

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **March 3, 2008**

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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 7:32pm*

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8 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

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13 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, 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, Lynn Hemmer Acting Borough*  
19 *Clerk, Jack Terhune Borough Administrator*

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21 **Absent** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk*

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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 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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32 Karen Del Colle – 141 Moore Avenue – Mrs. De Colle is concerned about the traffic on  
33 Moore Avenue due to the Grand Avenue Drainage Project. Mrs. Del Colle would like to  
34 have one of the flashing signs that show the speed people are driving. Mr. Terhune  
35 responded that both Chief Ziegler and Sgt. Chris Jones are in the audience and will take  
36 the resident complaints into consideration and consider putting up flashing signs.

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38 Frank McEntee – 112 Lakeview Avenue – Mr. McEntee expressed concern about the  
39 overweight truck going through Lakeview Avenue. As a previous truck driver he is  
40 aware the trucks are overweight. Mr. McEntee also stated the truck drivers are either  
41 ignoring the signs or the signs are missing. He also reported there are a lot of potholes on  
42 Grandview and the traffic on Brook Terrace is always backed up.

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44 Steve Hutnick - 262 Leonia Avenue – Mr. Hutnick is a member of the American Legion  
45 and is inquiring if the Governing Body has made a decision about the naming opportunity

46 for Captain McCloy. Mayor Heveran explained there will be a discussion later on in the  
47 meeting.

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49 Susan Broffman – 115 Moore Avenue – Mrs. Broffman is concerned about the heavy  
50 traffic on Moore Avenue due to the construction. Mrs. Broffman inquired why the detour  
51 is on going after 7pm? She also feels Moore Avenue is bearing most of the burden and  
52 would like to see an alternative plan.

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54 Mark Rubinsky – 141 Moore Avenue – Mr. Rubinsky feels there is a huge stress level for  
55 the residents because of the construction on Grand Avenue. The fumes are awful. Mr.  
56 Rubinsky also expressed concern for the children attending school on Grand Avenue and  
57 for children and pedestrians walking in the street on Grand Avenue.

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59 Alberto Castro – 592 Broad Avenue – Mr. Castro presented a memo and pictures of the  
60 parks in Leonia and feels an upgrade is warranted in Lakeview Park. Mr. Castro also  
61 asked why the picking up of tennis balls was omitted from the sign?

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63 Mayor Heveran asked Mr. Castro to give the memo to the acting Borough Clerk. As for  
64 the sign it is the responsibility of the recreation and it was not intentionally omitted.

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66 Dennis Castro – 621 Bergen Boulevard – Mr. Castro spoke on behalf of the Lakeview  
67 Neighbors Association. Mr. Castro read a letter and distributed it to the Mayor and  
68 Council. Mayor Heveran asked Councilman Raucci to present the letter to the Recreation  
69 Commission and suggested that Mr. Castro attend the next meeting as well.

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71 Cliff Eddens – 219 Overlook Avenue – Spoke in favor of the proposal from Mr. Castro.

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73 Rae Kornblit - 596 Broad Avenue – Spoke in favor of the proposal for the park.

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75 **PRESENTATION**

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77 Chief Jay Ziegler – reviewed the packet he handed out to the Governing Body.  
78 Sgt. Jones – updated the Governing Body on the fleet utilized by the Police Department.

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80 The Governing Body asked questions of Chief Ziegler.

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82 Sculpture Committee – Mary Martire Committee Representative spoke to the Council  
83 about becoming affiliated with the Borough. Mr. Giblin explained how the Committee  
84 can solicit tax deductible donations. Mayor Heveran explained how the committee could  
85 be recognized by Ordinance. Mr. Terhune explained to the Governing body what he  
86 explained to the Mrs. Martire. Council President Hawkins offered to help Mrs. Martire  
87 with the necessary paperwork.

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89 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

90 Minutes held until the next meeting.  
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92 **RESOLUTIONS**

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94 Councilmen Hawkins and Norgaard had questions regarding Resolution 08-82. Mr.  
95 Terhune explained the process.

96 A Motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded Councilman Puzzo. Roll  
97 Call Vote all in favor none opposed.

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99 Councilman Hawkins would like Mr. Drexel to come to a meeting regarding the amount  
100 of Tax Appeals.

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102 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 08-77 through 08-81 and 08-83,  
103 seconded by Council President Hawkins. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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105 Councilwoman Raspa-Gore – requested that Mr. Giblin prepare an Ordinance for Oratam  
106 and Cumely Avenue. The Governing Body agreed. The Ordinance will be on for the next  
107 meeting.

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109 The rest of the Council Committee Reports were held.

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111 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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113 Council President Hawkins made a motion seconded by Councilman Puzzo to table the  
114 Adoption of Ordinance 09-08 through 12-08. Roll call vote all in favor none opposed.

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116 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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119 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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a.) Yamato/Texaco (Councilman Puzzo) Nothing at this time. Council  
121 President Hawkins discussed the memo from Mr. Wagner.

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b.) 2008 Municipal Budget – Councilman Puzzo - The Budget will be  
123 introduced on March 17, 2008. Mr. Terhune explained the Governor’s  
124 budget cuts.

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c.) Captain McCloy, Naming Opportunity – Councilman Puzzo and  
126 Councilman Raucci will meet with Mr. Hutnick from the American  
127 Legion.

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d.) NJDEP Report from Ted Wagner – This was discussed under  
129 Yamato/Texaco Report.

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e.) Overpeck Park and Ride – Mr. Terhune reported on a meeting he attended.

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132 **NEW BUSINESS**

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a.) Sculpture Committee (Mayor Heveran)

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b.) Fire Marshall Appointment – Mayor Heveran appointed David Haenelt as  
135 Acting Fire Marshall for 60 days.

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Fire Inspector Appointment

- 137 c) Policy; Keys to Annex (Mayor Heveran) – Mayor Heveran explained why  
138 this was put on the Agenda. Mr. Terhune has worked out the policy with  
139 Chief Ziegler.  
140 d.) Renaming of Lake View Park (Councilman Norgaard) – Councilman  
141 Norgaard reported that the Historic Preservation would like to rename  
142 Lake View Park the Dudley Allen Park former Mayor who was successful  
143 in stopping Rte. 80 from dissecting the Borough.  
144 e.) Authorizing the Agreement for Mutual Aid Between LFD and TFD  
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147 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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149 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to extend the meeting for 30 minutes, seconded by  
150 Council President Hawkins all in favor none opposed.

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152 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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154 Mr. Fusco – 112 Fort Lee Road – responded to a request that he would be happy to serve  
155 on a committee that he was contacted to serve on.

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157 Mr. Frank McEntee - 112 Lakeview Avenue suggested 2 police officers (1male and 1  
158 female) go to the high school at some point and discuss the difference from going from  
159 high school to college, and discuss with them date rape, drugs and alcohol use.

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161 Councilman Raucci made a motion to extend the meeting for 15 minutes seconded by  
162 Councilman Norgaard. All in favor none opposed.

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164 **CLOSED SESSION**

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166 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman  
167 Choi. All in favor none opposed.

168 **ADJOURN**

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

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173 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned  
174 at 10:20PM

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176 Respectfully submitted,

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180 Fran Lehmann  
181 Borough Clerk