

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **March 7, 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 7:30 pm.*

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

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney,(arrived at 7:50), Jack Terhune,*  
16 *Borough Administrator, Lynn Hemmer, Deputy Borough Clerk*

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18 **Absent:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*  
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20 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

21 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin  
22 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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25 **APPOINTMENT**

26 Mayor Heveran announced that there were no appointments, but she has received a letter  
27 from Adele Marx resigning from the Board of Health. If anyone is interested in joining  
28 please contact Borough Hall and fill out an application.  
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30 **PRESENTATION**

31 Mayor Heveran gave all assembled, a background of the presentations being given this  
32 evening.  
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34 Mayor Heveran presented certificates to several Leonia High School Seniors who  
35 organized and are raising funds for Anny Lee, a High School senior who recently passed  
36 away from cancer.  
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38 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

39 Mr. John Stendor, 314 Crescent Avenue – Mr. Stendor requested permission to put up  
40 sandwich signs in the Borough announcing that LVAC will be having a Farewell  
41 Sandwich Party at the American Legion on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
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43 The Boy Scout Billy Car Race is expanding and he would like permission to use Broad  
44 Avenue between Christie Heights and Lakeview. Mr. Stendor explained the plans for the  
45 event scheduled for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM.

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48 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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50 **Council Meeting February 14, 2011** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Council  
51 President Raucci, made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2011. Roll call  
52 vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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54 **Closed Session Minutes February 14, 2011** – Councilman Choi, seconded by Council  
55 President Raucci, made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of February 14,  
56 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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58 Before the Introduction of the 2011 Municipal Budget Ordinance 05-11,  
59 Mayor Heveran asked for consent to change the order for the Introduction of Ordinance  
60 05-11. Mayor Heveran explained to all that in order to introduce the 2011 Municipal  
61 Budget this ordinance needs to be introduced first. Mayor Heveran also explained that the  
62 Municipal taxes will only be going up by \$50.00 this year. That however, does not include  
63 the school taxes. Mayor Heveran thanked Ms. Becker, Mr. Terhune and the Finance  
64 Committee for their outstanding work.

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67 Introduction of Ordinance 05-11 entitled:

68 **ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION**  
69 **LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)**

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71 A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to  
72 adopt on first reading Ordinance 05-11.

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74 ROLL CALL: Councilpersons, all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 05-11 introduced.

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76 **RESOLUTIONS**

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78 **Resolution 11-66** Councilman Choi questioned if the Change Order was within the project  
79 totals. Mr. Terhune stated it was.

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81 **Resolution 11-72** Councilman Hawkins questioned why the funds for the Recycling  
82 Tonnage Grant were not anticipated in the budget. Ms. Becker reported that the Recycling  
83 Tonnage Grant Funds just came in and will be included in the 2011 Budget.

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85 **Resolution 11-73** Councilman Hawkins asked for a separate vote on this resolution.

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87 **Resolutions 11-76 and 11-77** Council President Raucci asked Mr. Terhune to explain to  
88 everyone about the furloughs in which the amount of days is down from last year. It is

89 important for residents to know how this was arrived at. Mr. Terhune explained the  
90 process.

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92 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-66 through 11-72 and  
93 Resolutions 11-74 through 11-79, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none  
94 opposed.

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96 **Resolution 11-73** - A motions was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by  
97 Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; Councilman Raucci, Choi, De Simone, Knott and  
98 Whitter voted yes, Councilman Hawkins abstained. Resolution 11-73 approved.

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100 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

101 Introduction of Ordinance 04-11 entitled:

102 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY**  
103 **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO AMEND THE SALARY**  
104 **RANGES OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEES**

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106 Deputy Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

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108 A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to  
109 adopt on first reading, Ordinance 04-11. Mr. Terhune explained the Ordinance.

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111 ROLL CALL: All in favor none opposed.

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113 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

114 Adoption of Ordinance 02-11 entitled:

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116 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO**  
117 **ADD A SECTION UNDER ORDINANCE 247-17 TITLED “REMOVAL OF SNOW**  
118 **AND ICE” TO BE DESIGNATED AS ORDINANCE 247-17B.**

119 Deputy Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

120 No one from the Public spoke

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122 A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilperson Choi to  
123 adopt on final reading, Ordinance 02-11.

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125 **ROLL CALL:** All in favor none opposed. Ordinance 02-11 adopted.

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127 Adoption of Ordinance 03-11 entitled:

128 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA**  
129 **AND SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 194 TITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**

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131 Deputy Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

132 No one from the public spoke.

133 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilperson Knott to adopt  
134 on final reading, Ordinance 03-11

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**ROLL CALL Councilpersons**, all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 03-11 adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Yamato Property (Council President Raucci) - Council President Raucci stated the property has been owned by the Borough for a year. The Governing body needs to do something with this property. Council President Raucci asked the Governing Body to appropriate the funds and move ahead with the project. After a brief discussion, this item was placed on the March 21, 2011 agenda.
- b) Criteria for Dedication of Borough Owned Property (Council President Raucci) - Council President Raucci spoke about a sensitive issue that has come up before the Recreation Department. Council President Raucci gave a brief history of the incident that occurred at the Major League Baseball field some 50 years ago. Council President Raucci read criteria supplied by Recreation Director, Barbara Davidson regarding the renaming of public property.
- c) Right Turn out of CVS onto Hillside Avenue (Mayor Heveran) - Mayor Heveran stated this was listed on the agenda as a result of a letter that she had received. This issue was addressed by the Planning Board when the project came before them. Councilman Hawkins reported on a discussion held by the Economic Development Committee. The Governing body discussed the issue. Councilman Hawkins suggested the issue be sent to Economic Development for their review and input.
- d) Alternate Side Parking on Vreeland between Broad Avenue and Pine Hill Road (Mayor Heveran) - Mayor Heveran stated this was a result of an email. Councilman Hawkins asked if the Police Department should review it.

Mr. Choi reported that there were complaints from residents on Oakdene regarding pot holes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Heveran read letter from Etta Ehrlich regarding the Ambulance Corps. Councilman Knott also read a letter from Dr. Kantor regarding the Ambulance Corps.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue - Mrs. Peters inquired why the issue of the dedication of Sylvan Park was coming before the Governing Body when the Recreation Commission approved it. Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Giblin to explain the procedure.

Thomas Miller, Elmwood Park, NJ – Mr. Miller is the younger brother of Ed Miller. Mr. Miller stated the memorializing of the field should have happened 52 years ago when the incident happened.

Bob Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace - Mr. Leap agrees that procedures need to be in place regarding renaming of public facilities.

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Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Place – Mr. Liberatore spoke about the major Boys League Baseball dugouts. Mr. Liberatore spoke regarding a right turn on Hillside out of CVS. He is strongly opposed to the recommendation. Mr. Liberatore also spoke about the Master Plan.

Robert Deitch, 129 Woodridge Place – Mr. Deitch asked how Ed Miller died. Councilman Raucci explained he was chewing gum and was hit in the chest with a ball and choked on the gum. Mr. Deitch suggested a light by CVS. Mr. Dietch thanked the Ambulance Corps. for all they did over the years for his family.

Councilman Raucci reminded everyone about the fundraiser for Chief Troy Wright, Sunday at Peter Kramer Hall. One seating at 4PM and another at 7PM.

**CLOSED SESSION B**

There was no Closed Session.

**ADJOURN**

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

As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at 8.44PM

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann  
Borough Clerk