

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **October 17, 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:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney,*  
16 *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, 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 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Place – Mr. Liberatore thanked the Board of Health for  
28 their assistance in getting the necessary licenses for the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Liberatore  
29 also thanked the Community for their support.  
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31 Mary Woletz, 270 Grand Avenue – Ms. Woletz spoke about the noise from the Korean  
32 Festival held in Overpeck Park.  
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34 **PRESENTATION**

35 Daryl Blowes, CEO and Rob Hoefler, NE District Manager from IQM2, gave a  
36 presentation on a computer program that will stream the meetings of the Governing Body  
37 live; make it easier to prepare agendas; track resolutions and minutes. Members of the  
38 Governing Body thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting and asked questions.  
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40 Jeanne Baratta, Chief of Staff to the County Executive and Ronald Kistner, Acting  
41 Director of Parks – Ms. Baratta explained to those in attendance at the Council Meeting  
42 the reason for the Korean Festival that was held in Overpeck Park. Besides being Chusock  
43 it was also the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of South Korea being admitted to the United Nations. The  
44 County Executive has been receiving phone calls and e-mails regarding the noise level and

45 the parking issues. The County will take a more proactive approach in the future regarding  
46 noise levels, pedestrians and traffic. In the future, music will definitely end at 10:00 PM.  
47 There was a meeting on September 2, 2011 and the Police Chief from Leonia attended the  
48 meeting. Mayor Heveran expressed concern that the elected officials were not informed  
49 about the festival.

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51 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue - Mr. Weimer spoke about the traffic issues. Mr.  
52 Weimer also spoke about the need for a pedestrian bridge connecting the two sides of  
53 Overpeck Park.

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55 Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Avenue – Ms. Roland thanked the County Representatives for  
56 coming to the meeting. Mrs. Roland expressed concerns that things may have gotten out of  
57 control. Ms. Baratta addressed Mrs. Roland’s concerns.

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59 Mary Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace – Mrs. Miraglia inquired as to why the amphitheater  
60 was not used. The extensive stage that was erected was inappropriate.

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62 Doug Salmon, 220 Harrison Street – Mr. Salmon stated the County underestimated what is  
63 needed for an event of this magnitude.

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65 Joanne Livelli, 311 Oakdene Avenue – Mrs. Livelli stated she lives in the south end of  
66 Leonia. All she heard all weekend was pounding of the music and noise. Mrs. Livelli  
67 asked how many tickets were sold. Ms. Baratta said the sponsor of the event had 20,000  
68 tickets printed and handed them out at no charge.

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70 Bob Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace – Mr. Leap thanked the County representatives for coming.  
71 Mr. Leap inquired if something like this would happen again. Ms. Baratta stated the  
72 County is planning a County Fair. There will be safeguards to assure that this does not  
73 happen again.

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75 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Terrace – Mr. Liberatore stated he is sure all the issues  
76 raised will be addressed.

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78 Sally Klig, 497 Park Avenue – Mrs. Klig asked in order to obtain a permit, is there a  
79 published set of guidelines available? Ms. Baratta said the guidelines will be reviewed.  
80 The County was not looking to make a profit. Mrs. Klig asked if the any of the staff  
81 counted the people who were in attendance. Does the County have any goals for the park?

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83 Victor Klig, 497 Park Avenue – Mr. Klig stated the County has opened the door to any  
84 group who wants to have an event. The County needs to have a plan.

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86 Councilman Choi read a statement into the record.

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88 Council President Raucci – Mr. Raucci thanked the public for their input. Council  
89 President Raucci reminded everyone that the Borough does not own this land. Council  
90 President Raucci agrees there needs to be limits. Does this park have capacity limits?

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Councilman Whitter thanked the representatives of the County for coming. The festival is given each year by the New Jersey Korean Association. There should be no outside stages. The amphitheater is the only thing that should be used for concerts.

Councilman Hawkins thanked the representatives of the County for coming. This was a learning experience. The event controlled the County, instead of the County controlling the event.

Councilman De Simone thanked the representatives from the County for coming. No one could stop anything. Councilman De Simone stated he has 200 signatures on a petition that he is going to present on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Freeholder meeting.

**APPOINTMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of October 3, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Council President Raucci, to approve the Minutes of, October 3, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

Closed Session Minutes October 3, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Whitter, seconded by Council President Raucci, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of, October 3, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 11-198** – Councilman Choi questioned a payment to a locksmith. Mr. Terhune explained this was done in conjunction with the dispatch moving to Mahwah. Councilman Choi also asked for an explanation on a payment to Baker and Taylor. Mr. Terhune explained this was for books for the Library.

**Resolution 11-206** – Councilman Hawkins asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune explained these are Capital Ordinances with balances and these balances need to be canceled. Councilman Hawkins asked if the money was available in the current budget. Mr. Terhune said no, these are canceled to Capital Surplus.

Resolutions 11 198- 11-206– Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the above noted resolutions, seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

**Standing Committees**

*Finance Administration & Personnel*- Councilman Knott reported the only discussion held by the Committee was for personnel. The budget requests for next year are due into the Finance Office.

136 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee met and is  
137 discussing fees for the new parking lot. There needs to be Council discussion  
138 regarding a kiosk, whether it should be cash only or accept credit cards. This will be  
139 discussed at the next meeting.

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141 Police – Councilman Hawkins stated there was no meeting this month. Councilman  
142 Hawkins spoke with Brian Henning of the County Police regarding the Festival in  
143 Overpeck Park. Police contract talks will be starting.

144 Fire Department – Council President Raucci reported on a meeting of the Fire  
145 Committee. There are some personnel issues. The stand-by ordinance was discussed.  
146 The Chief attended a meeting in Mahwah to discuss some of the concerns the  
147 department are having with regards to dispatching.

148 Ambulance – Councilman Choi reviewed the report from Englewood Hospital.

149 Public Works – Councilman De Simone reported he spoke with the DPW Chiefs and  
150 the work on the storm damage is 99% completed. Leaf cleanup will be starting  
151 shortly.

152 Borough Administrator - Mr. Terhune disseminated a report regarding the solar  
153 panels. The preconstruction meeting was held for Glenwood Avenue and the  
154 Beechwood Place Parking Lot. The concrete work will be done first. Hopefully  
155 paving will be done this year, if not; it will be done in the spring. Open enrollment  
156 for health insurance started on October 17, and closes in November. Borough of  
157 Edgewater is going to purchase the ambulance for \$15,000 and is interested in the  
158 tree truck.

159 Mayor – Mayor Heveran congratulated Mrs. Zygiel and her volunteers on another  
160 successful Health Fair. Mayor Heveran congratulated the Sculpture Committee for  
161 another successful Taste of Leonia. There will be an Art Auction at the Anna C.  
162 Scott School on, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. The Annual Halloween Parade will be  
163 Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am and will start at Anna C. Scott School, continuing down  
164 Broad Avenue to the Leonia Recreation Center.

165 Special Bodies - Council Choi expressed concern over the empty businesses and  
166 homes in Leonia and the long range effect on the tax base. Councilman De Simone  
167 stated the Economic Committee has not met.

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169 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

170 Introduction of Ordinance 16-11 entitled:  
171 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TITLED**  
172 **“VOLUNTEER SERVICES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION**  
173 **REGARDING VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY STANDBY**  
174 **GUIDELINES.**

175 **Borough Clerk read by title**

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177 A Motion was made by Council President Raucci to table Ordinance 16-11,  
178 seconded by Councilman Knott. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Noise Complaints during County Run Festival in Overpeck Park (Mayor Heveran) (Councilman Choi). No further discussion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Philip Choi, 2422 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lee – Mr. Choi said there will be a family fun day in the Beechwood Place Parking Lot on, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be face painting and a bounce house. There will be a non-partisan meeting held in the Library on October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM to discuss the concerns of the downtown area.

Doug Salmon, 220 Harrison Street.

Mary Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace – Mrs. Miraglia stated if the County is going to have large gatherings in the park, is there anything that can be done so as not have the same issues again? Mayor Heveran answered the question. Mayor Heveran said the other towns around can be contacted and may have a protocol for the use.

Mrs. Miraglia spoke about the flooding problems on her property and the property next door after the construction on the home at, 220 Warwick Lane.

At this point in the meeting, Council President Raucci made a motion to extend the meeting another 15 minutes, seconded by Councilman Choi. All in favor.

John Stendor, 314 Crescent Avenue- Mr. Stendor originally requested the use of the Sculpture Park. But they felt it would be safer not to use it so that none of the children in attendance would climb on the sculptures.

Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; – Mr. Weimer spoke about the Board of Education’s ESREK fees. Mr. Weimer thanked Councilman Knott for the presentation.

At this point in the meeting Council President Raucci made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes, seconded by Councilman Knott. All in favor none opposed.

Council President Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the T-Mobile Lawsuit, seconded by Councilman De Simone. All in favor none opposed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

225 Councilman Choi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council President  
226 Raucci. All in favor none opposed.  
227 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
228 11:00 PM.

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230 Respectfully submitted,

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233 Fran Lehmann  
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236 ***THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE***  
237 ***BOROUGH CLERK AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE***  
238 ***GOVERNING BODY. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAPED AND***  
239 ***AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK.***