salmon, Darryl Whitter
NAYS:	Philip Choi
ABSTAIN:	John DeSimone, I.S. Pak
ABSENT:	Gil Hawkins

12. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012-4 All Saints Church Sign

Mr. Terhune explained the sign was up for 50 years, one on each corner of Park Avenue and Broad Avenue, and Park Avenue Grand Avenue. The resident on the corner of Park Avenue though she owned the property and removed the sign. There is nothing in the sign ordinance regarding signs for houses of worship. Councilman Whitter made a motion to put the sign back, seconded by Council President Knot. All present in favor none opposed.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Darryl Whitter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Peter Knott, Council President
AYES:	Knott, Choi, Pak, Salmon, Whitter
ABSTAIN:	John DeSimone
ABSENT:	Gil Hawkins

2. 2012-5 Swiftreach Paid Service

Council President Knott gave an overview of the Swiftreach Program. There are basically two programs; one is a reverse 9-1-1 and can be used only for emergencies. The other program would cost the Borough initially \$1,850, and after the first year it is \$1,600. The free system uses Verizon land line subscribers. Anyone can sign on by going to the Swiftreach website. The paid program the Borough can join at anytime. Councilman Pak would like to see how many residents sign on for the free service first. Councilman Salmon need to advertise the service is available. Mr. Terhune suggested putting a flyer in the tax bills that will be going out.

RESULT:	NO VOTE REQUIRED
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13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)

Mrs. Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue, Mrs. Peters feels the action taken by the Council is a discredit to the Council. Mrs. Peters spoke about the actions taken by the Council.

Victor Gamboa, 490 Hazlitt Mr. Gamboa asked if there was a plan in place to have someone cover the office.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, before the Governing Body Council President Knott made a motion to adjourn, scoded by Councilman Pak all present in favor none opposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann
Borough Clerk