

1 **Reorganization Minutes, January 7, 2008**

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3 *Sine dine Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*  
4 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm*

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6 **2007 Council Present:** *Council President Heveran Councilpersons Choi, Hawkins,*  
7 *Puzzo, Raspa-Gore Raucci*

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9 **Council Absent:** *Mayor Cherchi*

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11 **Also Present:** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney Giblin,*  
12 *Borough Administrator Terhune,*

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14 Council President Heveran called the meeting to order.

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16 Council President Heveran asked everyone to stand while Councilman Puzzo led in the  
17 Pledge of Allegiance.

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19 Council President Heveran stated that the conditions of Open Public Meetings Act have  
20 been met by notice placed on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the  
21 official newspaper.

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23 **PRESENTATIONS**

24 Council president Heveran announced that she had a plaque for Mayor Cherchi who  
25 informed the Borough Clerk he would not be attending the meeting. Council President  
26 Heveran read the plaque for those in attendance.

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28 A motion was made by Councilman Raucci to adjourn the Sine dine Meeting of the 2007  
29 Mayor and Council seconded by Councilman Puzzo.

30 All in favor none opposed. Sine dine meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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33 **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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35 Mayor Heveran Opened the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council at  
36 7:50PM.

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38 Mayor Heveran announced that Councilman Puzzo would be sworn in by former  
39 Mayor Robert Pacicco.

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41 Mayor Heveran announced that Councilman Norgaard would be sworn in by his  
42 father Mr. Gary Norgaard.

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44 **ROLL CALL 2008 COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Heveran, Councilman Choi,  
45 Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Norgaard Councilman Puzzo, Councilwoman  
46 Raspa-Gore, Councilman Raucci

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***Council Absent;***        None

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

Certificates were presented to Mayor Heveran, Councilman Norgaard and Councilman Puzzo on behalf of the Senator Weinberg and Assembly Members.

**Citizens**

Rachel Stern Palmer Boulevard – asked the status of 604 Main Street. Borough Attorney Giblin explained that it is ongoing and the Mayor and Council are going to continue to fight the building.

Christopher Victor, 611 East Drive, Oradell – Christopher read a poem he had written for Mayor Heveran.

Mr. Serge Tivicht, 268 Forest Avenue, Oradell – spoke regarding the financial crisis in the Country and spoke about the Homeowners Bank Protection Act.

Betty Carillo, 350 Sylvan Avenue – Mrs. Carillo congratulated Mayor Heveran and Councilmen Norgaard and Puzzo.

Scott Peterson, Paterson NJ – spoke in support of Mr. Tivicht.

Gary Norgaard, 316 Elm Place – inquired about trees in Elm Place Parking lot? Mr. Norgaard also cautioned the Council regarding the Homeowners Bank Protection Act.

Dr. Shapiro, 435A Hudson Street – also spoke in support of the Homeowners Bank Protection Act.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Heveran read her Mayoral address.

**Election of Council President:**

Councilman Raucci made a motion to nominate Councilman Hawkins as Council President for 2008, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

93	<b><i>MAYOR AND COUNCIL BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE</i></b>
94	<b><i>APPOINTMENTS:</i></b>
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97	Council President Hawkins, Chairperson
98	Councilman Raucci
99	Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
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101	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>
102	Councilman Puzzo, Chair person
103	Councilman Raucci
104	Councilman Choi
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106	<b><u>FIRE</u></b>
107	Councilman Norgaard, Fire Commissioner
108	Councilman Choi
109	Councilman Puzzo
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111	<b><u>LAWS &amp; ORDINANCES</u></b>
112	Councilwoman Raspa-Gore, Chairperson
113	Councilman Norgaard
114	Council President Hawkins
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116	<b><u>POLICE COMMISSION</u></b>
117	Councilman, Raucci Chairperson
118	Councilman Puzzo
119	Council President Hawkins
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121	<b><u>REAL ESTATE &amp; INSURANCE</u></b>
122	Councilman Puzzo, Chairperson
123	Council President Hawkins
124	Councilman Choi
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126	<b><u>LIAISONS</u></b>
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128	<b><u>Ambulance Corps</u></b>
129	Councilman Choi, Chairperson
130	Councilman Norgaard
131	Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
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133	<b><u>Board of Health</u></b>
134	Councilman Puzzo
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136	<b><u>Library Board</u></b>
137	Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
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139	<b><u>Local Assistance Board</u></b>
140	Councilman Raucci
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142	<b><u>Environmental Commission</u></b>
143	Council President Hawkins
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146	Councilman Karl Norgaard
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148	<b><u>Recreation</u></b>
149	Councilman Raucci
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151	<b><u>Shade Tree</u></b>
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154	<b><u>Merchants Association</u></b>
155	Councilman Choi
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157	<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>
158	Councilman Puzzo
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160	<b><u>Building Department</u></b>
161	Councilman Raucci
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163	<b><u>Board of Ed</u></b>
164	Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
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166	<b><u>Board of Adjustment</u></b>
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168	Frank Patti
169	Jeff McCartney
170	Barbara Marchant Alt. I
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174	Dr. Frank Livelli
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176	Kate Pacicco Alt I
177	Adele Marx Alt. II
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**Environmental Commission**

Dr. Frank Livelli  
Carol Karels  
Robert Robins Alt. I  
Erika Bacchia Alt. II

**Capital Budget Committee**

Bill Fortunato Class III  
Robert Michael Pacicco Mayor's Alternate

The following Mayoral Appointments for 2008 were made:

**Library Board of Trustees**

Phyllis Dain  
Jackie Choi, Mayor's Alt.

**Planning Board**

Martha Lieblich, Class II 2008  
Kelly Pokrywa Class IV  
Douglas Chung Class IV  
Paul Kim Alt. II  
Robert Pacicco Mayor's Designee

**Historical Preservation Commission**

Bobby Chace Class A  
Christine Fortunato Class B

**Local Historians** (One year)

Carol Lutchen

**Shade Tree Commission** (5 year term)

Jane Wilson  
Marilyn Coyne

**Recreation Commission**

Danyel Campetiello  
Brenna Mahoney Alt. I

***APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS***

A motion was made by Councilman Raucci, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to approve the following Professionals for year 2008: All in favor none opposed.

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**Bonding Attorney** Steven L. Rogut, Esq.  
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Randolph, NJ 07869  
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Park Ridge, NJ 07656  
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**Appeal Attorney**

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**Resolution on the Consent Calendar**

Resolution 08-01 and 08-02 were pulled for discussion

Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 08-03 – 08-42, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. Roll call vote, all in favor none opposed.

Councilman Puzzo made a motion to amend 08-01 to change the number of meetings from three (3) meetings a month to two (2) meetings a month, seconded by Council President Hawkins. All in favor none opposed.

Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Choi made a motion to approve the meeting dates as amended; January 14, 2008 instead of January 23, 2008 because of a conflict with the Planning Board, and November 10, 2008 instead of November 17, 2008. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

**Citizens**

None

There being no further business before the Governing Body Councilman Puzzo seconded by Council President Hawkins, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Lehmann, RMC  
Borough Clerk