

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **June 6, 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 Asked for a motion to reappoint Judge DeSheplo per Resolution 11-133;
26 Councilman Hawkins mad a Motion to approve Resolution 11-113, seconded by
27 councilman Choi. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.
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29 **PRESENTATION**

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31 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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33 Mr. Arthur Zayat, 125 Reldyes Ave inquired about Resolutions 129, 135 and 136. Mayor
34 Heveran explained Resolution was for work that was done in Wood Park on the shelter
35 house. The extent of the work on the roof was unknown until the existing roof was
36 removed. Resolution 11-135 the Borough Clerk explained this was done in accordance
37 with Personnel employees making it consistent that only those that work 35 hours a week
38 are entitled to Health Benefits. Resolution 11-136 councilman Hawkins explained this had
39 to do with a fine for not having a salt shed. The Borough is now in compliance.
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41 Jane Tappen, 124 Vreeland Avenue; inquired about the press release regarding the recent
42 robbery on Vreeland where the house number was disclosed. There were reporters etc.
43 were at the home for comments and pictures. Councilman Hawkins spoke to the

44 homeowner. Councilman Knott noted that in previous Press Releases no house numbers
45 were given. . Council President Raucci stated it is discretionary.

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47 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue; Mr. Morales inquired if the Fire Department was paid
48 the uniform allowance. Councilman Hawkins responded they were. Mr. Morales wanted to
49 know why the Ambulance corps was not paid the uniform allowance and the stipend.

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52 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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54 **Council Meeting May 16, 2011** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi,
55 made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none
56 opposed. Minutes approved.

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58 **Closed Session Minutes May 16, 200** – Council President Raucci, made a motion to
59 approve the Closed Session Minutes of May 16, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll
60 call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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62 **RESOLUTIONS**

63 Councilman Choi requested Resolution 11-131 be held for a separate vote.

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65 **Resolutions 11-125-11-130, 11-132-11-136** - Councilman Whitter, seconded by Council
66 President Raucci made a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Council President
67 Raucci. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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69 Resolution 11-131 – Councilman Whitter, seconded by Council President Raucci made a
70 motion to approve Resolution 11=131. Roll call vote Councilpersons Raucci, De Simone,
71 Hawkins, Knott, and Whitter voted yes. Councilman Choi abstained. Resolution approved.

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73 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

74 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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76 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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78 **NEW BUSINESS**

79 a) Use of Borough Hall Annex for Church Services on Sundays – Members of the
80 Governing Body discussed the request at length after which they unanimously
81 agreed to deny the request.

82 b) Retirement – this item was moved to Closed Session.

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84 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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86 Councilman Hawkins reported the Borough has been approved for the grant that was
87 applied for under ANJEC.

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90 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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92 Mr. Arthur Zayat, 125 Reldyes; perhaps the message was sent by “tweet”. Mr. Zayat feels
93 the number should be included he would like to know if someone near him was being or
94 had been robbed. Mr. Zayat agreed with the Governing Body that there shouldn’t be
95 church services on Borough property. The Sustainable Building Ordinance is a great idea
96 but Mr. Zayat felt the Master Plan should be followed and that the Borough Buildings
97 should be made sustainable.

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99 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue – Mr. Morales requested if the Governing Body has a
100 written report it be included on the Borough Website.

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102 **CLOSED SESSION D**

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104 **ADJOURN**

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

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108 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
109 9:00 PM

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112 Respectfully submitted,

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114 Fran Lehmann

115 Borough Clerk