

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **July 7, 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*

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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 **PRESENTATIONS**

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30 Mayor Heveran made a presentation to Mayor Nancy Merse of Edgewater, thanking her
31 for the assistance the Borough of Leonia received from the Edgewater DPW after the
32 storm on June 10th.

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34 Mayor Heveran made a presentation to Mr. Tom Quinton, Superintendent of the DPW in
35 Edgewater for his assistance and one to the Edgewater DPW who assisted in the clean-up
36 in Leonia.

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38 Mayor Heveran and Council President Hawkins made a presentation to Mr. Anthony
39 Saitta, Superintendent of the Leonia DPW and one for the Leonia DPW employees for
40 their performance after the storm on June 10th.

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42 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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44 Barbara Marchant, 128 Spring Street – Mrs. Marchant commended the Sports Boosters
45 for a wonderful carnival and fireworks. Mrs. Marchant brought to the attention of the
46 Governing Body that people are smoking in Wood Park and Station Park. She noted that

47 the signs that prohibit smoking in Wood Park are located closer to the library and are
48 being ignored. Also people are not cleaning-up after their dogs in either park.
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50 Mr. Tom Storff, 325 Harold Avenue – Mr. Storff asked the Mayor and Council to
51 consider changing the time a landscaper can start work. Mr. Storff gave examples of
52 other municipalities who allow landscapers to start work before 9:00AM
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54 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell told the Governing Body that
55 Ordinance 19-08 has caused a great inconvenience to the residents who live on the south
56 side of Glenwood Avenue and asked the Council to consider rescinding the ordinance
57 that prohibits parking on a portion of Glenwood Avenue.
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59 Jane Woodside, 196 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Woodside presented to the Governing
60 Body a survey that she conducted of the number of vehicles making a left turn. She also
61 asked the Council to reconsider this ordinance.
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63 Rae Kornblit, 596 Broad Avenue – Ms. Kornblit spoke about Lakeview Park. Mrs.
64 Kornblit also presented the Governing Body with an additional petition for doing away
65 with off leash hours in the park.
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67 Mario Bianchi, 184 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Bianchi spoke against Ordinance 19-08 and
68 the loss of parking in front of the homes on the south side of Glenwood Avenue.
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70 Adrienne Greenberg, 186 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Greenberg asked the Council to
71 review the ordinance as it is very confusing.
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73 David Long, 195 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Long asked the Council to please review the
74 ordinance he is not happy with the yellow lines in front of his house.
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76 Ayxa Breckheimer, 164 Paulin Boulevard – Ms. Breckheimer spoke against the changes
77 made to parking on the south side of Glenwood Avenue and asked the Council to
78 reconsider the ordinance.
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80 Sue Boggia, 185 Park Avenue – Ms. Boggia explained that she cannot park in front of her
81 mother's home at 199 Glenwood Avenue. The driveway is very small, she parks partially
82 on the curb when she visits her and brings her groceries.
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84 Nicole Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Maxwell told of the difficulty getting out
85 of her driveway and there is no room for guests to park near her home.
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87 William Nicolini, 150 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Nicolini reported there are commercial
88 vans parked there overnight and on weekends taking up space for homeowners to park.
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90 Ok Ran Hon, 200 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Hon reported there is no room to park cars.
91 There is an apartment building with tenants that does not have a parking lot and they park
92 on Glenwood Avenue.

93 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell explained that it is now difficult
94 for anyone making a turn onto Glenwood Avenue, please review the ordinance.

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96 Mayor Heveran explained this issue has been going on since the previous administration
97 it has been discussed at great length, the Council did not act on this without a lot of
98 discussion.

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100 Borough Administrator Terhune explained the process from the conception of the plans
101 to the adoption of the ordinance.

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103 Councilman Puzzo suggested having the Borough Engineer and Traffic Officer review
104 and possibly reconfigure the area.

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106 David Long, 195 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Long suggested no left turn from 7AM –
107 9AM.

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109 Jane Woodside, 196 Glenwood – Ms. Woodside asked where the Ordinance was
110 advertised. The Borough Clerk responded in The Record and showed Ms. Woodside the
111 ads taken from the paper.

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113 Adrienne Greenberg, 186 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Greenberg asked the Council to
114 consider changing the time from 8AM – 9PM.

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116 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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118 Council Meeting Minutes June 16, 2008 – Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve
119 the Minutes of June 16, 2008, seconded by Councilman Choi. Roll call vote;
120 Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes. Councilman
121 Norgaard absent, Minutes approved.

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123 Closed Session Minutes – June 16, 2008 – Council President Hawkins made a motion to
124 approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 16, 2008, seconded by Councilman Raucci.
125 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
126 Councilman Norgaard absent, Minutes approved.

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128 **RESOLUTIONS**

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130 Council President Hawkins asked to hold Resolutions 08-156 and 157 for discussion.

131 Councilman Raucci asked for 08-161 to be held for a separate vote.

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133 Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolutions 08-153 through 08-
134 155, 08-158 through 08-161, 08-162 through 08-167, seconded by Councilman Puzzo.
135 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
136 Councilman Norgaard absent, Resolutions approved.

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139 **Resolution 08-156 and 08-157** – Council President Hawkins asked for a memo
140 regarding the two tax appeal resolutions he does not feel he has enough information to
141 vote on them. Mr. Terhune explained that this is the resolution authorizing the payment
142 on a previous action taken by the Council. After a brief discussion Council President
143 Hawkins, made a motion seconded by Councilman Puzzo to approve Resolution 08-156
144 and 08-157. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and
145 Raucci voted yes. Councilman Norgaard absent, Resolutions approved.

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147 **Resolution 08-161** – Councilman Raucci commended Mr. Powers for doing an
148 outstanding job. Mr. Terhune noted the date on the Resolution needs to be changed to
149 “July 28” as this is the actual 6 months. Councilman Raucci made a motion to amend the
150 Resolution to reflect the date change seconded by Councilman Puzzo all in favor none
151 opposed. Councilman Puzzo seconded by Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve
152 Resolution 08-161. Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore
153 and Raucci voted yes. Councilman Norgaard absent, Resolution approved.

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155 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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157 Introduction of Ordinance 22-08 entitled:

158 **AN ORDINANCE RENAMING LAKEVIEW PARK AS DUDLEY C.**
159 **ALLEN PARK**

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161 A motion was made by Councilperson Puzzo seconded by
162 Council President Hawkins made a motion to table Ordinance 22-08 until
163 Councilman Norgaard returns as this Ordinance was done at his request.

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165 All in favor none opposed. Ordinance will be placed on the August 4, 2008
166 agenda for Introduction

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168 Introduction of Ordinance 23-08 entitled:

169 **ORDINANCE FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE**
170 **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

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Mayor Heveran read the Ordinance by Title

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173 A motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by
174 Councilman Puzzo to approve on first reading Ordinance 23-08

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176 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci
177 voted yes. Councilman Norgaard absent, Ordinance introduced.

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179 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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181 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

182 a) **Yamato/Texaco** (Councilman Puzzo) Councilman Puzzo asked if the report on
183 the testing of the monitoring wells had been received. Borough Attorney

184 Giblin reported it would not be received until August. This topic continue on
185 the agenda.

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187 b) Councilwoman Raspa-Gore reported on several Ordinances being reviewed
188 by Laws and Ordinances (see attached report) and made recommendations
189 for changes. Draft Ordinances will be prepared by Borough Attorney Giblin
190 for the meeting of August 4, 2008.

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192 c) **Noise Ordinance** Councilman Raucci – Councilman Raucci reviewed the
193 times of neighboring municipalities regarding landscapers and construction
194 work starting times during the week and on weekends. After a discussion
195 by the Council this will be discussed again on August 4th.

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197 d) **Vreeland Avenue Cull de Sac** – Borough Attorney Giblin explained why
198 this was put on the agenda. An Ordinance will be prepared for the next
199 meeting.

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201 **NEW BUSINESS**

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203 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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205 Mayor Heveran read a letter from Mr. Frank McEntee commending the Governing Body
206 for working together.

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208 Mr. Terhune reported the complaint about Prospect Avenue will be done as part of the
209 Grand Avenue Drainage Project and will be paid for by the State.

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212 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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214 Thomas Storff, 325 Harold Avenue – Mr. Storff spoke about noise and traffic in the
215 Borough now compared to the way it was several years ago.

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217 Nicole Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Instead of slowing the traffic the change has
218 had the opposite effect, because there are no cars parked on the street cars can now speed
219 up to beat the light.

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221 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell inquired as to the possibility of
222 left turn only signal light? Mayor Heveran explained that would have to come from the
223 County and the cost is \$300,000. It took a lot of pressure to have the one installed on
224 Broad Avenue after several people were struck while crossing the intersection of Broad
225 and Fort Lee Road.

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230 **CLOSED SESSION**

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232 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Councilman
233 Raucci to discuss the following: Non-union Salaries, 604 Main Street, Meadowview
234 Condominium settlement.

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236 All in favor none opposed.

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238 A motion was made to come out of Closed Session and approve Resolutions 08-168 and
239 08-169. Councilman Puzzo made the motion, seconded by Councilman Raucci all in
240 favor none opposed.

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242 **OPEN SESSION**

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244 **Resolution 08-168-** WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes and
245 approves an increase for Non-union personnel of 3.5% retroactive to January 1, 2008;
246 and

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248 WHEREAS, the payments will be made upon certification of funds by the CFO

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250 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby
251 authorizes and approves a 3.5% increase for all Non-union employees retroactive to
252 January 1, 2008.

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254 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 08-168, seconded by
255 Councilman Raucci.

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257 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
258 Councilman Norgaard absent, Resolution adopted.

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260 **Resolution 08-169**

261 WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby appoints Boswell Engineering as
262 special engineer for the 2008 Capital Road Program to act as Construction Administrator
263 for the 2008 Capital Road Program in an amount not to exceed \$32,000; and

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265 WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available for Construction
266 Administration

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268 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby
269 authorizes Boswell Engineering to act as Construction Administration for the 2008
270 Capital Road Program.

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272 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to approve Resolution 08-169, seconded by
273 Councilman Raucci.

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275 Roll call vote; Councilpersons Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
276 Councilman Norgaard absent, Resolution adopted.

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278 **ADJOURN**

279 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council President Hawkins.

280 All in favor none opposed.

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

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285 Respectfully submitted,

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288 Fran Lehmann

289 Borough Clerk