

1 **Reorganization Minutes, January 4, 2010**

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3 *Sine Dine Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
4 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm.*

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6 **2009 Council Present:** Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins,
7 Norgaard, Raspa-Gore, Raucci

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9 **Council Absent:** None

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11 **Also Present:** Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney Giblin,
12 Borough Administrator Terhune

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14 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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16 Mayor Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Choi led in the Pledge
17 of Allegiance.

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19 Mayor Heveran stated that the conditions of Open Public Meetings Act have been met by
20 notice placed on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the official
21 newspaper.

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23 **Adoption of Ordinances**

24 **Adoption of Ordinance 24-09 entitled:**

25 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE**
26 **BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

27 **Public Hearing**

28 **A MOTION** was made by Councilman Raucci seconded by Councilwoman
29 Raspa- Gore to approve on final reading Ordinance 24-09.

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31 Mr. Roland Weimer – 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer questioned why this
32 ordinance is being done at this meeting. Mr. Giblin explained the process. Mr.
33 Giblin stated the ordinance was introduced at the Council Meeting of December
34 21, 2009. The ordinance is now being adopted by the Council that introduced the
35 ordinance. This is the correct process to follow.

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37 Mrs. Jean Arbeiter – 329 Park Avenue – Mrs. Arbeiter stated this ordinance
38 overturns 60 years of legislation. Mrs. Arbeiter urged the Council to reconsider
39 the approval of this ordinance.

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41 Mr. Peter Knott – 117 Wood Terrace – Mr. Knott said he was unconvinced this
42 would benefit Leonia. Mr. Knott does not feel it is good thing for the long term.

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44 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Hawkins, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
45 Council President Choi abstained and Councilman Norgaard voted no. Ordinance
46 24-09 adopted.

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**Adoption of Ordinance 25-09 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF LEONIA TITLED “WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION
CEREMONIES”.**

Public Hearing no one from the public spoke.

A MOTION was made by Council President Choi, seconded by Councilman Hawkins to approve on final reading Ordinance 25-09.

ROLL CALL Councilperson, Hawkins, Choi, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Councilman Norgaard abstained. Ordinance 25-09 approved.

Adoption of Ordinance 26-09 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 49-4 TITLED “TABLE OF ORGANIZATION” BY DELETING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 49-4 AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW ORDINANCE 49-4, “TABLE OF ORGANIZATION”.

Public Hearing no one from the public spoke.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Raucci seconded by Council President Choi to approve on final reading Ordinance 26-09

ROLL CALL Councilperson, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 26-09 adopted.

Presentations

Mayor Heveran asked Gretchen Studier to come forward. Mayor Heveran presented Ms. Studier with a Certificate of Appreciation for her long term commitment to the Shade Tree Commission and for serving as “Borough Gardener.” Ms. Studier thanked the members of the Governing Body for their recognition.

Mayor Heveran presented a plaque to Councilwoman Raspa-Gore in recognition of her term as Councilwoman. Mayor Heveran read the plaque. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Heveran presented a resolution and plaque to Tony Puzzo. Mayor Heveran first read the resolution to all. Mayor Heveran read the plaque to all. Mayor Heveran presented flowers to Mrs. Puzzo. Councilman Puzzo thanked everyone for their support throughout his tenure on the Council.

Adjournment of Sine Dine Meeting

Councilman Hawkins seconded by Councilman Norgaard made a motion to adjourn the Sine Dine Meeting. All in favor none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

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94 **REORGANIZATION MEETING**
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96 Mayor Heveran Opened the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council at
97 7:55PM.
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99 ***Swearing of New Council Members:***

100 Former Mayor Robert Pacicco administered the Oath of Office to Philip Choi.
101 Councilman Choi thanked the Community, his wife and family for their support.
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103 Former Mayor Liz Dwarica administered the Oath of Office to Peter Knott.
104 Councilman Knott thanked the Community for their support.
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106 Matt Brennan husband of Ingrid Brennan administered the Oath of Office to
107 Ingrid Brennan. Councilwoman thanked Mr. Puzzo and the members of the
108 Governing Body for their support in appointing her to finish former Councilman
109 Puzzo's term.
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111 ***ROLL CALL 2010 COUNCIL PRESENT:*** Mayor Heveran, Councilwoman
112 Brennan, Councilman Choi, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Knott,
113 Councilman Norgaard, Councilman Raucci.
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115 ***Council Absent;*** None
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117 ***Also Present:*** Borough Clerk Fran Lehmann, Borough Attorney Giblin,
118 Borough Administrator Jack Terhune
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120 ***Citizens***
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122 Freeholder Calabrese made a presentation on behalf of the Bergen County
123 Freeholders to Councilman Choi and Councilman Knott. Before presenting the
124 Citations, Freeholder Calabrese read them to the assembly.
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126 Cliff Eddens, 219 Overlook Avenue – Mr. Eddens congratulated Councilman
127 Knott. Mr. Eddens spoke about off-leash hours and a petition presented to the
128 Governing Body in support of the off-leash hours. Mr. Eddens thanked
129 Councilman Choi for abstaining due to a conflict. Mr. Eddens stated anyone who
130 is member of “L-dog” should abstain from future votes.
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132 Robert Pacicco, 530 Grandview – Mr. Pacicco thanked Mr. Puzzo and Mrs. Puzzo
133 for all of his time a member of the Governing Body. To the new Council, Mr.
134 Pacicco noted you have a big task ahead of you. Thank you for being willing to
135 serve the community. Mr. Pacicco thanked Joyce Raspa-Gore for her three years
136 on the Council.
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138 Rae Kornblitt 596 Broad Avenue – Ms. Kornblitt stated as a member of the Save
139 Lakeview Park Association, that this is a small neighborhood park and the tables
140 and benches are unclean. It is an unsafe and unclean place for children. People are
141 now unleashing their dogs and leaving the park. She feels this is inappropriate.
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143 Mr. Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue - Mr. Weimer stated he came to
144 celebrate democracy. Mr. Weimer congratulated Dr. Knott and Councilman Choi.
145 Mr. Weimer stated Ingrid Brennan was a stealth candidate who withdrew from the
146 election. He asked for an explanation of how Mrs. Brennan was appointed to the
147 Council. Borough Attorney Giblin reported there was nothing improper in her
148 appointment. Mr. Puzzo resigned effective with the December 21st Council
149 Meeting. The Democratic Municipal Committee presented the Governing Body
150 with three names to choose from and the Council nominated and voted for Mrs.
151 Brennan. All of this was accomplished according to State Statute.
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153 Mr. Karl Marquardt, 314 Beechwood Place – Mr. Marquardt took the opportunity
154 to thank former Councilman Tony Puzzo. He also thanked Councilman Knott for
155 the sacrifice he has made. Mr. Marquardt spoke about the open hostility. People
156 should be allowed to have an open adult dialogue. There is a need to stop fighting
157 in the “sandbox”. There needs to be intellectual freedom without accusations.
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159 ***Remarks from Mayor Mary Heveran***

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161 Mayor Heveran congratulated the new members of the Council. Mayor Heveran
162 reported on the accomplishments of 2009. Mayor Heveran also reported on the
163 current year’s budget and changes that will be instituted because of it. Mayor
164 Heveran reported negotiations had been on going with the labor unions. Starting
165 February there will no longer be rear yard pick-up of garbage. The pails will have
166 to be brought to the front of the house. Later in the spring Borough Hall will be
167 closed on Fridays all day, but will remain open late on Tuesdays.
168 Mayor Heveran also reported on the projects for 2010.
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170 ***Committees and Liaisons of the Council***

171 Ambulance Corps

172 Councilwoman Brennan, Chairperson

173 Councilman Choi

174 Councilman Raucci

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176 DPW

177 Councilman Hawkins, Chairperson

178 Councilman Knott

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184	<u>FINANCE ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL</u>
185	Councilman Knott, Chairperson
186	Councilman Norgaard
187	Councilman Raucci
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189	<u>FIRE</u>
190	Councilman Choi, Fire Commissioner
191	Councilwoman Brennan
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194	<u>LAWS & ORDINANCES</u>
195	Councilman Norgaard, Chairperson
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199	<u>POLICE COMMISSION</u>
200	Councilman Raucci, Chairperson
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204	LIAISONS
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206	<u>Board of Health</u>
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209	<u>Economic Development</u>
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212	<u>Library Board</u>
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215	<u>Environmental Commission</u>
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218	<u>Historic Preservation</u>
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224	<u>Shade Tree</u>
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227	<u>Planning Board</u>
228	Councilman Hawkins
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230 Building Department
231 Councilman Raucci

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233 Board of Ed
234 Councilman Raucci

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236 ***Election of Council President:***
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238 Councilman Choi made a motion to nominate Councilman Norgaard as Council
239 President for 2010, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote all in favor
240 none opposed. Council President Norgaard thanked the members of the Council
241 for the honor.

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243 ***Resolutions***

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245 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolutions 10-01
246 through 10-42, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

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248 ***APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS***

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250 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-43
251 appointing Rogut McCarthy as Bond Attorney under the non fair and open
252 process, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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254 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-44
255 appointing Di Maria & Di Maria as Borough Auditor for 2010 under the non fair
256 and open process, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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258 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-45
259 appointing Birdsall Engineering as Borough Engineer for 2010 under the non fair
260 and open process, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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262 Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 10-46 appointing Mark
263 Fierro as Borough Prosecutor, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none
264 opposed.

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266 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-47
267 appointing Robert Metzdorf as Borough Public Defender, seconded by
268 Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

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270 Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 10-48 appointing Robert
271 Drexel as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, seconded by Council President
272 Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.

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APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR WITH CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL

Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-49-10-52, appointing the members of the Board of Health, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 10-53 appointing the members of the Capital Budget Committee for 2010, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-54 - 10-58 appointing members to the Board of Health, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 10-59 appointing the Chairperson for the Environmental Commission, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.

Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-60 – 10-63 appointing members to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Council President Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.

Councilman Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 10-64 appointing the Municipal Drug Alliance Committee for 2010, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 10-65 appointing Karl Marquardt to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Council President Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-66 – 10-68 appointing members to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

Council President Norgaard made a motion to appoint the Multiple Dwelling Emergency Commission for 2010, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Resolution 10-70 appointing Betty Carillo to the Library Board of Trustees

Resolution 10-71 appointing John Zeaman to the Library Board of Trustees

321 Resolution 10-72 appointing Mayor's Advisory Committee on Economic
322 Development.
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324 Resolution 10-74 appointing Joseph Bevacqua as Class IV member of the
325 Planning Board
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327 Resolution 10-75 Appointing Martha Lieblich as Class II member of the Planning
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330 Resolution 10-76 appointing Tony Puzzo as Alternate II member of the Planning
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333 Resolution 10-77 appointing Judah Zeigler as Mayor's Designee of the Planning
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336 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolution 10-78
337 appointing Councilman Hawkins as Class III member of the Planning Board,
338 seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.
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340 Resolution 10-79 appointing Ann Bonaides to Shade Tree Commission as
341 Alternate I member
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343 Resolution 10-80 appointing David Dolch to the Shade Tree Commission
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345 There being no further business before the Governing Body Councilman Raucci,
346 seconded by Council President Norgaard, made a motion to adjourn the meeting
347 at 8:50pm.
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349 Respectfully submitted,
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352 Frances Lehmann, RMC
353 Borough Clerk