

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

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8 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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10 Mayor Mary Heveran asked the assembly to stand while Council President Choi led in
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins (arrived at 7:42)*
14 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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16 **Council Absent:** *Councilman Norgaard*

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18 **Also Present:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator, Brian Giblin, Borough*
19 *Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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26 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.

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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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30 No one spoke.

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32 **APPOINTMENTS**

33 Mayor Heveran appointed Mr. Richard Stenken to the Shade Tree Commission to replace
34 Mr. David Bohnert, who resigned.

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36 Mayor Heveran appointed Barbara Marchant to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Jeff
37 McCartney who resigned.

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39 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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41 **RESOLUTIONS**

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43 Resolutions 09-119 and 09-124 – A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded
44 by Councilman Raucci to approve Resolution 09-119 through 09-124. Council President
45 Choi questioned a payment on Resolution 09-120. Mr. Terhune explained the payment is
46 for the shirts for the ball teams and included in the fees that are charged.

47 Roll Call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore voted yes. Councilmen
48 Hawkins and Norgaard were absent. Resolutions approved.

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50 **Introduction of Ordinance**

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52 **Adoption of Ordinance**

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54 Adoption of Ordinance 08-09 entitled:

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56 **BOND ORDINANCE TO REAUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**
57 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF**
58 **LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND TO**
59 **AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,750,000 OF**
60 **BONDS TO FUND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED OR**
61 **AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR SUCH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.**

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Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title

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Public Hearing –No one spoke

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65 **Motion** made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore to
66 adopt on final reading, Ordinance 08-09

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68 **ROLL CALL:** Councilperson, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes.
69 Councilmen Hawkins and, Norgaard were absent.

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71 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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a) Elm Place Lot – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore reviewed the layout of the Elm
73 Place Lot. After a brief discussion by the Governing Body, Councilman Puzzo
74 offered Resolution 09-125, accepting the Design and Layout for Elm Place
75 Lot, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Choi,
76 Hawkins, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Norgaard
77 was absent. Resolution approved.

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b) Clean Energy Program – Mr. Terhune reviewed the memo he presented to the
79 Governing Body.

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c) Yamato – Councilman Raucci gave a report on a meeting with Birdsall
81 Engineering regarding the property. Birdsall Engineering is suggesting a
82 “heavy metals” study. Councilman Hawkins inquired if Brownfields would
83 apply to this property. Mr. Terhune explained why it would not apply.
84 Councilman Puzzo asked Mr. Giblin if he would talk to the property owner
85 about paying for the study that Birdsall Engineering is recommending. Mr.
86 Giblin said he would arrange a meeting with the property owner.

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Mayor Heveran requested Mr. Terhune explain the savings incurred by the Borough on
88 the Elm Place Lot. Mr. Terhune explained the Borough saved \$75,000 by bidding the
89 project over the winter and having it start at this time.

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91 **NEW BUSINESS**

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93 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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96 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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98 Marcia Wilson – 259 Leonia Avenue – Ms. Wilson questioned how Resolution 09-123
99 was self explanatory. Mr. Terhune gave Ms. Wilson a copy of the resolution. Ms. Wilson
100 question Resolution 09-124. Mr. Terhune explained there was a broken sewer main at the
101 recreation center. In the excavation of the broken sewer line, an old oil tank was
102 discovered. This resolution accepts the proposal to have the tank removed. Ms. Wilson
103 questioned the Governing Body’s plans for the Yamato/Texaco property. Members of the
104 Council answered Ms. Wilson’s questions. Ms. Wilson asked what is a Brownfield?
105 Councilman Hawkins explained.

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107 Charles Silverstein - 356 Grand Avenue - inquired about the proposed time limits for Elm
108 Place Lot. Mayor Heveran explained the proposed limits.

109 Mr. Silverstein asked what is being done to move along the clean-up of the Yamato
110 Property and why have they been able to drag this out so long? Mr. Giblin explained that
111 since he has been the Borough Attorney he has been in contact with the DEP and has
112 finally made progress in having remediation done to the site. Currently they are injecting
113 steam into the ground as part of the testing.

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115 Marcia Wilson – 259 Leonia Avenue – Ms. Wilson asked who is paying for this steam to
116 be injected. Mayor Heveran responded that the property owner does.

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118 **CLOSED SESSION**

119 A motion was made by Councilman, Raucci, seconded by Councilman Puzzo go into
120 Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation:

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122 **ADJOURN**

123 A motion was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore to
124 adjourn.

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126 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
127 at 9:35 PM

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129 Respectfully submitted,

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133 Fran Lehmann

134 Borough Clerk

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