

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **December 20, 2010**
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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 7:30pm.*

7 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor Mary Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Norgaard led in the
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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

17 **Absent:**
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19 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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25 **PRESENTATION**

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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29 Mr. Terry McMahon – 128 Gladwin, Mr. McMahon spoke about the fees charged by the
30 Fire Prevention Bureau. Mr. McMahon feels they are excessive.
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32 Mr. Ken Laury – 135 Fort Lee Road, Mr. Laury also spoke about the fees charged by the
33 Fire Prevention Bureau.
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35 Mr. McAlear, Broad Avenue, - Mr. McAlear asked about Resolution 10-260 appointing
36 Englewood Hospital to 24 hour ambulance service. Councilwoman Brennan responded to
37 his questions.
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39 Roland Weimer - 329 Moore Avenue, inquired if the residents on Glenwood and Linden
40 Terrace were being billed for having their sidewalks, curbs and aprons repaired as part of
41 the recent road program. Mr. Terhune responded by explaining this project was done by
42 two grants; one from the federal government and one from the state.
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45 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

46 Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Council President Norgaard, made a motion to
47 approve the Minutes of December 6, 2010. Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.
48 Minutes approved.

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50 Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Choi, made a motion to approve the
51 Closed Session Minutes of December 6, 2010. Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.

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53 **RESOLUTIONS**

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55 Mayor Heveran explained she had a resolution to add, if the Council agrees, for Mr. John
56 Stellingwerf who recently celebrated his 100th Birthday. No one had an objection.
57 Councilwoman Brennan asked for a discussion on Resolution 10-254 – Councilwoman
58 Brennan asked why A.J.M. was being paid. Mr. Terhune explained the process.

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60 Council President Norgaard asked for a discussion on Resolutions 10-258 and 10-259.
61 Resolution 10-258 Mr. Terhune explained the resolution.

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63 Resolution 10-259 – Council President Norgaard asked for an explanation. Mr. Terhune
64 explained this is for Wood Park renovations. Mr. Terhune explained the funding for this
65 project.

66 Council President Norgaard reported for all in attendance that the Sports Boosters sold out
67 of trees over the weekend.

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69 Councilman Raucci spoke about Resolution 10-260 awarding night and weekend
70 ambulance coverage to Englewood Hospital. All members of the Governing spoke about
71 the process that was taken and commended all the volunteers for their dedicated service.
72 All stated this has been discussed for quite a while and was not something that was done
73 overnight.

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75 **Resolutions 10-253 – 10-264** – Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman
76 Raucci, made a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions. Roll call vote. All in
77 favor none opposed. Resolutions approved.

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79 **Standing Committees**

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81 *Finance Administration & Personnel* - Councilman Knott reported on the Finance
82 Committee. Mr. Terhune and CFO Becker are in the process of preparing the budget
83 for 2011.

84 *Laws & Ordinances* – Council President Norgaard said the committee had a very
85 ambitious calendar this year. Council President Norgaard thanked the members of
86 the Committee.

87 *Police* – Councilman Raucci spoke about an article in the Bergen News. Councilman
88 Raucci gave a report on statistics for the year for the Leonia Police Department.

89 Fire Department – Councilman Choi reported there were 27 calls for November, 3
90 drills and a house fire on December 13, 2010. Councilman Choi thanked the Fire
91 Department, DPW, Ambulance Corps and the Mutual Aid departments for their
92 quick response and putting out the fires.

93 Ambulance – Councilwoman Brennan had nothing further to report.

94 Public Works – Councilman Hawkins reported he took care of the banner situation.
95 It is the end of leaf season. The Mayor’s newsletter made it very clear regarding
96 snow removal. Councilman Hawkins thanked everyone in the DPW. Councilman
97 Hawkins also reported the DPW is looking into new technology for vehicles.

98 Economic Development – Councilman Hawkins gave a report of the recent meeting.

99 Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a
100 Happy New Year. The renovations in Wood Park will begin in January. The new
101 owners of the TV Clinic property have been in to see him. The Leonia Market
102 building has been sold.

103 Mayor – Mayor Heveran congratulated Superintendent Barbara Davidson and the
104 Recreation staff for an outstanding tree lighting ceremony. Mayor Heveran also
105 thanked the DPW for their assistance as well as the Fire Department. January 25th
106 will be the next “Town Meeting”. It will be held in the Leonia High School Little
107 Theater. Reorganization will be, January 3rd at 7:30 PM. The Mayors’ newsletter is
108 on line. Mayor Heveran thanked the Fire Department, DPW, Ambulance Corps and
109 Mutual Aid departments for the outstanding job they did in saving the house on
110 Glenwood Avenue. Mayor Heveran wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New
111 Year.

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113 Special Bodies – Councilman Knott reported that the Historic Preservation Committee has
114 finally met for the first time since April. The Historic Preservation has designated three
115 buildings as Historic, Borough Hall, American Legion and the “Little House.” Mr. John
116 Genese and Mr. Robert Chace have resigned from the Historic Preservation Committee.

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118 Councilman Hawkins reported that the Green Team met regarding green concepts for
119 Leonia.

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121 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

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123 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**
124 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 125 a) Sustainable Building Ordinance – Councilman Hawkins spoke about the
126 revised Ordinance.
127 b) Fort Lee Traffic – Borough Attorney Giblin reported that Fort Lee has been
128 taken to court twice before for causing traffic tie-ups by closing streets to non-
129 residential traffic when delays occur on the George Washington Bridge. He has
130 prepared a complaint that will be delivered to Fort Lee.
131 c) Water Conservation – Councilman Hawkins reported that the Green Team has
132 not discussed this topic at this time.

133 d) Shade Tree Ordinance – Mayor Heveran discussed Section C of the Ordinance.
134 Councilman Hawkins is in favor of not allowing resident to remove landmark
135 trees on their property. The Ordinance will be sent to Laws and Ordinances in
136 2011.

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138 **NEW BUSINESS**

139 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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141 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

142 Joyce Raspa – 326 Crescent Avenue, Ms. Raspa thanked the members of the Governing
143 Body for their level of excellence. Ms. Raspa also thanked Councilpersons Norgaard and
144 Brennan for an outstanding job this year. Ms. Raspa also noted that the issues with the
145 ambulance corps had been discussed during her tenure on the Council. Ms. Raspa also
146 stated the roadwork that was done is a beautification for the whole town. Speeding is an
147 issue on Crescent Ave. The DPW needs to be reminded that alternate side was changed.

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149 Terrence McMahon 128 Gladwin Avenue, thanked Mayor Heveran for announcing Mr.
150 Stillingwerf's birthday. He is his neighbor.

151 Charles Silverstein – 356 Grand Avenue, Mr. Silverstein inquired about the repairs to the
152 Shelter House in Wood Park. Mr. Terhune explained the bathrooms are going to upgraded
153 and the plans are in his office at Borough Hall. Mr. Silverstein wished everyone a Merry
154 Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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156 Jane Tappen, 124 Vreeland Avenue, Mrs. Tappen thanked everyone for their comments
157 regarding the ambulance corps.

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159 Members of the Governing Body thanked Councilwoman Brennan and Councilman
160 Norgaard for the outstanding work they did during their tenure on the Council.

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163 **CLOSED SESSION**

164 Councilman Raucci, seconded by Councilman Knott, made a motion to go into Closed
165 Session.

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OPEN SESSION

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169 Resolution 10-265 - Council President Norgaard, seconded by Councilman Choi, made a
170 motion to approve Resolution 10-265. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Norgaard, Choi,
171 Hawkins, Knott and Raucci voted yes; Brennan vote no. Resolution 10-256 approved.

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173 **ADJOURN**

174 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman
175 Choi. All in favor none opposed.

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177 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
178 10:00 PM.

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180 Respectfully submitted,
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182 Fran Lehmann
183 Borough Clerk