

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **December 19, 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:**  
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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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28 **PRESENTATION**

29 Mayor Heveran and Council President Raucci presented plaques to the winners of the  
30 Holiday Decoration Contest, as follows; Andres Wine and Spirits; Salon 324; Manor  
31 Beverages; and Pacicco & Co. Jewelers.  
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33 Mr. Mark Gordon, from Urbana and Jessica Georgianna, Head Planner for H2M gave an  
34 overview of the DEIS from New Jersey Transit regarding the Light Rail Proposal. Mr.  
35 Gordon stated there will also be a hearing on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Tenaflly and January 26<sup>th</sup> in  
36 Englewood. Written comments are due February 21st. Members of the Governing Body  
37 thanked Mr. Gordon and Ms. Georgiana for coming to the meeting. Members of the  
38 Governing Body expressed disappointment that NJ transit chose the Kulite site for the  
39 parking garage. The Governing Body discussed the various issues of the report.  
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41 Theresa Tietjen, 134 Palisades Avenue; Mrs. Tietjen stated no matter what is done the  
42 Borough will be a mess with traffic.  
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44 Ingrid Brennan, 53 Palmer Place; the DEIS finally has come out. It needs to be reviewed.  
45 It came out now because it will expire in three years. A lot of work has gone into it. Mr.  
46 Gordon said it will need to be updated. But don't reinvent the wheel. Look at what is best  
47 for Leonia.

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49 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue; Mr. Ryan asked if reaching out to other  
50 municipalities was advisable to see what they were thinking. Mr. Gordon felt it might be  
51 helpful.

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53 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer spoke about split Leonia Station and  
54 the need a separate grade crossing coming from Over Peck Park. Light Rail is at grade in  
55 Hoboken with no gates for pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Mr. Weimer asked about a quiet  
56 zone. Mr. Gordon stated the County would need to apply for a quiet zone.

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58 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein asked where Kulite would park.  
59 Mr. Gordon said they would have the lower level. Mr. Silverstein asked how many tracks?  
60 Mr. Gordon stated two.

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62 Councilman Hawkins stated some of the comments have come up and the freight line will  
63 continue.

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#### 65 **APPOINTMENT**

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#### 67 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

68 Minutes of December 5, 2011 – A motion was made by Council President Raucci,  
69 seconded by Councilman Whitter, to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2011. Roll call  
70 vote; all in favor none opposed.

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72 Closed Session Minutes December 5, 2011 – A motion was made by Councilman Choi  
73 seconded by Council President Raucci, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of  
74 September 7, 2011. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

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#### 76 **RESOLUTIONS**

77 Both Council President Raucci and Councilman Knott asked to have Resolution 11-228  
78 held for discussion.

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80 Councilman Knott congratulated Cherron Gil on her appointment as Court Administrator.

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82 Council President Raucci said Ms. Gil is a great fit and an asset to the Borough.

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84 Mayor Heveran echoed the same.

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86 Cherron Gil, 312 Broad Avenue - Ms. Gil thanked the Mayor and Council for the  
87 opportunity to serve as Court Administrator.

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89 Resolutions 11-226 - 11-229 Council President Raucci made a motion to approve the  
90 Resolutions seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.  
91 Resolutions approved.

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93 **Standing Committees**

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95 Finance Administration & Personnel- Councilman Knott reported that he has a  
96 proposal from Englewood Board of Health for a Shared Service. The Finance  
97 Committee will meet with Mr. Tappen and the ad hoc committee to review the  
98 proposal.

99 Laws & Ordinances – Councilman Whitter the Committee has not but they will  
100 meet to discuss a bullying ordinance.

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102 Police – Councilman Hawkins read a report from the Police Department. An officer  
103 has been assigned as temporary detective to work on the burglaries.

104 Fire Department – Council President Raucci congratulated Bob Chace who is the  
105 new Fire Chief, Dave Bohnert, who is the new Deputy Chief, and Jack Peters who is  
106 the new Lieutenant. Council President Raucci said the Stand by Ordinance will stay  
107 on the table. Council President Raucci would like mandatory physicals for the Fire  
108 Department. Mr. Terhune stated it is part of the agreement with Englewood Hospital  
109 for ambulance service.

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

111 Public Works – Councilman De Simone expressed gratitude to the residents for  
112 being patient during the clean-up of the early storm with trees and limbs needing to  
113 be picked-up it took a little longer to get all the leaves picked-up. Councilman De  
114 Simone did say that leaf pick-up has now ended.

115 Borough Administrator - Mr. Terhune stated anyone who has a landscaper it is up to  
116 the landscaper to remove the leaves. They are no to put the leaves curbside..  
117 Glenwood Avenue is scheduled to be paved on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new parking lot  
118 curb works has been completed. There will be a bid opening for the new ramp on the  
119 Borough Hall Annex in January. Mr. Terhune wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

120 Mayor – Mayor Heveran and Council President Raucci attended the tree lighting.  
121 Mayor Heveran congratulated Barbara Davidson on her staff for the outstanding job  
122 they did for the tree lighting and decorating the Recreation Center. Mayor Heveran  
123 explained the Sine Dine Meeting and wished everyone a Happy and Health 2012.

124 Special Bodies – Councilman Hawkins reviewed the report from the Library.  
125 Councilman Hawkins also reminded everyone if you see something you think is  
126 suspicious to report it. Have Happy Holidays.

127 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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132 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

133 Adoption of Ordinance 16-11 entitled:

134 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 TITLED**  
135 **“VOLUNTEER SERVICES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION**  
136 **REGARDING VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY STANDBY**  
137 **GUIDELINES.**

138 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

139 **There was no motion to remove the Ordinance from the table therefore**  
140 **Ordinance 16-11 was not adopted.**

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142 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

143 a) Time Warner Cable Contract – Borough Attorney Giblin explained that Time  
144 Warner is looking for a contract. The Council needs to schedule a public  
145 hearing.

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147 **NEW BUSINESS**

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149 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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151 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

152 Mrs. Tietjen asked about the shared services for the Board of Health. Councilman Knott  
153 stated the committee is in the review stage no decisions have been made. Mrs. Tietjen  
154 asked if the Governing Body was aware that 128 Palisades Avenue is a group home and  
155 does not pay taxes. Some members of the Governing Body were aware others weren't.

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157 Roland Weimer 329 Moore Avenue asked what the litigation was that was going to be  
158 discussed. Mr. Giblin Stated Mitchell versus the Board of Adjustment.

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160 Robert Leap, 201 Oratam Terrace, Mr. Leap thanked Mayor Heveran and Council  
161 President Raucci. Mr. Leap stated they served the Town well, and very lucky to have  
162 them.

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164 **CLOSED SESSION**

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166 **ADJOURN**

167 Councilman Choi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council President  
168 Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

169 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at  
170 9:30 PM.

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172 Respectfully submitted,

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175 Fran Lehmann  
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178 ***THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE***  
179 ***BOROUGH CLERK AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE***  
180 ***GOVERNING BODY. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAPED AND***  
181 ***AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK.***