

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **September 15, 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*

7 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

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

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo,*
11 *Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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

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17 **Also Absent:** *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator*
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19 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

20 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
21 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
22 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.
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24 **SWEARING IN OF POLICE LIEUTENANT**
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26 Resolution 08-202 – Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve Resolution 08-202,
27 promoting Sergeant David Stein to the position of Lieutenant, seconded by Councilman
28 Puzzo. Roll call vote; all Councilmembers voted yes.
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30 Mayor Heveran and Police Commissioner Councilman Raucci administered the Oath of
31 Office to Mr. Stein.
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33 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

34 Robert Pacicco – 530 Grandview Terrace – Mr. Pacicco congratulated Lt. Stein.
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36 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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38 Council Meeting September 3, 2008 – Council President Hawkins, seconded by
39 Councilman Choi made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 3, 2008. Roll call
40 vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.
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42 Closed Session Minutes September 3, 2008 – Council President Hawkins seconded by
43 Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September
44 3, 2008. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed. Minutes approved.

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Adoption of Ordinance No. 26-08 entitled:

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,600 FOR A PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH.

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

Comments from the Public – no one spoke

Motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on final reading Ordinance 26-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 26-08 adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Council President Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 08-203 through 08-208 seconded by Councilman Norgaard. Roll call vote; all in favor none opposed.

REPORTS

Standing Committees

Finance Administration & Personnel - Councilman Puzzo – Nothing at this time.

Laws & Ordinances – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore – Nothing at this time.

Police – Councilman Raucci – Nothing at this time.

Fire – Councilman Norgaard – The Englewood City Council met and approved the quote for the turn out gear. Fire Chief Chace and Mr. Terhune are working together on this project. The Police and Fire Commission are going to meet with the Chiefs from both departments to work out the dispatching issues. Councilman Norgaard commended David Haenelt for his quick actions in assisting the individual who fell into the retention pit. There were 48 calls for the moth of August.

Ambulance – Councilman Choi – Nothing at this time.

Public Works – Council President Hawkins reported on a meeting held with Waste Management regarding a “single stream” recycling program. Council President Hawkins also reported the Environmental Commission is looking into purchasing “recycling containers”

88 **Real Estate and Insurance** – Councilman Puzzo – The Committee met last
89 week and will make their presentation at the Town Meeting on September
90 22.

91 **Borough Administrator** – Mr. Terhune was absent.
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94 **Mayor** – Mayor Heveran reported she recently was the keynote speaker at
95 the Women’s Rights Center, about “Women in Government”. Mayor
96 Heveran invited all in attendance to attend the “Town Meeting” on
97 September 22, 2008 at 7pm in the Leonia High School Little Theater.
98 Mayor Heveran reported that she and members of the Governing Body
99 attended a memorial service for Andre Kim. The road by the Library is now
100 “Andrew Kim Memorial Way”. Mayor Heveran also attended the service in
101 the Overpeck Park on September 11th.

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103 **Special Bodies** – Councilman Choi reported that he has two people to be
104 appointed to the Shade Tree Commission. Mayor Heveran asked the
105 Borough Clerk to prepare the resolution for the next meeting.
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107 **Historic Preservation** - Councilman Norgaard reported the Historic
108 Preservation will have a ceremony on October 11, 2008 marking the Civil
109 War Drill Hall as a Historic Building in the Borough. The renaming of
110 Lakeview Park to Dudley Allen Park will be done after the park is
111 refurbished.
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113 **Library** – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore reported on activities at the Library.
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115 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 116 a) **Yamato/Texaco** - (Councilman Puzzo) Mr. Giblin reported on a conversation
117 he had with the Borough Engineer. Councilman Puzzo referred to a letter
118 received from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency granting an
119 extension for Faithful Works for remediating their property. Councilman Puzzo
120 requested the Borough Attorney send a letter requesting the DEP act on the
121 property instead of granting an extension.
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123 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 124 a) **Cell Phones for Elected Officials** (Council President Hawkins) – council
125 President Hawkins feels that all elected officials should have cell phones. After a
126 lengthy discussion by the Governing Body on the subject, Mayor Heveran polled
127 the members of the Council and no one else felt a need for a cell phone.
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129 b) **Bus Service to the Ferry in Edgewater** – (Mayor Heveran) Mayor Heveran
130 referred to a letter received from Mrs. Shaughnessy. Council President Hawkins
131 stated he spoke with Mr. McNerney regarding the County transportation. Mayor
132 Heveran will contact the County.
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134 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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136 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

137 Ryan Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue - Mr. Maxwell asked if there was an update on
138 the Glenwood Avenue road changes. Mayor Heveran responded the Mr. Terhune is out
139 this evening he will have a report at the next meeting.

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141 Mrs. Greenburg, 186 Glenwood Avenue – The no parking signs have been removed along
142 Glenwood Avenue.

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144 David Long, 195 Glenwood Avenue – Glenwood Avenue has become a speedway and
145 with the opening of school there are cars parked illegally dropping off and picking up
146 children.

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148 Nicole Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – spoke about parking on Glenwood Avenue.

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150 Ryan Maxwell, 203 Glenwood Avenue – Inquired the status of the underage drinking
151 ordinance. Mayor Heveran stated it is being addressed by the Laws and Ordinances
152 Committee.

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154 **CLOSED SESSION**

155 A motion was made by Council President Hawkins to go into Closed Session for the
156 discussion of 604 Main Street, seconded by Councilman Norgaard. All in favor none
157 opposed.

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159 **ADJOURN**

160 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council President Hawkins.
161 All in favor none opposed.

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163 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
164 9:20PM

165 Respectfully submitted,

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167 Fran Lehmann

168 Borough Clerk