

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **May 2, 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, Jack Terhune, Borough*  
16 *Administrator, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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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 **APPOINTMENT**

25 Mayor Heveran appointed Ingrid Brennan to the Transportation Committee.  
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27 **PRESENTATION**  
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29 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

30 Tony Kowidge, 419 Broad Avenue – Mr. Kowidge explained the map that he handed out.  
31 According to the law, there has to be 200’ between the entrance of the American Legion  
32 and the churches. Mr. Kowidge measured out the area and it is more than 200’.  
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34 Mr. Karl Fritsh, 324 Beechwood Place – Mr. Fritsh asked Mr. Kowidge how he  
35 determined the 200’ plus distance. Mr. Kowidge explained.  
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37 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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39 **Council Meeting April 18, 2011** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Council President  
40 Raucci, made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2011. Roll call vote; all in  
41 favor none opposed. Minutes approved.  
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43 **RESOLUTIONS**

44 **Resolution 11-103** Councilman Hawkins requested a separate vote.

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46 Resolution 11-102 Councilman Knott inquired if Mr. Guevara was a resident. Councilman  
47 Choi responded yes, he lives on Spring Street. Mr. Terhune stated there is a glitch with his  
48 fingerprints. Mr. Terhune suggested let him be appointed until they can be redone, just  
49 note it in the resolution.

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51 Mayor Heveran asked for a motion to include 11-107, 11-108 and 11-109 Councilman  
52 Hawkins made the Motion, seconded by Council President Raucci. All in favor none  
53 opposed.

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55 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 11-102, 11-104 through  
56 11-109, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.  
57 Resolutions approved.

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59 Resolution 11-103 – Council President Raucci made a motion to approve Resolution 11-  
60 103, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Raucci, Choi,  
61 De Simone, Knott, Whitter approved; Councilman Hawkins abstained. Resolution  
62 approved.

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64 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

65 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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67 Adoption of Ordinance 08-11 entitled:  
68 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**  
69 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDI-**  
70 **TIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW**  
71 **COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW**  
72 **AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND**  
73 **EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE**  
74 **COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE**  
75 **THE SUM OF \$810,760 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO**  
76 **APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS AND A PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION,**  
77 **TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OR PARTIALLY FUND**  
78 **APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO**  
79 **AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH**  
80 **APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND**  
81 **ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF**  
82 **SUCH BONDS.**

83 **Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title**  
84 **Public Hearing – No one Spoke**

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86 A motion was made by Councilman De Simone, seconded by Council President Raucci to  
87 adopt on final reading, Ordinance 08-11.

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89 Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Ordinance 08-11 adopted.

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91 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

92 a) American Legion Club License (Councilman Whitter) Councilman Whitter  
93 reported that Laws and Ordinances met and all have agreed to approve the

94 request for a Club License to the American Legion. An Ordinance will be  
95 prepared for May 16. Fire Inspection Fees need to be amended. Building  
96 Department Fees is a work in progress, hopefully this will be completed by  
97 summer.

98 b) Parking Meters, Etc. (Councilman Hawkins) - Councilman Hawkins reviewed  
99 the recommendations of the Economic Development Committee. Councilman  
100 Hawkins would like this to go to the new Economic Development Committee  
101 and Laws and Ordinances. Council President Raucci inquired about the  
102 installation of meters after a lot is completed. Mr. Terhune stated it would not  
103 be a problem. Councilman Knott asked about the tire marking by the Special  
104 Officers. Mr. Terhune explained the process is somewhat flawed because if a  
105 merchant sees his tires being marke, he will move the car a few spots down.

106 c) Naming Rights of Parks (Councilman De Simone) - Councilman De Simone  
107 asked if the members of the Governing Body reviewed the proposal from  
108 Recreation. Councilman Hawkins had some issues he wanted to discuss. After  
109 a discussion by the Governing Body, Councilman Hawkins stated he thought  
110 that the ad-hoc committee of the Governing Body was going to prepare a  
111 criteria as well as recreation for the Council to review. Councilman Hawkins  
112 would like to have the Borough Attorney delineate the responsibilities of the  
113 Mayor and Council and the Recreation Commission. Members of the Council  
114 discussed various issues.

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116 **NEW BUSINESS**

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118 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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120 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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122 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace – Mr. Leap explained the process that was used to draw  
123 up the policies. The Recreation Commission would like something in writing from the  
124 Borough Attorney.

125 On the subject of parking meters, Mr. Leap stated they would be a disservice to the  
126 Borough.

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128 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue – Mrs. Peters asked about the “Public Officer.” The  
129 Borough Clerk explained.

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131 **CLOSED SESSION D**

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133 **ADJOURN**

134 Council President Raucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman  
135 Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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137 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
138 8:22PM

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141 Respectfully submitted,

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143 Fran Lehmann

144 Borough Clerk