

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **March 21, 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 **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:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough*
16 *Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney*
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18 **Absent:** *none*
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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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24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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26 Terry Mc Mahon – 128 Gladwin Avenue – Mr. Mc Mahon asked about the progress of the
27 Fire Prevention Fee Ordinance. Councilman Whitter stated it is still being reviewed by
28 Laws and Ordinances. Mr. Mc Mahon also spoke about Alternate Side Parking.
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30 **PRESENTATION**
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32 Mr. Michael Maresca and Mr. Robert Separi from Lime Energy made a brief presentation
33 to the Governing Body regarding an energy program offered by the State of New Jersey
34 Clean Energy Program for small and mid-sized commercial buildings. The Governing
35 asked questions of Mr. Maresca. Mr. Maresca also explained that Leonia will be receiving
36 \$150,000 of free upgrades for Borough facilities.
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38 Mr. Mark Gordon from Urbana and Jessica Giorgianni from H2M reviewed the Transit
39 Survey. Mayor Heveran thanked the Transit Committee and Urbana and H2M for their
40 many months of work on the survey.
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42 Adrienne Albanese, 132 High Street, asked how many people filled out the survey. Ms.
43 Giorgianni responded 566 people.
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45 Mr. Terry McMahon, 128 Gladwin Avenue, inquired if there would be a doubling of lines.
46 Mr. Gordon stated there would be two sets of tracks.

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48 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace, inquired if the effect of the results of the referendum
49 held in Tenaflly would have any effect here. Mr. Gordon explained that is a different
50 scenario. In Tenaflly the tracks go through the center of town, in Leonia they are just off of
51 Rte. 95.

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53 Chris Terzini, 171 Hillcrest Avenue, inquired if the redesign of the tunnel would have any
54 affect on the proposed rail lines. Mr. Gordon reviewed the scenarios.

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56 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue. Mr. Silverstein stated there is currently only one
57 track and asked if a second track will be added. Mr. Gordon stated yes and explained
58 further.

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60 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue. Mr. Weimer questioned how the survey responses
61 were prepared. Ms. Giorgianni answered his questions.

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63 The Members of the Governing Body asked questions of Mr. Gordon and Ms. Giorgianni.

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65 **APPOINTMENT**

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67 Mayor Heveran announced she would like to make two appointments with the consent of
68 the Council – a) Mr. John Stendor to fill the unexpired Alternate I position on the Board of
69 Health to expire 12/31 2011. Council President Raucci, seconded by Councilman Choi,
70 made a motion to appoint Mr. John Stendor. All in favor none opposed. b) Marcia Wilson
71 to the Historic Preservation Commission – Council President Raucci, seconded by
72 Councilman Choi, made a motion to appoint Marcia Wilson to the Historic Preservation
73 Commission. All in favor none opposed.

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75 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

76 Minutes of March 7, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins seconded by
77 Council President Choi to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2011. Roll call vote; all in
78 favor none opposed.

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80 **RESOLUTIONS**

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82 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-80 and 11-81,
83 seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Raucci, Choi, Hawkins,
84 Knott and Whitter voted yes, Councilman De Simone, abstained. Resolutions approved.

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86 **Standing Committees**

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88 Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott reported on the 2011
89 budget. Mayor Heveran reported on the minimal tax increase for this year.

90 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee is still working
91 on snow emergency parking and fire prevention ordinance.

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93 Police – Councilman Hawkins read a report from Lt. Det. Rowe regarding
94 summonses and arrests by the police department. Councilman Hawkins met with
95 Chief Ziegler regarding the “Billy Car” race. Specials and crossing guards will be
96 utilized to keep overtime at a minimum. The Police Committee met and agreed there
97 should be no alternate side parking on Vreeland. Mayor Heveran would like the
98 Committee to take another look at the area past the curve in the road, where the road
99 widens and consider making the alternate side parking in that area. Councilman
100 Hawkins will look at the area again. Councilman Hawkins reported that a Grant from
101 the 200 Club of Bergen County was received for new pedestrian crossing signs in the
102 amount of \$2,000.

103 Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported he addressed the Mutual Aid
104 Organization. Council President Raucci reported on the fundraiser held for Fire
105 Chief Wright. The new truck is scheduled for delivery later this week or early next
106 week.

107 Ambulance – Councilman Choi read the report from Englewood Hospital.

108 Public Works – Councilman De Simone reported he met with Superintendent Saitta.

109 Borough Administrator –Mr. Terhune announced that pot holes are now being filled.
110 Construction in Wood Park is $\frac{3}{4}$ completed. Amended tax bills were mailed on
111 Friday, March 18, to residents who are eligible for the Homestead Rebate. Instead of
112 receiving a check the amount was applied to the 2nd quarter taxes. Under OEM, the
113 Borough will be receiving \$36,000 in reimbursement from FEMA for the December
114 blizzard.

115 Mayor –Mayor Heveran took part in “Read Across America” on February 28th, by
116 reading to students at the ACS Elementary School. On March 1st, Mayor Heveran
117 held a Town Hall Meeting in the Borough Hall Conference Room. On March 13th,
118 Mayor Heveran attended the fundraiser for Fire Chief Troy Wright. On March 8th,
119 Mayor Heveran was at the Bergen County 200 Club Dinner, at which the Borough
120 received \$2,000 for pedestrian crossing signs. Mayor Heveran attended a
121 Community Chest Meeting on March 16th and announced where the donations are to
122 be sent. Mayor Heveran gave an overview of a proclamation proclaiming April as
123 “Stop the Violence Month”.

124 Special Bodies –Councilman Choi reported in 2010, 72 trees were lost in the
125 Borough. The Shade Tree Commission has received a grant for \$7,000 and will
126 replace 24 trees.

127 Councilman Knott reported that at a recent meeting of the Historic Preservation
128 Committee, Mr. Hutnick was voted as Chairman and Mr. Silverstein as Vice-
129 Chairman.

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133 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

134 Introduction of Ordinance 06-11 entitled:

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137 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF**
138 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "FEES FOR COPIES OF**
139 **PUBLIC RECORDS (§123-32 - §123-32)."**

140 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title.**

141 A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by
142 Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolutions.

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144 **ROLL CALL** - all in favor none opposed.

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146 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

147 Adoption of Ordinance 04-11 entitled:

148 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SALARY**
149 **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO AMEND THE**
150 **SALARY RANGES OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEES**

151 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title.**

152 **Public Hearing – no one spoke**

153 A motion was made by Councilman Choi, seconded by Council President
154 Raucci to adopt on final reading, Ordinance 04-11

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156 **ROLL CALL** - all in favor none opposed.

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158 Adoption of Ordinance 05-11 entitled:

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

162 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title.**

163 **Public Hearing – no one spoke**

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165 A motion was made by Councilman Knott, seconded by Council President
166 Raucci to adopt on final reading, Ordinance 05-11

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168 Councilman Hawkins asked for an explanation of the Ordinance. Mr. Terhune
169 explained this ordinance has nothing to do with the 2% tax levy. This enables
170 the Borough to have a “Cap” bank.

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172 **ROLL CALL** - all in favor none opposed.

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174 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 175 a) Yamato Property - Council President Raucci asked for an update. Mr. Terhune
176 stated he is waiting for the Engineers estimate.
- 177 b) Ambulance Stand-by - Councilman Choi asked for an update on paying the
178 stipends from the carnival to members of the Ambulance Corps. Mayor Heveran

179 explained the situation to the Council. Mr. Terhune could not say if there was
180 money left in the budget or not. The stipends cannot be paid without a certification
181 of fund. The Governing Body agreed to pay stipends. A resolution will be
182 prepared for the first meeting in April.

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184 **NEW BUSINESS**

185 a) Sustainable Buildings Ordinance - Councilman Hawkins requested the ordinance
186 be introduced at the meeting. Councilman Whitter had a change. Mayor Heveran
187 stated that the ordinance should wait until the next meeting as it was not published
188 on the website nor was it listed on the agenda. The members of the Governing
189 Body discussed the Ordinance. The change suggested by Councilman Whitter will
190 be made.

191 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to introduce the Ordinance. There was no
192 second to his motion.

193 The Ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the meeting of April 4th.

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195 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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197 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

198 Rae Kornblitt, 596 Broad Avenue, spoke against off leash dogs in Dudley Allen Park.

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200 Ingrid Brennan, 53 Palmer Place, spoke about off leash dogs in Dudley Allen Park.

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202 **CLOSED SESSION**

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

204 *Personnel.*

205 Council President Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by

206 Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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208 **ADJOURN**

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

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212 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
213 10:00PM.

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215 Respectfully submitted,

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217 Fran Lehmann

218 Borough Clerk