

1 Council Meeting/Work Session  
2 Minutes  
3 February 2, 2009  
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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 Choi led in the  
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo,*  
11 *Raspa-Gore, 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*

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18 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

21 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.  
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23 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

24 No one from the public spoke.  
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26 **APPOINTMENT**

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28 Mayor Heveran asked for confirmation from the Governing Body to move John Genese  
29 from Alternate I member of the Historic Preservation Commission, to Class C position  
30 filling an unexpired term, Councilman Hawkins made a motion to appoint John Genese as  
31 a Class C member of the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Councilman  
32 Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.  
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34 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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36 **Council Meeting January 21, 2009** – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman  
37 Raucci made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2009. Roll call vote;  
38 Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted yes. Councilwoman  
39 Raspa-Gore abstained. Minutes approved.  
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41 Closed Session Minutes January 21, 2009 – Councilman Hawkins, seconded by  
42 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January  
43 21, 2009. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raucci voted  
44 yes. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore abstained. Minutes approved.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Borough Administrator Terhune requested the addition of Resolution 09-61, a maintenance company for computers for Leonia Police Department.

Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 09-56 through 09-61 seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

Introduction of Ordinance 02-09 entitled:  
**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX OR REPORT SALARIES, WAGES, OR  
COMPENSATION AND TO ESTABLISH SALARY & WAGE RANGES  
FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SERVANTS OF  
THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING AND  
RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2009 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE  
NO. 11-06**

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

**Motion** made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to adopt on first reading Ordinance 02-09

**ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 02-09 Introduced.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

Adoption of Ordinance No. 01-09 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF VREELAND AVENUE**

**Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

**Comments from the Public – no one spoke**

**Motion** was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on final reading Ordinance 01-09.

**ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 01-09 adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Mayor Heveran read a memo from Mr. Peters regarding Snow Removal. The Governing Body discussed the request to change the time to 4 hours and all agreed to leave the time at 12 hours after the end of a storm due to the fact that most people work during the day and they may not have the ability to shovel the snow when a storm ends. After a discussion the Governing Body felt a

89 letter to the homeowners who are continuous offenders. Another suggestion  
90 was to institute a progressive fine. The time will remain the same Laws and  
91 Ordinances will review and make a recommendation for the fine.  
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- 93 b) **Elm Street Lot** – Mr. Terhune reported the bids are going to be opened on  
94 February 19, 2009, at 2:00pm. Mr. Terhune handed out a cost estimate prepared  
95 by the Borough Engineer for the review of the Governing Body.  
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## 97 **NEW BUSINESS**

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99 The Mayor and Council discussed four Ordinances prepared by the Planning Board  
100 Attorney as it relates to: Draft Floor Area Ratio Ordinance; Draft Fees for Conceptual  
101 Review of Plans; Draft Amendment to Fees Ordinance for Escrow and Development Fees  
102 and Draft Amendment to Property Maintenance “Pods”. All Ordinances were referred to  
103 Laws and Ordinances for review and recommendation.  
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## 105 **CORRESPONDENCE**

106 Mayor Heveran read letters from the following:

107 CSX Railroad regarding the crossing on Fort Lee Road and Overpeck Park.  
108 Letter from Mr. Terhune regarding the nomination of New Good Neighbor Award  
109 Andres Wine and Spirits and the Craft Lounge were nominated  
110 Letter from Mr. Steve Hutnick from the VFW Post #1, honoring Lt. Commander  
111 John McCloy who was a 2 time Congressional Medal Honor recipient. The  
112 dedication will take place at Sylvan Park on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 11:00am  
113 rain or shine.  
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115 Councilman Raucci congratulated members of the Leonia Police Department who  
116 prevented a serious fire at Bon Chon Chicken.  
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118 Mr. Giblin reported to the Governing Body an accident in front of his home where Police  
119 Officer Sihoon Chung directed traffic in Paramus, for almost a half an hour before  
120 Paramus Police arrived. In doing so he averted more accidents.  
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## 122 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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124 Mr. Tom Muir – 404 Pine Hill Road – Mr. Muir brought to the attention of the Governing  
125 Body items that he felt needed attention: graffiti on stop signs, deteriorating roads from  
126 work done by PSE&G and other roads that are in need of repair.  
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128 Mr. Steve Hutnick, Historian, VFW Post #1 – 262 Leonia Avenue – Mr. Hutnick read a  
129 letter regarding the dedication on April 11, 2009 at Sylvan Park. Mr. Hutnick also thanked  
130 Councilmen Puzzo and Raucci for their assistance in arranging the dedication.  
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## 132 **CLOSED SESSION B**

133 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman  
134 Raucci to discuss the following: Negotiations and Budget for 2009

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Open Session  
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Resolution 09-62 Authorizing Mr. Giblin to contact Birdsall regarding the Yamato Property in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 – Councilman Hawkins a motion to, seconded by Councilman Raucci. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo Raucci and Raspa-Gore voted yes.

**ADJOURN**

Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Lehmann  
Borough Clerk