

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **November 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 7:30 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 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

26 Ellie Spiegel – 187 Leonia Avenue; Mrs. Speigel spoke about resolution 11-217 and  
27 explained why it came before the Governing Body.  
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29 Lena Squitieri, 140 Highwood; Ms. Squitieri expressed support for resolution 11-217.  
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31 Hans Spiegel, 187 Leonia Avenue; Mr. Spiegel seconded what his wife said earlier. Mr.  
32 Spiegel supports Resolution 11-217.  
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34 Leah Rolland 186 Crescent Avenue; Mrs. Roland inquired why there is only one copy of  
35 the agenda Mayor Heveran answered.  
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37 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue; Mr. Maxwell congratulated the newly elected  
38 officials. Mr. Maxwell asked for an update on the T-Mobile litigation. Mr. Giblin stated he  
39 has filed a substitution of attorney with the Federal Court. Mr. Ryan asked questions  
40 regarding the Sprint antennas. Mr. Giblin told him this is a Building Department issue. Mr.  
41 Maxwell reminded the Governing Body of Mr. Patti's offer to pay for fifteen hours at  
42 \$100.00 per hour. Mr. Ryan inquired if the Kiosk was included in the construction fees.  
43 Mr. Terhune said no. Mr. Ryan agrees with Councilman Hawkins in not charging for  
44 parking in the new lot.

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Ellie Spiegel, 187 Leonia Avenue; Mrs. Spiegel spoke about Resolution 11-217.

Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer explained to Governing Body why he opposes Resolution 11-217.

**PRESENTATION**

Police Chief Jay Ziegler, Ronald Chace OEM Coordinator, Robert Chace, Deputy Fire Chief, David Haenelt, Fire Marshal; All reported on the recent snowstorm. Mayor Heveran thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting. Councilman Hawkins asked for a short report from each department. The men reported problems that occurred and their recommendations on how things can be done better.

Chief Ziegler reported that on the whole, the handling of the emergency was exceptional. Trees and wires fell at a rate that Leonia has never seen. The County is better suited to handle the volume of 9-1-1 calls. In the past there would have been only one dispatcher on the desk. The system would have been overwhelmed.

Robert Chace reported the Fire Department things went fairly well. The Fire Department responded to well over two month's worth of instances. As far as the County Communications is concerned, we are happy on our end on the way the County was able to handle the calls. The biggest problem was people calling 9-1-1 with non - emergency calls.

Ron Chace, OEM Coordinator; Mr. Chace tried to have a reverse 9-1-1 sent to all residents but could not get through. After Hurricane Irene a Facebook page was established. All the information that was posted on the page was sent from the Bergen County OEM Office. Mr. Haenelt said Facebook has worked very well since Hurricane Irene giving updates and black-out information.

Councilman Hawkins doesn't know if it is available in this area but perhaps 311 could be utilized for information. This was not a local problem it was the entire metropolitan area. In this situation people were isolated in their homes. The Bergen County OEM tells you what you should have on hand. Mr. Haenelt explained the links that are available. Councilman Hawkins said if people had no power then they could not access their computers.

Council President Raucci said he didn't have any questions. But he did learn a lot. The County is in infant stage and needs to fine tune things in some ways. Council President Raucci thanked all the emergency personnel and the DPW for their outstanding response in this very difficult situation. This was a storm that no one has ever seen before.

Councilman Knott said live Webcasting could bring everyone up to date.  
Councilman Knott said perhaps an "E-Blast" could be sent.

90 Councilman Whitter said each department did a great job. United Way has a 211 number  
91 that has emergency service information on it.

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93 Councilman Chi thanked the Emergency Personnel for coming to the meeting. Councilman  
94 Choi asked if there was any problem with volunteer turnout. Deputy Chief said about 20  
95 people went out.

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97 Councilman Choi asked if no one is at the desk how a person would receive help. Chief  
98 Ziegler said they can either pick-up the phone or ring the bell. The phone is connected to  
99 the County dispatch and they will send an officer.

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101 Councilman De Simone stated when he and Councilman Knott attended the Senior  
102 Meeting, concern was expressed who to contact in an emergency. Mr. Haenelt explained  
103 how the system works. If anyone dials 201-944-0800 the call goes directly to the County  
104 dispatch center.

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106 Councilman Hawkins said this has been very informative. How is communication  
107 between the fire department and the police department? Progress had been made, as per  
108 Deputy Fire Chief Chace.

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110 Councilman Knott reported on an incident when he called 201-944-0800. He got the  
111 County in a timely fashion and in 30 seconds a police car was on the scene.

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113 Councilman Choi asked if anyone was injured. Chief Ziegler said two Police Officers were  
114 injured. Deputy Chief Chace reported no firemen were injured.

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116 Mayor Heveran thanked everyone for coming.

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118 **APPOINTMENT**

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120 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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122 Minutes of November 7, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded  
123 by Council President Raucci, to approve the Minutes of, October 3, 2011. Roll call vote;  
124 all in favor none opposed.

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126 Closed Session Minutes November 7, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Whitter,  
127 seconded by Council President Raucci, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of, October  
128 3, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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130 **RESOLUTIONS**

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132 **Resolution 11-217** – Councilman Knott pulled for discussion. Councilman Knott stated he  
133 was against the invasion of Iraq. Not sure the Governing Body should be voting on this  
134 and asked where the figures came from. Council President Raucci would like a separate  
135 vote on this resolution. Council President Raucci agrees with Councilman Knott and

136 understands the passion. Council President Raucci believes this Country has a lot of  
137 enemies and this is not the forum for this resolution. Council President Raucci believes in  
138 supporting the troops.

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140 Councilman Hawkins stated he was an anti-war demonstrator in the '60's. As an elected  
141 official I know what I need to do. I am not sure about the numbers, and cannot support this  
142 resolution.

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144 Councilman Choi stated this is a tough situation. Councilman Choi stated he supports the  
145 troops and as a Government we have to support the USA, but this war has gone on long  
146 enough. Councilman Choi stated we should have some voice and make the war end ASAP.  
147 He supports the concept of the Resolution.

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149 Councilman De Simone does not support cutting off the funding to the war that he would  
150 agree with.

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152 Councilman Whitter agreed with the intent of the Resolution. The troops have been there  
153 long enough. Pull the numbers from the resolution and then it may be something we could  
154 support.

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156 Councilman Knott said he is not sure as a Councilman he would support.

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158 Council President Raucci made a motion to table the resolution 11-217 as he is concerned  
159 about the numbers, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote Raucci, Choi, De  
160 Simone, Knott, Whitter yes. Councilman Hawkins voted no. Resolution 11-217 tabled.

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162 **Resolutions 11 216, 218,219,220,221 and 222** – Councilman Whitter made a motion to  
163 approve the above noted resolutions, seconded by Council President Raucci. Roll call vote;  
164 all in favor none opposed.

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166 **Standing Committees**

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168 *Finance Administration & Personnel*- Councilman Knott reported the Committee  
169 met the previous Wednesday. CFO is still working on the numbers for the budget.  
170 Personnel issues were discussed at the meeting. The Committee is looking into  
171 shared service with Englewood for a Health Department. Councilman Knott met  
172 with Mr. Tappen and asked him to put together an Ad Hoc Committee to review this  
173 suggestion.

174 *Laws & Ordinances* – Councilman Whitter reported the Committee has not met.

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176 *Police* – Councilman Hawkins stated there was no meeting this month. Councilman  
177 Hawkins read a report from Lt. Detective Rowe.

178 *Fire Department* – Council President Raucci reported on a meeting of the Fire  
179 Committee. Clothing Allowances, LOSAP and Stipends will be paid despite all the  
180 rumors to the contrary. A criterion for the clothing allowance was discussed. A  
181 maternity policy needs to be addressed also. Medical physicals for all Borough

182 personnel are offered at no charge but will be come mandatory for all Fire  
183 Department members. Recruitment needs to be addressed. Need to recruit younger  
184 members. The Stand - By Ordinance is scheduled for introduction. The Ordinance is  
185 not to micromanage but for financial oversight. Past practice does not work,  
186 oversight needs to be addressed. The new communications van will be ready in  
187 approximately 30-60 days.

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

189 Public Works –Councilman De Simone reported tree removal is till ongoing.  
190 Councilman De Simone asked everyone to please keep tree limbs and leaves  
191 separate. Mayor Heveran commended the DPW for the job they have done. Unlike  
192 neighboring Englewood where streets are still impassable.

193 Borough Administrator – Work has started on the new parking lot. The Borough  
194 responded in tremendous form during and after the storm. The DPW is still using  
195 Cliffside Park’s chipper. One of the things that overwhelmed everyone was the lack  
196 of information from Public Service. Mr. Terhune reported that he has been in touch  
197 with Senator Weinberg’s office and stated there will be a meeting the week of  
198 December 12 and they are asking PSE&G to attend. He received a response from  
199 PA of NY and NJ. They are going to discuss the traffic detours as this is a regional  
200 issue.

201 Mayor –Mayor Heveran reported that she and Councilman De Simone attended the  
202 Freeholder Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the festival held in Overpeck South.  
203 Councilman De Simone presented the Freeholders with a petition. Mrs. Roland was  
204 also in attendance. On October 27<sup>th</sup> she attended a dinner dance sponsored by the  
205 200 Club. This is a great organization that supports Police, Fire and EMT Personnel.  
206 Mayor Heveran congratulated Doug Salmon and Councilman Hawkins on his re-  
207 election and Councilman De Simone on his election as Mayor. Mayor Heveran  
208 reported that she attended the closing ceremonies of AYSO where over 500 families  
209 were involved and all the children received a trophy. The Annual Tree Lighting will  
210 be held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

211 Special Bodies - Council De Simone attended the last Recreation Meeting which was  
212 the last Meeting for Mrs. Chalkin. Patrick Powers attended an autism clinic and the  
213 winter programs are on line.

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## 215 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

216 Introduction of Ordinance 16-11 entitled:

217 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TITLED**  
218 **“VOLUNTEER SERVICES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION**  
219 **REGARDING VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY STANDBY**  
220 **GUIDELINES.**

221 **Deputy Borough Clerk read by title**

222 A Motion was made by Council President Raucci. Seconded by Councilman Knott.  
223 Approve on first Reading, Ordinance 16-11

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225 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Raucci Choi, De Simone, Knott, Whitter voted yes.  
226 Councilman Hawkins abstained Ordinance 16-11 introduced.

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228 Introduction of Ordinance 17-11 entitled:

229 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE OF THE**  
230 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "PARKING, OFF-STREET."**

231 **Deputy Borough Clerk read by title**

232 A Motion was made by Council President Raucci. Seconded by Councilman  
233 Whitter. Approve on first Reading, Ordinance 17-11

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235 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Raucci, Choi, Knott, Whitter voted yes. Councilmen  
236 De Simone and Hawkins voted no. Ordinance 17-11 Introduced.

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238 Introduction of Ordinance 18-11 entitled:

239 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODE OF**  
240 **THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED "FEES."**

241 **Deputy Borough Clerk read by title**

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243 A Motion was made by Council President Raucci, Seconded by Councilman Whitter.  
244 Approve on first Reading, Ordinance 18-11

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246 **ROLL CALL** all members of the Council voted yes. Ordinance 18-11 Introduced.

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248 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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250 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

251 a) Update on IQM2 Proposal for Webcasting and Document Archiving; Councilman  
252 Knott reported that it will be \$500.00 a month for Archiving and \$450.00 for  
253 Webcasting. Councilman Choi not convinced that this is necessary. Councilman De  
254 Simone stated that we need to move forward. Councilman Hawkins expressed the  
255 need for a computer or something for the Council. This would be a cost savings  
256 for the Borough. Councilman Hawkins asked how much is spent annually on paper.  
257 Councilman Knott said \$3,000. The cost is in manpower. The Governing Body  
258 continued to discuss the pros and cons with a consensus to move forward.

259 b) Holiday Decorating Contest; The Governing Body unanimously agreed to have the  
260 contest again this year. The judges will be Mayor Heveran, Council President  
261 Raucci and Borough Clerk Lehmann.

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263 **NEW BUSINESS**

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265 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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267 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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269 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer suggested the Borough do an RFP. Mr.  
270 Weimer stated the company that owns the current system is based in Ontario, Canada and  
271 has modules that work with the system. Mr. Weimer spoke about the bridge proposed for

272 Overpeck Park. Mr. Weimer discussed pay raises for non-union personnel. Mr. Weimer  
273 inquired if Councilman Whitter was going to recues himself on the Sima appeal? Mr.  
274 Giblin advised Councilman Whitter not to comment.  
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276 Council President Raucci made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes, seconded  
277 by Councilman Choi. All in favor none opposed.  
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279 Arnold Davenport, 324 Allaire Avenue; Mr. Davenport spoke about Ord. 16-11.  
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281 Mary Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace; Mrs. Miraglia spoke about an incident in the cemetery  
282 and she called for a fire truck. Both the fire department and police responded in less than  
283 five minutes. Mrs. Miraglia feels the idea of using Facebook is helpful. People need to  
284 have information.  
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286 Leah Roland, 186 Crescent Avenue; Mrs. Roland said regarding the issues from the  
287 snowstorm, there will be more storms like this and both Leonia and Edgewater did a great  
288 job. Mrs. Roland thanked Mr. Terhune for his hands on approach in the storm clean-up.  
289 Regarding Resolution 11-217, is it appropriated for the Council to take up such a  
290 proposal? It is a personal issue.  
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292 Council President Raucci made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes, seconded by  
293 Councilman Whitter. All in favor.  
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295 Ernest Liberatore, 124 Woodridge Place; Mr. Liberatore congratulated the winners of the  
296 election. Mr. Liberatore spoke about computer programs. Regarding the storm situation,  
297 the Borough did a great job. Shade Tree responded to residents requests. Need younger  
298 volunteers.  
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300 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace; Mr. Leap suggested the time limits be enforced.  
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302 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue; Mr. Maxwell spoke about Community Emergency  
303 Response Team (CERT) that would check on seniors. Mr. Maxwell spoke about  
304 Webcasting from the Annex.  
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306 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue; Mr. Weimer inquired why are we charging for the  
307 new parking lot.  
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309 Mayor Heveran thanked all the members of the Council who volunteer their time.  
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311 Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Giblin to read Resolution 11-223. Councilman Knott made a  
312 motion seconded by Councilman Whitter to approve Resolution 11-223. All in favor none  
313 opposed.  
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315 **CLOSED SESSION**  
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317 **ADJOURN**

318 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council  
319 President Raucci. All in favor none opposed.  
320 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
321 10:40 PM.

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323 Respectfully submitted,

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326 Fran Lehmann  
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329 ***THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE***  
330 ***BOROUGH CLERK AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE***  
331 ***GOVERNING BODY. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAPED AND***  
332 ***AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK.***