

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **April 18, 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:** *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 Barbara Marchant, 128 Spring Street; Ms. Marchant spoke about signs around the Borough
28 that need to be replaced. Ms Marchant also brought to the attention of the Mayor and
29 Council an area of guardrail on Fort Lee Road that is need of repair.
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31 **PRESENTATION**
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33 **APPOINTMENT**
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35 Mayor Heveran asked for a motion to appoint John Villareal to the Safety Committee.
36 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolution 11-97, seconded by
37 Councilman Whitter. All in favor none opposed.
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39 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

40 Minutes of April 4, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Whitter, seconded by
41 Council Choi to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none
42 opposed.
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44 Closed Session Minutes of April 4, 2011 – A motion was made by Council President
45 Raucci, seconded by Councilman Choi to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 4,
46 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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48 **RESOLUTIONS**

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50 Councilman Choi questioned a purchase order listed on Resolution 11-89. Mr. Terhune
51 gave an explanation.

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53 Council President Raucci asked for 11-95 and 11-99 to be pulled for discussion.

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55 **Resolution 11-95** – Council President Raucci asked what the next step would be for the
56 parking lot. Mr. Terhune stated as per the resolution, the bid specifications would be
57 prepared authorizing the bidding process. This would take possibly two months. The
58 funding for the parking lot is in the Bond Ordinance. Councilman Hawkins inquired if this
59 included some kind of parking meters. Mr. Terhune stated it is up to the Governing Body.
60 Regulations would need to be adopted as the parking lot is not currently in any ordinance.
61 Councilman Hawkins stated it would be prudent to include this in the Ordinance. This item
62 will be placed on the next agenda.

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64 **Resolution 11-99** Council President Raucci asked for discussion. Council President
65 Raucci stated he is not happy to see Mrs. Yandoli leave, but he wishes her the best of luck
66 in her retirement.

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68 Councilman De Simone asked for a separate vote.

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70 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi to approve
71 Resolutions 11-89 through 11-96, 11-98 and 11-99. Roll call vote; all in favor none
72 opposed.

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74 **Resolution 11-100** – Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 11-100,
75 seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Raucci, Choi,
76 Hawkins, Knott and Whitter voted yes. Councilman De Simone abstained. Resolution
77 approved.

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79 **Standing Committees**

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81 Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott reported on the budget and
82 how various departments where personnel had not been replaced. The last
83 department to be reviewed was the Building Department. The Property Maintenance
84 position was reviewed and the Committee recommends that Property Maintenance
85 be allotted seven (7) hours per week. (Mr. Jack Peters 142 Park Avenue) Mr. Giblin
86 asked Mr. Peters if there was anything to be added. Mr. Peters explained the
87 procedure. No one on the Council had any questions for Mr. Peters. The
88 recommendation of the Committee was for a reduction in hours and compensation to
89 seven (7) hours per week.

90 Councilman Knott made a motion to approve Resolution 11-101, changing the hours
91 for Property Maintenance and the compensation for same to be seven hours (7) per
92 week, seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote: Council President
93 Raucci, Council persons De Simone, Knott and Whitter voted yes. Councilman Choi
94 voted no and Councilman Hawkins abstained. Resolution approved.

95 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee met and
96 discussed the request by the American Legion for a Club License. Tony Kowidge,
97 419 Broad Avenue – Mr. Kowidge spoke about the class he took regarding Club
98 Licenses and distributed a handout to all members of the Governing Body. Mr.
99 Kowidge stated the proposed hours would be 6:00 PM-11:00 PM, Monday to
100 Friday, with possible Saturday afternoons and closed on Sunday.

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102 Council President Raucci is in support of the license, Councilman Knott no
103 questions, Councilman Whitter had no questions, Councilman Hawkins asked for an
104 explanation of Club Licensing. Mr. Giblin explained. Councilman Choi was in
105 support of the license. Councilman De Simone commended the Legion.

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107 Police – Councilman Hawkins read a report from Lt. Det. Rowe regarding
108 summonses and arrests by the Police Department.

109 Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported the new truck is scheduled to
110 be in service by May 1st.

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

112 Public Works – Councilman De Simone commended the DPW especially Mr.
113 Villareal and Mr. Iazzetti for getting the fields ready for Opening Day of Baseball
114 and Softball.

115 Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune reported Wood Park is nearing completion.
116 The plans for Glenwood Avenue from Highwood to Palisades Park border have been
117 authorized. Mr. Terhune reported on the sewers on Oakdene. The members of the
118 Council discussed Oakdene Avenue.

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120 Mayor – Mayor Heveran took part in, *A Day Without Shoes*, on April 5th. Mayor
121 Heveran also attended the Opening Day of Leonia Recreation Baseball/Softball on
122 Aril 9th. On April 10th Mayor Heveran attended the 90th Birthday of the Leonia
123 Woman’s Club. On April 13th she attended a Fundraiser for Autism. On April 16th
124 she attended the Recreation Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Heveran said it was wonderful
125 to see numerous generations of families in attendance. Mayor Heveran and
126 Councilman Knott toured the American Legion. April 21st the Library will be
127 celebrating their anniversary. On May 5th there will be a Senior Town Meeting and
128 Earth / Arbor Day is Sunday, May 15th.

129 Special Bodies Councilman Knott reported on the Historic Preservation Commission
130 met and welcomed new member Marcia Wilson.

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133 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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135 Introduction of Capital Bond Ordinance 08-11 entitled:

136 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**
137 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDI-**
138 **TIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW**
139 **COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW**
140 **AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND**
141 **EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE**
142 **COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE**
143 **THE SUM OF \$810,760 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**
144 **APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS AND A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION,**
145 **TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OR PARTIALLY FUND**
146 **APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO**
147 **AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH**
148 **APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND**
149 **ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**
150 **SUCH BONDS.**

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Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title.

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153 A motion was made by Council President Raucci, seconded by

154 Councilman Hawkins to approve on first reading.

155 Members of the Governing Body asked questions regarding various aspects of the

156 Ordinance. Mr. Terhune answered the questions.

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158 **ROLL CALL** - All in favor none opposed.

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160 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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162 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

163 a) American Legion Club License (Councilman Whitter) - Nothing further to report.

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165 b) T.V. Clinic Property (Councilman Choi) - Mr. Terhune explained there was a
166 problem with the developers agreement that has since been straightened out. Council
167 President Raucci also commented on the project.

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169 **NEW BUSINESS**

170 a) Grand Avenue Property (Councilman Choi) - Councilman Raucci reported the
171 issue has been the sewer connection. It needs to be approved by Palisades Park.

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173 b) Ambulance Building (Borough Administrator) - Mr. Terhune explained the
174 Governing Body should decide what to do with the building. Currently it is being used
175 by the Englewood Ambulance for their crew. Equipment for Wood Park is currently
176 being stored there. An Ad-Hoc Council Committee was set up consisting of Council
177 President Raucci, Councilman Choi and Councilman Hawkins to review and report
178 back with ideas.

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180 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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182 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

183 Carl F., 324 Beechwood Place, asked if the Council approves the application how does it
184 work. Mr. Giblin explained the process.

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186 Nick Pagnozzi, 107 Romaine Place - Building Department made applying for permits
187 pleasurable.

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189 Frank Patti, 241 Broad Avenue – Mr. Patti suggested the Governing Body look into
190 parking meters on the street as well as in the parking lot.

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192 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue, spoke about property maintenance and the hours.

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194 A resident from Palisades Park, who attends Holy Spirit Church, spoke about the Club
195 License request.

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197 Tony Kowidge, 419 Broad Avenue, spoke about the letter that was sent to the churches in
198 the area. Mr. Kowidge also reported that he met with the Pastor Neiderer and gave her a
199 tour.

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201 Pastor Neiderer spoke about the Club License and stated that she is opposed to the license.

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203 Bob Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace - Mr. Leap supports the American Legion Club Licensing.
204 He stated, it is time move the box and put faith and trust in these people.

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206 Jack Peters, 142 Park Avenue - Mr. Peters spoke in support of the Legion.

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208 Lorraine “Bunny” Giordano, 136 Park Avenue - Ms. Giordano inquired about Resolution
209 11-97. Mr. Terhune explained the resolution.

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211 Peter Pulice, 344 Broad Avenue – Mr. Pulice reported he is working with a client from the
212 “Dent Wizard” property and the Leonia Market site is changing.

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214 **CLOSED SESSION**

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216 **ADJOURN**

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

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220 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
221 9:58PM.

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223 Respectfully submitted,

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225 Fran Lehmann
226 Borough Clerk