

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**

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4 **December 6, 2010**

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

8 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

11 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Norgaard (arrived at 7:35),*  
12 *Brennan, Choi, 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 **Also 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 **PRESENTATIONS**

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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29 Mr. Terry McMahon, 135 Fort Lee Road – Mr. Mc Mahon asked if there was anyway the  
30 Governing Body could offer any relief from paying the Life Hazard Fees bill he received  
31 from the Fire Prevention Bureau. Mr. Terhune will look into the situation.

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33 Karen Peters, 142 Park Avenue – Mrs. Peters thanked Mr. Terhune for having the sign  
34 request approved at the last minute for the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Peters also thanked  
35 the Fire Department for hanging the banner.

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37 Kelly-Ann Norgaard, 131 Irving Street – Mrs. Norgaard inquired about the Fort Lee traffic  
38 issue. When Fort Lee closes Main Street it is a serious hazard. Mayor Heveran responded  
39 that she is waiting on information from the Borough Attorney. This will be placed on the  
40 December 20, 2010 agenda.

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42 Roland Weimer, 329 Moore Avenue – Mr. Weimer reported on the Leonia Call to Summit  
43 meeting held in November.

45 Mary Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace – Mrs. Miraglia spoke about the water being discharged  
46 from a home on Warwick Lane and her property.

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48 Ernest Liberatore, 121 Wood Ridge Place – Mr. Liberatore inquired about Ordinance 15-  
49 10. Councilman Hawkins explained the status.

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51 Mr. Charles Silverstein, 356 Grand Avenue – Mr. Silverstein inquired as to what happened  
52 to the bus shelter in front of the library. Mr. Terhune explained that several shelters have  
53 been removed by NJ Transit and will be replaced. Mr. Silverstein also asked if it was  
54 possible to have a trash receptacle on the corner of Fort Lee Road and Grand Avenue by  
55 Direct Meds.

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57 Leonel Morales, 189 Grand Avenue – Mr. Morales asked if there was a vote taken by the  
58 Governing Body regarding the action of taking LEA3 away from the Ambulance Corps.  
59 Mr. Giblin stated a vote was taken. Mr. Morales asked to have LEA 3 returned to the  
60 Ambulance Corps.

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62 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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64 Minutes of November 15, 2010 - Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the  
65 Minutes of November 15, 2010, seconded by Council President Norgaard. Roll call vote;  
66 all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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68 Closed Session Minutes of November 15, 2010 – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by  
69 Council President Norgaard, made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of  
70 November 15, 2010. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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72 **RESOLUTIONS**

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74 Councilman Knott asked for a discussion on Resolution 10-249 – Councilman Knott asked  
75 if it was proper for Councilman Hawkins, as a member of the Leonia Fire Department to  
76 vote on this resolution. Mr. Giblin explained that since neither he nor any member of his  
77 family was receiving monetary compensation there was no reason he could not vote on it.  
78 Councilwoman Brennan asked why this was back on the agenda when it was previously  
79 approved. Mr. Terhune explained that some of the funding had changed.

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81 Council President Norgaard made a motion to approve Resolutions 10-246 - 10-252,  
82 seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Resolutions  
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85 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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91 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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**Adoption of Ordinance 16-10 entitled:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 TITLED “FEES” BY  
ADDING ARTICLE IV POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

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**Borough Clerk Read the Ordinance by Title  
Public Hearing no one spoke**

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**A Motion** was made by Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Hawkins, to approve on final reading Ordinance 16-10.

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**ROLL CALL;** Councilpersons Norgaard, Brennan, Choi, Hawkins, Knott, Raucci voted yes, Ordinance 16-10 adopted.

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Mayor Heveran commended the Recreation Commission and Superintendent Barbara Davidson for keeping the fees affordable in these difficult economic times.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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a) Water Conservation Initiative (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran asked for information from Councilman Hawkins. Councilman Hawkins explained that this item is on the agenda for Thursday’s Green Team meeting. The committee is reviewing several ordinances. An ordinance is only good if it is enforceable. State and County law would supersede local ordinances.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

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Councilwoman Brennan read a letter into the record from the New Jersey First Aid Council.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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Mr. Terry McMahon 128 Gladwin Avenue – Mr. McMahon asked about the Capital Budget Committee. Mayor Heveran responded.

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Ernest Liberatore, 121 Wood Ridge Place – Mr. Liberatore thanked the Governing Body for taking into consideration the subject of water conservation.

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Mary Miraglia, 45 Linden Terrace – Mrs. Miraglia spoke about the ramp outside the annex. Mr. Terhune explained that it is not as simple as fixing a pothole. The metal structure underneath is completely rusted and needs to be replaced.

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137 **CLOSED SESSION**

138 Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi, made a motion to go into Closed  
139 Session to discuss Personnel.

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OPEN SESSION

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143 Councilman Norgaard seconded by Hawkins made a motion to authorize Borough  
144 Attorney Giblin to file a complaint against Fort Lee in connection with the closing of Main  
145 Street. All in favor none opposed.

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148 **ADJOURN**

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150 There being no further business before the Governing Body the meeting was adjourned at  
151 9:10PM.

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153 Respectfully submitted,

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155 Fran Lehmann

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