

1 **Special Council Meeting**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **August 17, 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 7:15pm*

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8 Council President Choi called the meeting to order.

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10 Council President Choi asked the assembly to stand as Councilman Puzzo led in the  
11 Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raucci*  
14 *(arrived at 7:58PM)*

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16 **Council Absent:** *Councilwoman Raspa-Gore, Councilman Norgaard,*

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18 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*  
19 *Myrna Becker CFO, Lynn Hemmer, Administrative Assistant*

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21 **Absent:** *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator*

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23 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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

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28 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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30 Danilo Torres – 107Christie Street – Mr. Torres commended the Governing Body for  
31 their work. Mr. Torres has one request for the Recreation Center – he plays table tennis  
32 on Wednesday evening and Saturday. The ballasts for the lighting is doing its job because  
33 there is no ventilation between the ceiling and roof in crawl space the ballasts over heat  
34 causing the lights to go out. Six of the twenty-five lights maybe out at the same time. Mr.  
35 Torres felt he could raise \$500.00 in donations to help defray the cost of putting 2 vents  
36 and an attic fan to help alleviate the problem. Councilman Hawkins thinks there maybe  
37 an exhaust fan and perhaps it is not working. Mayor Heveran thanked Mr. Torres for his  
38 presentation and the manner in which he presented it. Mayor Heveran will have Mr.  
39 Terhune look into the situation upon his return.

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41 **RESOLUTIONS**

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43 Resolution 09-172, 09-173 and 09-174 – Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve  
44 Resolutions 09-172 through 09-174, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote;  
45 Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins and Puzzo voted yes. Councilpersons Norgaard, Raspa-  
46 Gore and Raucci were absent Resolutions approved.

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48 Resolution 09-171 – Council President Choi made a motion to approve Resolution 09-  
49 171, seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Myrna Becker explained the reason for the  
50 amendment to the budget for the Department of Public Works. Councilman Raucci one of  
51 the options may be a capital expenditure. Councilman Hawkins need to look very hard at  
52 all budgets. The writing is on the wall need to make cutbacks all across the board. Need  
53 to be careful in the future. Council President Choi need to be more careful in spending  
54 and make sure it is on the right thing. Councilman Puzzo not happy about this at all  
55 should have seen this it is “B.S.”. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Raucci  
56 and Puzzo voted yes. Councilpersons Norgaard and Raspa-Gore were absent Resolutions  
57 approved.

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59 Resolution 09-169 – Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 09-169,  
60 seconded by Councilman Hawkins. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins,  
61 Raucci and Puzzo voted yes. Councilpersons Norgaard and Raspa-Gore were absent  
62 Resolutions approved.

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64 Resolution 09-164 – this resolution was tabled at the meeting of August 3, 2009.  
65 Councilman Hawkins made a motion to take this Resolution off the table, seconded by  
66 Councilman Raucci. All members present voted yes.

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68 Resolution 09-164 - Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 09-164,  
69 seconded by Council President Choi. Councilman Puzzo explained this carnival has been  
70 put in place by the Sports Boosters to donate funds to the Bergen County to build a  
71 skateboard park in Over Peck Park. Councilman Puzzo is looking for outside of the  
72 Borough for coverage. Councilman Puzzo is trying to get assistance from the County  
73 Police and the Sheriff’s Department. Councilman Raucci the Sports Boosters is a great  
74 organization but it is going to the well too many times. Councilman Hawkins stated he  
75 was not happy how this came to the table. Councilman Hawkins inquired is it ok for the  
76 Sports Boosters to put money into a County project? After a lengthy discussion those  
77 present voted on the amended the resolution to set a limit on the amount of Borough  
78 funds to be expended at \$1,000.

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80 Roll Call vote: Councilpersons Choi, Puzzo and Raucci voted yes; Councilman Hawkins  
81 abstained. Resolution approved as amended

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83 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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85 No public present.

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87 **CLOSED SESSION**

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89 Councilman Raucci made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel,  
90 seconded by Councilman Puzzo. All in favor none opposed.

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92 **ADJOURN**

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94 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All in  
95 favor none opposed.  
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97 Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm  
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99 Respectfully submitted,  
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102 Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk  
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