

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**  
2 **Minutes**  
3 **June 2, 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 7:35pm*

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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, Puzzo, Raspa-*  
14 *Gore, Raucci*

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16 **Council Absent:** *Councilman Norgaard (arrived at 8:23)*

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

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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 pointed out the Fire Exit.

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28 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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30 Rae Kornblit, 596 Broad Avenue – Ms. Kornblit spoke about Lakeview Park. Mrs.  
31 Kornblit also presented the Governing Body with a petition for doing away with off leash  
32 hours in the park.

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34 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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36 **RESOLUTIONS**

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38 Council President Hawkins asked to hold Resolutions 08-140 for separate vote.  
39 Councilman Puzzo requested 08-138 held for discussion  
40 Council President Hawkins requested 08-139 held for discussion.  
41 Councilman Puzzo asked to have a Resolution that was presented that evening added to  
42 the agenda. The Resolution was given number 08-141.

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44 **Resolution 08-138** – Councilman Puzzo inquired what was being applied for in the Grant  
45 application. Mr. Terhune reviewed the application. The Governing Body discussed the

46 application at length. After much discussion the Council agreed to move forward with the  
47 application.

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49 **Resolution 08-139** – Council President Hawkins inquired if the equipment at Lakeview  
50 Park was being replaced. Mr. Terhune stated no it is basically fencing bushes etc. Council  
51 President Hawkins asked about soft costs. Mr. Terhune stated they were 10%. After a  
52 discussion by the Governing Body they decided to move forward with the Resolution.

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54 Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 08-133 through 08-139  
55 and 08-141, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote; Council Persons Hawkins,  
56 Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Resolutions approved.

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58 **Resolution 08- 140** – Council President Hawkins stated he was going to abstain on this  
59 Resolution; his son is a life guard at the pool. Councilman Puzzo seconded by  
60 Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve Resolution 08-140. Roll call vote; Council  
61 Persons Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Council President Hawkins  
62 abstained. Resolutions approved.

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64 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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66 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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68 Adoption of Ordinance 20-08 entitled:  
69 **BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS**  
70 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDI-**  
71 **TIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW**  
72 **COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND A**  
73 **NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS**  
74 **AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN**  
75 **THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO**  
76 **APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$860,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF,**  
77 **TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF**  
78 **BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE**  
79 **FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN**  
80 **ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS .**

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82 **Borough Clerk Read by Title**  
83 **Public Hearing – No comment from the Public**

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85 **A Motion** was made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Raucci to  
86 adopt on final reading Capital Bond Ordinance 20-08.

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88 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted  
89 yes. Ordinance 20-08 adopted

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91 Adoption of Ordinance 21-08 entitled:  
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94                                   **LEASE DATED JUNE, 1975 BETWEEN THE**  
95                                   **BOROUGH OF LEONIA AND LEONIA**  
96                                   **RETIREMENT HOUSING CORPORATION FOR**  
97                                   **PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 7**  
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99                                   **Borough Clerk Read by Title**  
100                                  **Public Hearing – No comment from the Public**

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102                                  A motion was made by Councilperson Hawkins seconded by Councilperson  
103                                  Puzzo to approve capital Bond Ordinance 21-08 on final Reading

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105                                  **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted  
106                                  yes. Ordinance 21-08 adopted

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108                                  **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 109                                  a) **Yamato/Texaco** (Councilman Puzzo) Councilman Puzzo referred to a report  
110    that was on the disseminated at the meeting. Councilman Puzzo asked  
111    everyone to read the report and it will be discussed at the next meeting.  
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113                                  b) **Resident Parking Permit** – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore will have a report for  
114    the meeting of June 16, 2008.  
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117    referenced a picture of a sign that was included in the packet. He also noted  
118    that this is a good start and asked that the Council consider naming the Park  
119    after Mr. Allen. Councilman Norgaard asked Mr. Giblin to have a resolution  
120    prepared for the next meeting. Council President Hawkins suggested that a  
121    carved stone be added to the Grant application for Lakeview Park.  
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123                                  d.) **Award of 2007 CD Open Space Matching Grants** – Mr. Terhune referred to  
124    two letters received from the County regarding the Grants. One Grant was for  
125    the Skate Park and one Grant was for work in Wood Park. After a lengthy  
126    discussion the Governing Body decided not to accept the money for the Skate  
127    Park. Councilman Puzzo made a motion to reject the Grant for the Skate Park  
128    and turn the money back to the County due to financial constraints in the  
129    Borough and in the County we are very appreciative of the County seconded  
130    by Councilman Raucci. Roll call vote Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi,  
131    Norgaard, Puzzo and Raucci voted yes, Councilwoman Raspa-Gore voted no.  
132    Motion carried. A resolution will be prepared for June 16, 2008 accepting the  
133    Grant for Wood Park.  
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135                                  e.) **Combined BCUA Sanitary/Storm Lines** – Mr. Terhune reported the BCUA  
136    will be paying for the repairs. Mr. Terhune reported that he one copy of the  
137    plans. Anyone wishing to see the plans they will be in Borough Hall. Council  
138    President Hawkins commended Mr. Terhune for getting the problem solved.

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- f.) **Volunteer of the Year** – Mayor Heveran asked if anyone had another suggestion for Volunteer of Year. The two suggestions are Leonel Morales and Mary Connor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **Leonia Fire Department Insurance** - Councilman Norgaard referred to a memo from Mr. Terhune regarding the insurance for the Volunteer Fire Department. The Governing Body discussed the memo and asked Mr. Giblin to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.
- b) **Historic Property Reinvestment Act** – Councilman Norgaard explained why he feels this is necessary. Members of the Council had some concerns regarding the law. Mr. Giblin was asked to review it and make recommendations.

Mayor Heveran is in the processing of arranging a meeting with the chair and vice chair of the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board, Mr. Peters, Councilman Puzzo and herself. Mayor Heveran is trying to arrange the meeting for June 17, 2008, Councilman Puzzo, and Councilman Raucci will be in attendance.

Councilman Raucci reminded everyone – last year the Council was late in the bids for the road program, after a discussion everyone agreed the process needed to begin earlier. The Council has discussed the Elm Place Lot. This project will put the road program back two or three months. Councilman Raucci agrees the lot needs to be renovated but not at the expense of getting the roads repaired. Mayor Heveran agreed with Councilman Raucci regarding the road program. Mr. Terhune, at the request of Councilman Puzzo, asked the Borough Engineer to for guesstimate for repairs to Elm Place Parking Lot which came in at \$174,000 with a 10% contingency would make it \$192,000. The Bond Ordinance that was adopted includes funding the road program. The Council discussed various options to include Elm Street Lot.

Councilman Raucci reminded the Governing Body that Birdsall Engineering has not been paid for work they did on 604 Main Street, currently they are owed \$28,000. Mayor Heveran polled the Council and all agreed they should be paid. The CFO will prepare the necessary resolution.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No one spoke.

**CLOSED SESSION**

185 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman  
186 Raucci to discuss the following:

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188 All in favor none opposed.

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190 **ADJOURN**

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192 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Norgaard to adjourn.

193 All in favor none opposed.

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195 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned  
196 at 10:00PM

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198 Respectfully submitted,

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201 Fran Lehmann

202 Borough Clerk