

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **January 19, 2011**  
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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 Heveran called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor Mary Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Raucci led in the  
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 Mayor Heveran asked for a moment of silence for Ira Lieblich who passed away on  
11 Monday.

12 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Raucci, Choi, De Simone,*  
13 *Hawkins, Knott, Whitter*

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15 **Council Absent:** *none*

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17 **Also Present:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator Fran Lehmann, Borough*  
18 *Clerk*

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20 **Absent:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney*  
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22 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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26 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
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28 Ken Laury – 135 Fort Lee Road inquired about the Fire Prevention fees. Mayor Heveran  
29 stated the ordinance will be reviewed by the Laws and Ordinances Committee.  
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31 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue; Mrs. Peters asked how much money was saved by the  
32 2010 furloughs. Mr. Terhune stated he did not have that information with him. Mrs. Peters  
33 asked if a decision had been made regarding the Property Maintenance position.  
34 Councilman Knott said this is part of the Budget process.  
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36 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer inquired when the Reorganization  
37 Meeting would be on. Mayor Heveran reported it would be on Sunday, January 23 at 6PM  
38 on channel 81. Mr. Weimer stated the conditions of the Southern end of Glenwood Avenue  
39 between Oakdene and Moore is in need of repair. Mr. Terhune explained this will be part  
40 of the grant application for 2011. Mr. Weimer doe not feel that sidewalks, curbs and  
41 aprons should be repaired as part of the grants. Mr. Terhune responded to his concerns.  
42 Councilman Hawkins also addressed his concerns.  
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45 **PRESENTATION**

46 Mayor Heveran asked Council President Raucci to assist with the certificates for the  
47 Holiday Showcase winners; Holiday Spirit went to Andres Liquors; Creativity was  
48 presented Manor Beverages; Visual Appeal went to Fontana di Trevi; Toast of the Town  
49 was presented to Dante's.

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51 **APPOINTMENT**

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53 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

54 Minutes, December 20, 2010 – Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Choi  
55 made a motion to accept as amended the Minutes of December 20, 2010. Roll call vote;  
56 Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Knott voted yes. Councilmen De Simone and Whitter  
57 abstained. Minutes approved.

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59 Closed Session Minutes December 20, 2010 – Councilman Hawkins seconded by Council  
60 President Raucci made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of December 10,  
61 2010. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Knott voted yes. Councilmen De  
62 Simone and Whitter abstained. Minutes approved.

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64 Reorganization Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2011 – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by  
65 Council President Raucci to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2011. Roll call vote all in  
66 favor none opposed.

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68 **RESOLUTIONS**

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70 **Resolutions 11-55 – 11-58** Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Terhune to explain the two  
71 Resolutions being added to the agenda. Resolution 11-57 – Mr. Terhune explained the  
72 contractor looked at the roof and stated the roof need to be replaced. Mr. Terhune  
73 negotiated the cost for the project with the contractor.

74 Resolution 11-58 – Mr. Terhune explained that a Crossing Guard has retired, one of the  
75 substitute Crossing Guards has taken over the post. Chief Ziegler requested the  
76 appointment of Ms. Perneti as a substitute crossing guard.

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78 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-55 – 11-58, seconded  
79 by councilman Choi. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Resolutions approved.

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81 **Standing Committees**

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83 *Finance Administration & Personnel*- Councilman Knott reported on the progress of  
84 the 2011 budget.

85 *Laws & Ordinances* – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee has not yet had  
86 a meeting.

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88 *Police* – Councilman Hawkins reported the Committee has not yet had a meeting.

89 Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported that Deputy Chief Chace has  
90 taken over the responsibilities of the Fire Department in the absence of Chief  
91 Wright. Chief Wright is now at Kessler Rehab Center.

92 Ambulance –

93 Public Works – Councilman De Simone reported the DPW has been very busy with  
94 all the snowstorms. Consequently there has not been a meeting.

95 Economic Development – no report.

96 Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune commended the DPW for an excellent job  
97 with snow removal. The tentative start date for Wood Park is February 1<sup>st</sup>. The  
98 twelve hour shifts are working well at the Police Department. Englewood Hospital  
99 will do a short presentation at the February 14<sup>th</sup> council Meeting.

100 Mayor –Mayor Heveran attended a fundraiser at the American Legion that was very  
101 well attended. Mayor Heveran presented a resolution that the Governing Body  
102 adopted in December to the DECA Class at the High School. Mayor Heveran  
103 attended the swearing in of Kathleen Donovan. There will be a Town Meeting on  
104 January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Little Theater at Leonia High School at 7:30. Mayor Heveran  
105 also asked if anyone has complaints regarding snow removal to please use the  
106 complaint section on the Website. Mayor Heveran explained that by doing this there  
107 will be a record of the complaint.

108 Special Bodies –

109 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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111 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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113 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

114 a) Ambulance Committee (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran explained there still  
115 needs to be an Ambulance Committee of the Council. The Ambulance Committee  
116 of the council is Councilman Choi, Councilman De Simone and Council President  
117 Raucci. Council President Raucci made a motion to nominate Councilman Choi as  
118 Chairman of the Committee, seconded by Councilman De Simone. Roll Call  
119 Council President Raucci and Councilman De Simone voted yes. Councilman Choi  
120 Abstained.

121 **NEW BUSINESS**

122 a) American Legion Club License (Borough Clerk) Borough Clerk explained that  
123 members of the American Legion were in attendance to review the nature of their  
124 request for a Club License. Members Tony Kowidge and Dennis Castro reviewed  
125 their request for a Club License.

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127 b) Parking and Snow emergencies (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran deferred to Mr.  
128 Terhune. Mr. Terhune reviewed the current parking ordinance and the suggestions  
129 of the Police Department and Tony Saitta, DPW Superintendent. The Governing  
130 Body discussed the suggestions and referred the issue to Laws and Ordinances to  
131 discuss and prepare an Ordinance.

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134 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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136 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

137 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue – Mrs. Peters finds it disturbing that an income producing  
138 position is being eliminated.

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140 Roland Weimer 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer noted that on December 6, the  
141 Governing Body adopted the Master Plan. There is a project before the Board of  
142 Adjustment looking to put up an office building in a residential neighborhood. Mayor  
143 Heveran explained the Master Plan is not law but for advice.

144 Mr. Weimer requested that Closed Session Minutes be posted on the website. He also  
145 requested that a statement be made part of the agenda stating when the minutes would be  
146 available.

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148 **CLOSED SESSION**

149 Mayor Heveran announced the Council would now go into Closed Session to discuss:

150 *Personnel.*

151 Council President Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by  
152 Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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154 **ADJOURN**

155 Councilman Whitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman De  
156 Simone. All in favor none opposed

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158 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
159 9:11PM.

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161 Respectfully submitted,

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163 Fran Lehmann

164 Borough Clerk