

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **October 19, 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 7:34 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, Norgaard,*  
14 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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16 **Council Absent:** *none*

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18 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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20 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

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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 Mayor Heveran noted the Fire Exit.

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27 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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29 George Jarvis – 185 Reldyes Avenue – Mr. Jarvis reported that he had contacted the  
30 Shade Tree Commission regarding trees on the easement that need to be trimmed and/or  
31 removed. Mayor Heveran asked the Borough Clerk to have the DPW look into the  
32 situation.

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34 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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36 Minutes October 5, 2009 – Council Puzzo made a motion to approve as amended, the  
37 Council Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2009, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll  
38 call vote: Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci  
39 voted yes. Minutes approved.

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41 Closed Session Minutes October 5, 2009 – Councilman Hawkins made a motion to  
42 approve, seconded by Councilman Norgaard the Closed Session Minutes of October 5,  
43 2009. Roll call vote: Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo Raspa-Gore and  
44 Raucci voted yes. Minutes approved.

47 **RESOLUTIONS**

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49 Councilman Norgaard pulled Resolutions 09-200 and 09-204 – Councilman Norgaard  
50 Resolution 09-200 stated it should read “DEP” instead of “DEEP”. Resolution 09-204  
51 should read \$16.00.

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53 Resolutions 09-200 through 09-204 – Council President Choi made a motion to approve  
54 the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll Call Vote. All in favor none  
55 opposed.

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57 **REPORTS**

58 **Standing Committees**

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Finance Administration & Personnel- Nothing to report

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Laws & Ordinances Councilwoman Raspa-Gore – Plans to have a meeting  
61 to discuss the request for the review of real estate signs.

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Police - Councilman Raucci - The Commission has discussed selling the  
63 two motorcycles. This would be a cost savings for the Borough and  
64 replace them with a vehicle.

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Fire Department – Councilman Norgaard – There was 39 calls in  
66 September. There was a Safety Fair in Edgewater. Still need to replace the  
67 fire trucks. The fire trucks will be going up 20,000 to 30,000 each after  
68 January. Hopefully the price can be negotiated to under \$400,000 by the  
69 end of the year to save the Borough money.

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Ambulance – Council President Choi reported that on October 17, 2009  
71 the Ambulance Corps presented a class for residents at the Library.  
72 Council President Choi thanked Leonel Morales and Jim Tappen for  
73 arranging this class.

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Public Works – Councilman Hawkins. The DPW will begin leaf pick up.  
75 The railroad crossing is being repaired by Overpeck Park.

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Real Estate and Insurance – Councilman Puzzo – The committee met last  
77 Wednesday and reviewed the Draft of the Economic Development portion  
78 of the Master Plan. The concerns were passed to Mr. Passalano at H2M.  
79 The memorializing resolution for the Southwest Corner Construction of a  
80 four story office building will be approved at the Planning Board Meeting  
81 on October 28, 2009.

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Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune was not in attendance due to his  
82 vacation.

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Mayor – Mayor Heveran and Council President Choi attended the 90<sup>th</sup>  
83 Anniversary of the American Legion. Paving on Hawthorne Terrace  
84 started on October 19, 2009. A letter was received from the Department of  
85 Transportation that the borough has been awarded a grant for \$200,000 for  
86 Glenwood Avenue.

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Special Bodies - Councilwoman Raspa-Gore - The Board of Health had a  
87 very successful Health Fair. The Library is looking into a way to reduce  
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91 the noise in the Library. Some new policies will be implemented. The  
92 Library is also reviewing their personnel policies.

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94 **Adoption of Ordinance**

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96 Adoption of Ordinance 18-09 entitled:

97 **"BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING BOND**  
98 **ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH**  
99 **COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF**  
100 **BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: (1) BOND ORDINANCE 08-05**  
101 **ADOPTED ON MAY 16, 2005 AND (2) BOND ORDINANCE 14-06**  
102 **ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 3, 2006."**

103 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**  
104 **Public Hearing**

105 Mr. Anthony Cassano 157 Oakdene Avenue – Mr. Cassano questioned why the  
106 Ordinance was not available. The Borough Clerk stated it is on the bulletin board  
107 with the agenda. The Borough Clerk gave Mr. Cassano a copy of the Ordinance.

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109 **Motion** made by Councilman Raucci, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to  
110 adopt on final reading Ordinance 18-09

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112 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Choi, Hawkins, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,  
113 Raucci, voted yes Ordinance 18-09 adopted.

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115 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

116 No unfinished business

117 **NEW BUSINESS**

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119 No new business

120 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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122 No Correspondence

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124 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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126 Anthony Cassano – 157 Oakdene Avenue – Mr. Cassano inquired about the jitneys that  
127 park very close to the corner making it very difficult for residents to pull out onto Broad  
128 Avenue. They are also idling. Mayor Heveran asked Councilman Raucci to remind Chief  
129 Ziegler that there is an Ordinance in place prohibiting the idling of vehicles.

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131 **CLOSED SESSION**

132 A motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Norgaard, to go  
133 into Closed Session to discuss; litigation.

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135 **ADJOURN**

137 Councilman Norgaard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Raucci. All  
138 in favor none opposed.

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140 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned  
141 at 8:30PM.

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143 Respectfully submitted,

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147 Fran Lehmann

148 Borough Clerk