

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **June 21, 2010**

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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen*  
6 *County, New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex,*  
7 *commencing at 7:30 pm.*

8 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

9 Mayor Heveran asked everyone to stand while Councilman Hawkins led in the  
10 Pledge of Allegiance.

11 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons: Norgaard, Brennan, Choi,*  
12 *Hawkins, Knott, Raucci*

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14 **Council Absent:** *none*

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16 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney; Jack Terhune, Borough*  
17 *Administrator; Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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19 **Absent:** *none*  
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by the Notice placed on the  
24 Bulletin Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.  
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26 **PRESENTATION**

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28 Mayor Heveran and Councilwoman Brennan, Liaison to the Leonia Volunteer  
29 Ambulance Corps., made presentations to Dennis Castro, Jim Tappen and Leonel  
30 Morales for length of service. Proclamations for over 100 calls responded to in  
31 2009 were awarded to Jim Tappen and Leonel Morales. Mayor Heveran also  
32 announced the names of absent members who received Certificates for length of  
33 service and over 100 calls for 2009.  
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35 Mayor Heveran presented a Proclamation from the Borough of Leonia to Nancy  
36 Pirone in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Senator Weinberg, Assemblywoman  
37 Huttle and Assemblyman Johnson also sent a Proclamation. A Proclamation from  
38 Senator Rothman as well as a Certificate were also presented to Mrs. Pirone by  
39 Mayor Heveran.  
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41 Chief Ziegler presented a plaque to Mrs. Pirone for being the longest crossing  
42 guard in the history of the Borough. Det. Lt. Rowe and Sgt. Stein presented Mrs.  
43 Pirone with roses.  
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45 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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47 Robert Pacicco, 530 Grandview Terrace: commended Mrs. Pirone.

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49 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Woodridge Place: Mr. Liberatore spoke about green  
50 initiatives. Mayor Heveran suggested he discuss this with Green Team and  
51 Councilman Hawkins.

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53 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue: congratulated Mrs. Pirone.

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55 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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57 Council Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2010 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to  
58 approve the Minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Raucci. Roll call vote  
59 all in favor none opposed.

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61 Closed Session Minutes – June 7, 2010 - Councilman Hawkins made a motion to  
62 approve the minutes, seconded by Council President Norgaard. Roll call vote all in  
63 favor none opposed.

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65 **RESOLUTIONS**

66 **Resolution 181** - Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Giblin to explain the changes to the  
67 Rules of Order. Mr. Giblin explained the changes that were proposed.

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69 **Resolution 179** – Council President Norgaard questioned the asking price of the  
70 motorcycle and fire truck. The Borough Clerk responded \$8,000 for the motorcycle  
71 and \$800.00 for the fire truck.

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73 **Resolution 178** – Councilman Choi stated he would be abstaining on this  
74 Resolution because of a conflict.

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76 **Resolution 178** – Councilman President Norgaard made a Motion seconded by  
77 Councilman Hawkins to approve Resolution 10-78. Roll call vote; Councilpersons  
78 Norgaard, Brennan, Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Choi  
79 abstained.

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81 **Resolutions 10-179 through 10-181** – Council President Norgaard made a Motion  
82 to approve the aforementioned Resolutions, seconded by Councilman Raucci. Roll  
83 call vote all in favor; none opposed.

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85 **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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87 *Finance Administration & Personnel* - Councilman Knott gave an updated report on  
88 the 2010 budget (see attached).

89 *Laws & Ordinances* – Council President Norgaard reported on the following; new  
90 Building Department fees have been sent to Mr. Giblin to be put in Ordinance

91 format for introduction. Rent Control for seniors: the Committee is looking at related  
92 Ordinances from other communities. Stand by duty for fire and ambulance is almost  
93 ready for introduction. The Committee is looking to amend the Shade Tree  
94 Ordinance to include certain trees on homeowner property and the replacement of  
95 trees removed for street repairs.

96 Mr. Giblin is looking at the definition of “family” as it pertains to illegal  
97 conversions.

98 Councilwoman Brennan inquired if a fine is levied on someone who does work on  
99 their home without a permit? Councilman Raucci explained the process.

100 Council President Norgaard reported the Committee is still working on the  
101 Ordinance for the “OB” Zone.

102 Police – Councilman Raucci reported the Department is currently at 17 members  
103 after the retirements. The Department is working the furloughs into the tours.  
104 Overtime is on track. Over the last five months 2,108 summonses have been issued.  
105 That number includes the traffic officers who are doing a good job. Councilmembers  
106 Raucci, Knott and Brennan toured the new dispatch center at the County Emergency  
107 Complex, it is very impressive.

108 Fire Department – Councilman Choi: 38 calls for the month of May. Councilman  
109 Choi reminded everyone in attendance that when you are working on wood floors  
110 make sure you have the area properly ventilated. Due to the excessive heat there was  
111 a fire at 222 Christie Street recently due to the lack of ventilation. The Fire  
112 Committee met with Chief Wright to discuss stand-by duty, there will be a few  
113 changes.

114 Ambulance – Councilwoman Brennan reported on the meeting with the Ambulance  
115 Corps. They discussed many of the issues pertaining to day coverage. They reviewed  
116 the RFP’s. They also discussed snow stand by duty. Mayor Heveran asked when the  
117 Governing Body would have a copy of the Standby Regulations for review.  
118 Councilwoman Brennan will have them ready for the next meeting.

119 Public Works – Councilman Hawkins reported that no meeting of the Committee had  
120 been held. Councilman Hawkins; new recycling containers will be placed along  
121 Broad Avenue in 6 to 8 weeks upon the CFO certifying the availability of funds. The  
122 Environmental Commission will help lay out the plans for the receptacles.

123 Economic Development – Councilman Hawkins: no meeting was held.

124 Borough Administrator – Borough Administrator Terhune reported the solar panels  
125 cannot be utilized on the Recreation Building, the Police Department and Public  
126 Safety Building will be evaluated. The plans for the Wood Park renovations will be  
127 available in the Recreation Building. A Grant in the amount of \$47,000 for ADA  
128 improvements to the Shelter House in Wood Park has been approved by CDBG.  
129 There will be fireworks on July 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the completion of the renovations of  
130 Overpeck Park in Ridgefield Park. Mr. Terhune also reported that the County has  
131 introduced an ordinance for \$13,000,000 for the construction of the bridge on Fort  
132 Lee Road. Leonia Life will be doing an article on illegal conversions.

133 *Mayor* – Mayor Heveran reported she took part in the walk for Scleroderma on May  
134 23<sup>rd</sup>. On May 27<sup>th</sup> she attended the ribbon cutting at the new addition to the Senior  
135 Housing. When a vacancy occurs in the older section, thanks to Mr. Matt Brennan,  
136 Leonia residents will be given first choice as long as they meet all the monetary  
137 requirements. On Memorial Day Mayor Heveran along with members of the  
138 Governing Body attended services at the Leonia Fire Department and Leonia  
139 Ambulance Corps. Mayor Heveran stated it was wonderful to see all the residents  
140 waving flags and cheering as the parade progressed along the route. Mayor Heveran  
141 reported on a seminar for shared services. \$8,000 in fines have been levied in the  
142 month of June for illegal conversions. Mayor Heveran explained that the illegal  
143 conversions put a drain on the emergency services as well as the safety of residents  
144 and the volunteers in the Borough.

145 Mayor Heveran asked Det. Lt. Rowe to explain his review and suggestions for  
146 Station Parkway. Councilman Hawkins spoke about the possibility of an increase of  
147 traffic on Park Avenue. Mayor Heveran thanked Det. Lt. Rowe.

148 *Special Bodies* – Councilwoman Brennan announced the Leonia Pool is now open  
149 and thanked Barbara Davidson for her thirty (30) years of service to the Borough.

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151 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

152 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

153 Adoption of Ordinance 08-10 entitled:

154 **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF**  
155 **THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, ENTITLED**  
156 **“PERSONNEL POLICIES”**

157 **Public Comment – None**

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159 **A Motion** was made by Councilman Choi, seconded by Councilman Raucci to  
160 adopt on final reading Ordinance 08-10

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162 **Roll call vote:** All in favor; none opposed.

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164 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

165 a) Alcoholic Beverages on Borough Property (Councilwoman Brennan) no  
166 further action

167 b) 2.5% CAP Referendum (Councilman Hawkins) Councilman Hawkins  
168 spoke about possible legislation for either a 2.5% CAP or 2.9% .Before a  
169 referendum could be proposed it needs to be more clearly defined by  
170 legislation.

171 c) Stand by Duty (Councilwoman Brennan) the Governing Body discussed  
172 covering some members of the Ambulance Corps from 10am Thursday to  
173 Midnight on Friday for the snow storm in February, at \$25.00 per hour.  
174 The Governing Body discussed the issue.

175 d) Ambulance Corps. RFP (Councilwoman Brennan) this was discussed  
176 earlier in the meeting.

- 177 e) Compost Site (Borough Administrator Terhune) Mr. Terhune explained that  
178 a letter was sent to the City of Englewood’s Manager who turned it over to  
179 the DPW Superintendent, who has advised they continue to renew the lease  
180 and will address the concerns that have been raised.
- 181 f) Collection of Garbage South Side of Town (Mayor Heveran) Mayor  
182 Heveran explained she has received requests to have the collection of trash  
183 on Mondays. Perhaps this could be done on an alternate basis. After a  
184 discussion by the Governing Body it was decided that it would remain as it  
185 is.

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187 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 188 a) Increase in Property Maintenance Fines (Councilman Raucci) Councilman  
189 Raucci explained the current fine for property maintenance violations is  
190 \$50.00. The Property Maintenance Official is suggesting the fine be raised  
191 to \$150-\$200. Considering that four (4) men from the DPW would be  
192 utilized to cut the grass after a warning is sent, the current fine does not  
193 even cover their pay or the use of equipment. After a brief discussion the  
194 Governing Body agreed.
- 195 b) Overpeck Park Phase 2 (Councilwoman Brennan) Councilwoman Brennan  
196 spoke about Phase 2 for Overpeck Park.

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198 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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200 Arthur Bergman, 2 Meadowview Court; Mr. Bergman feels the new bridge will  
201 generate more traffic on Station Parkway. Mr. Bergman thanked Mayor Heveran  
202 for bringing Station Parkway back to the table.

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204 Laura Gonzalez, 181 Glenwood: Ms. Gonzalez stated if someone is doing work on  
205 their home without a permit they should be fined, not given a warning.

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207 Frederick Marx, 228 Fort Lee Road: Dent Wizard is available. Maybe the County  
208 or State may be interested in making that intersection wider as several times the  
209 semi’s have trouble making the turn and also knock down the traffic signal.

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211 Jim Day, 6 Meadowview Court: Mr. Day suggested moving the bus stop by  
212 Christie Street. Mr. Day agrees with Mr. Bergman there will be more traffic with  
213 the new traffic patterns.

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215 Mrs. Tietjen, 134 Palisades Avenue – Mrs. Tietjen stated Palisades Avenue needs  
216 to be repaved. Mrs. Tietjen also feels that there should be no warning given, just  
217 issue fines.

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219 Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein stated Senior Rent  
220 Control needs to be addressed sooner than later.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Heveran referred to a letter from the Mr. Tappen, President of the Board of Health requesting a replacement for Ms. Valens who resigned to go back to school. Mr. Terhune stated he spoke to Mr. Tappen and the only thing he will authorize is someone to do the minutes of the Board of Health Meetings.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURN**

Councilman Raucci seconded by Councilwoman Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann  
Borough Clerk